

## Section 1:

**#1 "When you think of knitting, you probably picture something quiet, cozy chairs, clinking needles, and a sleepy cat. You don't picture a teenager free-falling through the sky, tangled in yarn."**

Strengths: Your opening creates an immediate contrast between traditional knitting imagery and the unexpected skydiving scenario. The descriptive language effectively sets up the surprising hobby combination.

Narrative flow → Your introduction jumps directly from establishing the contrast to stating what Ava does without building sufficient tension or curiosity. *"When you think of knitting, you probably picture something quiet and serene - cozy chairs, clinking needles, and a sleepy cat. But what if this peaceful craft took flight? Imagine the shocking sight of a teenager hurtling through the open sky, needles clicking furiously as colourful yarn trails behind her like a bizarre comet tail."*

**#2 "'I got bored,' Ava says with a shrug. 'I've been knitting since I was eight and skydiving with my uncle since I was thirteen. One day, I just thought, why not do both?' And she did it. She went with her uncle to their usual place but the catch is that she snuck a little yarn ball into her jacket without consulting her uncle."**

Strengths: Your dialogue reveals Ava's casual, matter-of-fact personality. The direct quote provides authentic characterisation and explains her motivation succinctly.

Character development → The explanation of Ava's motivation feels superficial and doesn't fully explore her unique personality traits that would lead to such an unusual combination of hobbies. *"'I've always loved pushing boundaries,' Ava explains, her eyes lighting up with the same thrill that propels her from aircraft. 'Knitting calms my mind, while skydiving gives me that rush of adrenaline. Combining them was just my way of bringing my whole self to both passions.'"*

**#3 "She started knitting as her uncle was staring in mere confusion, her uncle was not mad he was intrigued he started taking videos and pictures of Ava. Soon enough she became viral, inspired people and also weirded out some people but the surprising thing was that she was recorded in a guinness world record."**

Strengths: Your ending includes the consequences of Ava's unusual hobby, showing both public reaction and recognition through the Guinness World Record mention.

Sentence structure → The final paragraph contains run-on sentences with missing punctuation and repeated subjects, making it difficult to follow the sequence of events. *"She began knitting as her uncle stared in astonishment. Rather than being angry, he was fascinated and immediately started*

***capturing videos and photos. The footage quickly went viral online, inspiring many viewers while baffling others. Most remarkably, Ava's unique talent earned her a place in the Guinness World Records."***

■ Your piece has a fascinating concept at its core—a teenager who combines the contrasting activities of knitting and skydiving. This unique premise captures attention immediately! However, your narrative would benefit from greater depth in character development. Who is Ava beyond these two hobbies? What drives her to seek such unusual combinations? Additionally, the timeline of events jumps around, making it challenging to follow Ava's journey from regular skydiver to viral sensation. Try reorganising your story chronologically, starting with her background in both hobbies, then leading to the moment she decides to combine them. Also, consider adding sensory details about what it actually feels like to knit while falling through the air. What challenges does she face? How does she manage her materials? These concrete details would make your story more vivid and believable. Adding dialogue from other characters, like her uncle's reaction in his own words, would also enrich the narrative.

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**Score: 40/50**

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Section 2:

Hectic Hobbies: The Girl Who Knits While SkydivingBy Abhijeet Pol

#1 When you think of knitting, you probably picture something quiet, cozy chairs, clinking needles, and a sleepy cat. You don't picture a teenager free-falling through the sky, tangled in yarn.

But that's exactly what Ava Lin, a sophomore at Eastgrove High, does. She knits while skydiving.

#2 "I got bored," Ava says with a shrug. "I've been knitting since I was eight and skydiving with my uncle since I was thirteen. One day, I just thought, why not do both?" And she did it. ~~She went with her uncle to their usual place but the catch is that she snuck a little yarn ball into her jacket without consulting her uncle.~~ [She went with her uncle to their usual skydiving centre, but with a twist—she had secretly tucked a small ball of yarn into her jacket pocket without telling him.]

~~They took off instantly reaching for the height they normally skydive at, feeling bored.~~ [They took off immediately, ascending to their standard skydiving altitude as Ava fidgeted restlessly.] She picked up an old ~~rubik's cube~~ [Rubik's cube] from her bag trying to solve it while her uncle was talking in Spanish to the pilots about how life was and that ~~kinda~~ [kind of] stuff. ~~As they were going to jump off and feel the beauty of the fresh air Ava dug up something in her skydiving gear which her uncle was a bit suspicious of.~~ [As they prepared to jump and experience the exhilaration of fresh air, Ava rummaged through her skydiving gear, arousing her uncle's suspicion.] Uncle was always cool with stuff so she crossed her fingers that he ~~won't~~ [wouldn't] get mad. They jumped eagerly waiting for the wind to take

~~cover of~~ [control of] their ~~face~~ [faces]. Ava once more ~~dug up~~ [reached into] her diving jacket and ~~fetched~~ [retrieved] two needles and a ball of yarn.

#3 ~~She started knitting as her uncle was staring in mere confusion, her uncle was not mad he was intrigued he started taking videos and pictures of Ava.~~ [She began knitting mid-air as her uncle stared in utter bewilderment. Far from angry, he was fascinated and immediately started recording videos and snapping photos of Ava's aerial crafting.] Soon enough she became viral, inspired people and also ~~weirded out~~ [perplexed] some people but the surprising thing was that she was recorded in a ~~guinness~~ [Guinness] world record.