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Writing Feedback
TERM 2 - 2025: HOLIDAY | Day 5 - Writing Homework | 10-Day Intensive Writing
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Section 1:

#1 "Have you ever made a mistake and felt sad, embarrassed or just want to give up? Well, if that's you, you probably haven't heard this enough: Mistakes are good. They are a powerful tool that leads to the road of success, and it also helps you to be a better person."

Strengths:

- You've opened with an engaging question that connects directly with readers
- You've introduced your main argument clearly and concisely

Underdeveloped hook \rightarrow Your opening could work harder to truly capture readers' attention. The question is relatable but fairly general. You might consider starting with a specific scenario or surprising statement about mistakes that would immediately draw readers in.

Have you ever spent hours practising a maths problem, only to get it wrong on the test? Or tripped over your words during a class presentation while everyone watched? These moments when we make mistakes often feel terrible, but they're actually valuable stepping stones to success.

#2 "For an example, Thomas Edison tried over 1000 times to invent the lightbulb. If he gave up after the first mistake, we'd still be wandering in the dark at night."

Strengths:

- You've included a relevant historical example that supports your argument
- You've made the consequences of giving up clear and relatable

Isolated example → While the Edison example is strong, it stands alone without deeper exploration. You could expand on this example by explaining what Edison learned from each failure or include another complementary example from a different field to show how widespread this principle is.

For example, Thomas Edison tried over 1000 different materials before successfully inventing the lightbulb. Each failure taught him something new: "I haven't failed. I've just found 1000 ways that won't work," he famously said. This persistence changed our world forever.

#3 "Even though people might call you terrible now, consider yourself the best and no matter what, be kind to yourself and others. Then that's when others will praise you too."

Strengths:

- You've included important advice about self-compassion
- You've connected personal growth to social relationships

Unclear connection \rightarrow The link between making mistakes, self-kindness and receiving praise from others isn't fully developed. You could clarify how responding positively to mistakes demonstrates character and earns respect from others.

Even when you make mistakes and feel discouraged, remember to speak kindly to yourself: "I'm still learning and that's okay." This resilient attitude not only helps you grow but also inspires others. People admire those who can acknowledge mistakes, learn from them, and keep moving forward with confidence.

■ Your piece has a clear message about the value of mistakes that young readers will find encouraging. You've included some good examples like Thomas Edison to support your points. To improve the substance of your writing, try developing each of your main ideas more fully with specific details and examples that primary school students can relate to. For instance, when you mention that mistakes help us become better people, you could include a brief story about a student who improved at football after practising the skills they got wrong. Also, try varying your sentence structure to make your writing more engaging—some of your sentences follow similar patterns. You could combine shorter sentences and add linking words like "meanwhile" or "consequently" to show the relationship between your ideas. Using more specific vocabulary to describe feelings about mistakes (like "frustrated" or "discouraged" instead of just "sad") would add depth to your writing. Your conclusion could be strengthened by including a memorable final thought that reinforces your main message about embracing mistakes.

Overall Score: 41/50

Section 2:

One step closer to success!

Have you ever made a mistake and felt sad, embarrassed or just want to give up? Well, if that's you, you probably haven't heard this enough: Mistakes are good. They are a powerful tool that leads to the road of success, and it also helps you to be a better person.

So, why are mistakes good?

Firstly, imagine trying to swim for the first time. You probably sunk [sank], did the step [steps] wrong or almost drowned. But practice makes perfect. After some time, you will be swimming gracefully, as if it's noting [nothing]. You will also learn to say, "I can't do it yet, but I will be able to later." Then you can see how much effort you have put in to make it successful. People who are always perfect or never make mistakes is [People who are always perfect or never make mistakes are] a hundred times worse than a person who does make mistakes.

Secondly, everyone knows what it feels like to make mistakes. It's pretty sad. But even the smartest people on earth makes [make] mistakes. Even some of the smartest inventors make mistakes. #2 For an [~~]example, Thomas Edison tried over 1000 times to invent the lightbulb. If he gave up after the first mistake, we'd still be wandering in the dark at night.

Additionally, if we make mistakes, we become better people. That's because we learn from our mistakes and take risks. People who never make mistakes don't learn and don't take risks. When we make mistakes, it also teaches us to be kind and empathetic to yourself and others, being less like a bully [which helps us avoid bullying behaviours].

We understand some people feel disappointed when they make a mistake, but later in life, you will praise yourself and others. #3 Even though people might call you terrible now, consider yourself the best and no matter what, be kind to yourself and others. Then that's when others will praise you too.

You don't have to be disappointed, instead feel proud. So next time you make a mistake, it's not the end of the world if you make one [~~]. So, remember, if you do make a mistake, [Remember,] it's not the end of the road to success, just practice over and over again and try hard.