Term 3 - 2025: Week 2 - Writing Homework | Year 5 Scholarship Specialisation

## **Section 1:**

#1 - "The first crash of thunder silenced the crowd. from anticipation to abrupt aghast. People started gossiping and then after another dose of lightning. Gossip turned into instant panic."

**Strengths:** Your opening creates immediate drama and shows how quickly the mood changes from excitement to fear. You use good action words like "silenced" and "panic" that help readers feel the tension.

**Weakness:** Sentence fragments  $\rightarrow$  Your writing has broken sentences that don't make complete sense. "From anticipation to abrupt aghast" and "then after another dose of lightning" are not full sentences and make your ideas hard to follow.

Exemplar: The first crash of thunder silenced the crowd, transforming their anticipation into sudden shock. After another bolt of lightning struck, their quiet gossip turned into instant panic.

**#2** - "The continuous striking of the thunder took Uzi to the memory of her father playing the African Drums when she was feeling blue. She felt the rains drops expressing the melancholy she had been feeling those times."

**Strengths:** You connect the storm sounds to Uzi's personal memories, which helps readers understand her feelings. The link between thunder and drums is creative and meaningful.

**Weakness:** Unclear connections  $\rightarrow$  Your sentences don't clearly show how different ideas connect to each other. The jump from drums to rain drops doesn't flow smoothly, and "those times" is vague.

Exemplar: The continuous thunder reminded Uzi of her father playing African drums whenever she felt sad. Each raindrop seemed to echo the same melancholy she remembered from her childhood.

#3 - "There was something rest assured would keep the hole crowd safe but not this time! Unexcitingly a pole fell down with electrical charge emerged in the core of the rusted steel."

**Strengths:** You build suspense by suggesting safety before introducing danger. The falling pole creates an exciting moment of crisis.

**Weakness:** Confusing word choices  $\rightarrow$  Your sentence structure makes it hard to understand what's happening. "Rest assured" doesn't fit properly, and "unexcitingly" contradicts the dramatic action you're describing.

Exemplar: Something usually kept the whole crowd safe, but not this time! Suddenly, an electrified pole crashed down, sparks emerging from its rusted steel core.

■ Your piece shows good imagination and creates an interesting character in Uzi who has deep feelings about her past. You understand how to build tension and create dramatic moments that keep readers interested. However, your ideas would be much clearer if you focused on writing complete sentences that flow together smoothly. Additionally, you need to check that your word choices match what you're trying to say. Also, work on connecting your ideas better so readers can follow your story more easily. Furthermore, pay attention to spelling simple words correctly, like "whole" instead of "hole." Your story has good bones, but it needs clearer writing to help readers understand and enjoy it fully.

Overall Score: 38/50

## **Section 2:**

## A Crash Of Meaningful Thunder

#1 The first crash of thunder silenced the crowd. from anticipation to abrupt aghast. [The first crash of thunder silenced the crowd, transforming their anticipation into sudden shock.] People started gossiping and then after another dose of lightning. Gossip turned into instant panie. [People started gossiping, but after another dose of lightning, their gossip turned into instant panic.] The smell of agitation invaded the air. lightning [Lightning] drumming a presto rhythm. The stadium was filled with the sound of fortissimo distress.

She gasped.

#2 The continuous striking of the thunder took Uzi to the memory of her father playing the African Drums when she was feeling blue. She felt the rains drops expressing the melaneholy she had been feeling those times. [The continuous striking of the thunder transported Uzi to memories of her father playing African drums when she felt blue. She felt the raindrops expressing the same melancholy she had experienced during those difficult times.] This storm was not ordinary at the slightest [in the slightest]. It had a faint voice coming from the atramentous clouds. Saying something, but was too faint to understand. [It was saying something, but the voice was too faint to understand.] Was it the voice of her dead father or was it just hallucination [a hallucination] messing with her mind~.~ [?] As everyone sprinted to shelter, they saw the stadium in state [a state] of darkness and ebony with clouds encircling it. The storm continued like it was to stay over a decade [as if it would last for over a decade].

Uzi smiled in relieve [relief].

#3 There was something rest assured would keep the hole crowd safe but not this time! [Something usually kept the whole crowd safe, but not this time!] Unexcitingly [Suddenly] a pole fell down with electrical charge emerged [emerging] in the core of the rusted steel. Shoekingly [Fortunately,] the edge of the stadium roof stopped the fall. No one was killed or injured. After that pole fell down [,] a sign of relieve cam [relief came] to everyone as the storm had met its demise. After that moment [,] Uzi could finally let go of her burden of desolation and live free from the ehain [chains] of sadness and depression! Ever since that day she was content and joyful [,] but not for long until the day of even more darkness came to intervene all of her eestasy [with all of her happiness] . . .