

Section 1:

#1 "As Amara was coming home from swimming classes, she noticed that there was a strange light coming from her grandparent's beehive. She lives right next to her grandparent's house with her mum and dad. She was not that interested in bees, as her curiosity grew bigger, she got lured to her grandparents' back yard."

Strengths: You've created an intriguing opening with the mysterious light that immediately captures attention. Your setting is clearly established, showing where Amara lives in relation to her grandparents.

Weakness: Logical sequence issue → The sentence "She was not that interested in bees, as her curiosity grew bigger" contains contradicting ideas. If she's not interested in bees, it doesn't make sense that her curiosity would grow about them. The transition between these ideas needs smoothing out to show how her attitude changes.

Exemplar: *Despite never being interested in bees before, the strange glow coming from the hive sparked Amara's curiosity, drawing her towards her grandparents' backyard.*

#2 "When she was in front of the backyard gate, she got a thought, a thought that stabbed her in her gut- should she tell her parents that she's going there? " They'll say no ." she said. As she crept towards the beehive she heard little whispers, there was paint on the floor and there was something rubbery hitting her. For some reason Amara felt a tingling feeling coming thru her."

Strengths: You've built suspense through Amara's internal conflict about whether to tell her parents. The sensory details about whispers, paint, and something rubbery create mystery.

Weakness: Unclear sequence → The introduction of paint on the floor and rubbery objects happens abruptly without explanation of what these things are or why they're important. These details feel disconnected from the main story, leaving readers confused about what's actually happening around the beehive.

Exemplar: *As she crept closer to the beehive, Amara noticed colourful paint splashed across the ground and felt something soft like balloons brushing against her arms. Strange whispers filled the air, sending tingles down her spine.*

#3 "Surprise!" her mum and dad said. "Um it's not my birthday today. "she said confused. As her parents reminded her about her grandma's birthday surprise she under stood everything. When grandma and grandpa came they did the exactly the same thing she did to her. They danced, pranced and had a blast. The End."

Strengths: You've created a surprising twist that explains the mysterious elements from earlier in the story. The ending shows a happy family celebration which wraps up the narrative nicely.

Weakness: Underdeveloped resolution → The explanation about the grandma's birthday surprise is rushed and lacks details about what the surprise actually was. The reader doesn't learn why there was a strange light at the beehive or how it connects to the birthday celebration. The ending feels hurried without showing Amara's full reaction to the surprise.

Exemplar: *"It's Grandma's birthday tomorrow!" her parents explained, showing Amara the decorated beehive they'd been preparing as a surprise. "We're turning the beehive into a special light display because Grandma loves her honey bees." When Grandma arrived the next day and saw the glowing beehive, her face lit up with joy. They all celebrated with dancing and games until sunset, making it the best birthday Amara could remember.*

■ Your story has a creative premise with the mysterious glowing beehive that draws Amara in. To improve the substance of your writing, try developing the middle section more thoroughly by showing us Amara's thoughts and feelings as she investigates the strange light. Also, build up the surprise element by dropping more hints about what's actually happening, like decorations or party preparations, rather than just mentioning paint and rubbery things. You could strengthen the ending by explaining clearly what the surprise was and how it relates to the beehive. Add more details about the celebration with the grandparents to help readers picture the scene better. Try using more descriptive words to bring your story to life, especially when describing the glowing beehive and the birthday celebration. Additionally, make sure your story flows logically from one idea to the next by connecting your sentences with transition words like "however," "meanwhile," or "afterwards."

Score: 37/50

Section 2:

As Amara was coming home from swimming classes, she noticed that there was a strange light coming from her ~~grandparent's~~ [grandparents'] beehive. She lives right next to her ~~grandparent's~~ [grandparents'] house with her mum and dad. #1 ~~She was not that interested in bees, as her curiosity grew bigger, she got lured to her grandparents' back yard.~~ [Though she had never been interested in bees before, something about this unusual light sparked her curiosity, drawing her towards her grandparents' backyard.]

When she was in front of the backyard gate, she got a thought, a thought that ~~stabbed~~ [stabbed] her in her gut- should she tell her parents that she's going there? " They'll say no ." she said. #2 ~~As she crept towards the beehive she heard little whispers, there was paint on the floor and there was something rubbery hitting her. For some reason Amara felt a tingling feeling coming thru her.~~ [As she crept

towards the beehive, she heard little whispers. She noticed paint splattered on the ground and felt something rubbery brushing against her skin. A strange tingling sensation spread through her body.]

"Surprise!" her mum and dad said. "Um it's not my birthday today. "she said ~~confused~~ [confusedly]. ~~As her parents reminded her about her grandma's birthday surprise she understood everything.~~ [When her parents explained they were preparing a surprise for Grandma's birthday, everything suddenly made sense.]

~~#3 When grandma and grandpa came they did the exactly the same thing she did to her. They danced, pranced and had a blast. The End.~~ [The next day, when Grandma and Grandpa arrived, everyone jumped out and surprised them just as they had surprised Amara. They spent the afternoon decorating the beehive together, then danced and celebrated around the glowing hive until sunset. The End.]