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Writing Feedback
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TERM 2 - 2025: HOLIDAY | Day 10 - Writing Homework | 10-Day Intensive Writing

Section 1:

#1 "At 9:30 AM, I was still stacking books, utterly exhausted, and eagerly awaiting the bell. My hair clung to my mouth as I struggled with the heavy load. The hallway was eerily silent making the task completely effortless. Everyone had vanished into their classrooms, leaving me with this task."

Strengths: Your vivid description of physical exhaustion creates a relatable opening scene. The image of hair clinging to your mouth effectively conveys the struggle.

Weakness: Contradictory description \rightarrow You mention being "utterly exhausted" and "struggling with the heavy load" but then describe the task as "completely effortless" which creates confusion for the reader. These opposing descriptions don't align logically within the same scene.

Exemplar: "At 9:30 AM, I was still stacking books, utterly exhausted, and eagerly awaiting the bell. My hair clung to my mouth as I struggled with the heavy load. The hallway was eerily silent, making the task feel even more demanding. Everyone had vanished into their classrooms, leaving me alone with this burden."

#2 "never-before-seen golden shimmer awaited guests. I trembled, with my foot shaking against the floor. It was the janitor's room, plain boring and extremely noxious and pungent. The light appeared with 8 different letters. My mouth gulped, scared to the top of my lungs."

Strengths: The mysterious "golden shimmer" creates intrigue and draws the reader in. Your physical reactions (trembling, foot shaking) effectively convey your nervousness.

Weakness: Unclear sequence \rightarrow The connection between the "golden shimmer," "the light," and "8 different letters" isn't clearly established, making it difficult to visualise what's happening. The phrase "scared to the top of my lungs" also uses an unusual expression that doesn't quite work.

Exemplar: "A never-before-seen golden shimmer caught my eye from inside the janitor's room—a place normally plain, boring and extremely pungent. As I approached, I noticed the light illuminated eight different letters. I trembled, my foot shaking against the floor, and my heart pounding with fear and excitement."

#3 "I snatched it out of the light and skimmed through the letter. The only thing I could feel was my mouth dangling with shock." You guided the way through your task, now darling you must be rewarded." I then proceeded to read the second letter."

Strengths: The mysterious message creates suspense and moves the plot forward. The dialogue feels personal and intriguing.

Weakness: Underdeveloped reaction \rightarrow The phrase "mouth dangling with shock" doesn't fully capture your emotional response to this surprising discovery. Your reaction to finding this mysterious message could be developed with more sensory details.

Exemplar: "I carefully reached into the light and retrieved what appeared to be a letter. As I skimmed through the words, my jaw dropped in disbelief. 'You guided the way through your task, now darling you must be rewarded,' it read. With trembling fingers, I unfolded what appeared to be a second letter."

■ Your piece has a promising mysterious atmosphere with the golden shimmer and unexpected reward system. However, the narrative flow needs improvement to help readers better understand the sequence of events. Try connecting your paragraphs more smoothly by explaining how you move from one moment to the next. Also, consider adding more sensory details about the janitor's closet environment and your emotional reactions to make your experience feel more immersive. Your writing would benefit from clearer descriptions of exactly what the "golden shimmer" is and how the reward system works. Be specific about what tasks you completed and what presents you received. This would give your story more substance and make your accomplishments feel more meaningful. Additionally, you could strengthen the ending by explaining how this experience changed you beyond just feeling "more motivated."

Score: 42/50

Section 2:

At 9:30 AM, I was still stacking books, utterly exhausted, and eagerly awaiting the bell. My hair clung to my mouth as I struggled with the heavy load. #1 The hallway was earily silent making the task completely effortless. Everyone had vanished into their classrooms, leaving me with this task. [The hallway was eerily silent, which somehow made the task feel even more burdensome. Everyone had vanished into their classrooms, leaving me alone with this monotonous chore.] My walk of books and my eyes suddenly caught a view of a spectacular thing.

- #2 never-before-seen golden shimmer awaited guests. [A never-before-seen golden shimmer caught my attention.] I trembled, with my foot shaking against the floor. It was the janitor's room, plain boring and extremely noxious and pungent. The light appeared with 8 different letters. My mouth gulped, seared to the top of my lungs. [I swallowed hard, feeling fear rise from my stomach to my throat.]
- #3 I snatched it out of the light and skimmed through the letter. The only thing I could feel was my mouth dangling with shock. [I carefully reached for the object within the light and skimmed through what appeared to be a letter. My jaw dropped in astonishment as I read the words.] "You guided the way through your task, now darling you must be rewarded." I then proceeded to read the second letter.

A gold necklace and candy are [were] presented in a gift box. Happiness filled my eyes as I held my reward very gently. I hid the gift box in the back of my bag, a smile plastered across my face.

Each day, I completed a task and earned a special present. It was incredible that such an amazing reward was hidden in the Janitor's closet. I felt incredibly grateful and proud of my achievements over the past few weeks.

It made me feel more motivated to do my everyday tasks without hesitation. The golden shimmer wasn't just about earning new presents everyday. It was about teaching me the important things [important life lessons] and how I need to manage my tasks.