

## Section 1:

#1 "Ding! Ding! Ding! I put my handball in my bag, when I realised a mysterious sock— it wasn't there before. "How'd it get there?" I thought to myself."

Strengths: Your opening immediately creates intrigue with the mysterious sock. You've established a clear first-person voice that draws readers in.

Punctuation confusion → There's inconsistency in your punctuation. The dash after "sock" isn't being used correctly, and the sentence structure is confusing. "I put my handball in my bag, when I realised a mysterious sock" doesn't flow naturally.

***Ding! Ding! Ding! I put my handball in my bag when I noticed something strange—a mysterious sock that wasn't there before. "How'd it get there?" I wondered.***

#2 "Then, "Samuel?" "I'm not falling for it again!" Except my friends were nowhere to be seen! "Who was it then?" I thought. Just then, I saw the sock, except it was held by a demon! "Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhh!" Then I realised no-one was around me except for the demon!"

Strengths: You've created a surprising twist with the demon character. The dialogue shows Samuel's personality well.

Repetitive sentence starts → You begin multiple sentences with "then" which makes your writing sound choppy. There's also overuse of exclamation marks which reduces their impact.

***"Samuel?" a voice called. "I'm not falling for it again!" I shouted, spinning around. My friends were nowhere to be seen. "Who was it then?" I wondered, my heart racing. In that moment, I spotted the sock—but it was clutched in the hands of a demon! "Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhh!" I screamed. Looking around frantically, I realised I was completely alone with this creature.***

#3 "Inside it was the sock! "Well that was easy!" I thought to myself, except the guards saw me. "Uh-oh!" I sprinted for my life. I held the sock for enough time to send me back to Earth!"

Strengths: You've created tension in this climactic moment. Your short sentences build excitement as Samuel makes his escape.

Underdeveloped ending → The resolution happens too quickly without enough detail about how holding the sock sends Samuel back to Earth. The ending feels rushed and doesn't give readers a satisfying conclusion.

***Inside was the sock! "That was easier than I expected," I thought, celebrating too soon. The guards' eyes locked onto me. "Uh-oh!" My heart pounded as I sprinted for my life, clutching the sock tightly***

*in my fist. I felt a strange tingling sensation spreading through my body as the sock's magic activated. The world around me began to blur and shift. "It's working!" I gasped as everything spun around me, gradually transforming back into the familiar surroundings of my school.*

■ Your mysterious sock story has a creative concept with good potential for an exciting adventure. The transition from a normal school day to a fantasy world creates an interesting contrast that readers will enjoy. However, your story would benefit from more detailed descriptions of settings and characters. When Samuel enters the demon's world, you could expand on what this place looks like and how it makes him feel. Additionally, the ending feels rushed - consider adding more about Samuel's return to normal life and perhaps explaining the sock's origins. Your dialogue is lively but could be balanced with more narration to help readers visualise the scenes. Also, try varying your sentence beginnings instead of repeatedly starting with "then" or "I." This will create a smoother reading experience and make your writing more engaging.

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**Overall score: 38/50**

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Section 2:

Title: The mysterious sock

Ding! Ding! Ding! I put my handball in my bag, when ~~I realised a mysterious sock—it wasn't there before.~~ [I noticed something strange—a mysterious sock that wasn't there before.] "How'd it get there?" I thought to myself.

"What are you waiting for?" My friends questioned me. "Come on. The bell rang."

"I know, I'm coming!" I yelled back. I picked up the mysterious sock. "What the heck is this doing here?" I thought to myself.

"Are you coming or not?" My friends questioned. I put the sock back in my bag and walked up to class. I sat ~~on~~ [at] my desk. I didn't notice but I wasted a lot of time.

"Hello! Earth to Samuel! Earth to Samuel!" My teacher got impatient. "Samuel!"

"Y e a h ?" I said slowly.

"Are you paying attention?"

"W h a t ?"

"Are you paying attention!" ~~She screamed~~ [She shouted] impatiently.

"Of course!" I said still focusing on the mysterious sock I saw in my bag earlier.

At recess I got the mysterious sock out of my bag. I took a closer look then, "Samuel."

"Ahhhhhhh!" I quickly looked behind me.

"You fell for it. Ha!"

"It's not funny!"

"It's very funny!"

"Shut Up!"

"Okay." On the way to class, I realised I lost the sock! At lunch I was finding the mysterious sock.

#2 ~~Then, "Samuel?"~~ [Suddenly, I heard someone whisper, "Samuel?"]

"I'm not falling for it again!" ~~Except~~ [But] my friends were nowhere to be seen! "Who was it then?" I thought. ~~Just then,~~ [At that moment,] I saw the sock, except it was held by a demon! "Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhh!" ~~Then~~ [Immediately] I realised ~~no-one~~ [no one] was around me except for the demon! Then I got an idea. Maybe if I get the sock everything will be back to normal. ~~Then~~ [I] realised the demon was coming closer to me! "Wh-wh-what d-do y-you w-want?" I stammered in horror. "H-how do I g-go back to n-normal?"

"You'll have to get the sock." He answered robotically.

"You have it though."

"Exactly!" It was a lot harder than I thought it would be. So much for a sock. I sneakily followed him. After a lot of sneaking and moving, I got to this fortress. I waited for the perfect time. There wasn't a second to waste. I hid merely seconds before the guards came. Right next to me I saw a chest. #3 Inside it was the sock!

"Well that was easy!" I thought to myself, ~~except~~ [when] the guards saw me.

"Uh-oh!" I sprinted for my life. I held the sock for enough time to send me back to Earth!