Writing Feedback

TERM 2 - 2025 | Day 2 - Writing Homework | Year 4 Reading & Writing

Section 1:

#1 "Jasper walked around his farm. He saw beautiful things like the flock of birds, a herd of cows, and rows and rows of crops. However, there was on thing he absolutely missed. And that's the beehive."

Strengths: Your opening creates a vivid farm setting and builds curiosity with the mention of the missed beehive.

Weakness: Sentence variety → Your writing uses simple, similar-length sentences that create a choppy rhythm. Notice how "Jasper walked around his farm" and "He saw beautiful things" follow the same pattern. Also, there's a spelling error with "on thing" instead of "one thing".

Exemplar: Jasper strolled through his sprawling farm, admiring the flock of birds soaring overhead, a herd of cows grazing peacefully, and endless rows of flourishing crops. Despite all this beauty, one thing captured his attention more than anything else—the mysterious beehive.

#2 "It would glow in the night, and make sounds like creepy whispers, which will spread all around the farm. At dusk, Jasper decided to go and get some honey from the beehive."

Strengths: You've created an intriguing atmosphere with the glowing beehive and creepy whispers that builds tension.

Weakness: Tense consistency \rightarrow You switch between past tense ("would glow") and future tense ("will spread") in the same sentence. This makes it confusing for readers to follow the timeline of events.

Exemplar: The beehive glowed eerily in the darkness, emitting sounds like creepy whispers that spread throughout the entire farm. As dusk fell, Jasper gathered his courage and decided to collect some honey from the mysterious hive.

#3 "He pulled the rest of the beehive apart. Then hundreds, if not thousands of gold coins spilled out into the darkness, followed by an eerie blue light and a loud scream. Then, everything went silent."

Strengths: Your ending creates a powerful, unexpected twist with the gold coins and mysterious scream that leaves readers wanting more.

Weakness: Descriptive detail \rightarrow While you mention gold coins, blue light and a scream, you don't give enough sensory details about how these elements affect Jasper or the environment around him.

Exemplar: Jasper pulled the remaining pieces of the beehive apart with trembling hands. Suddenly, hundreds, perhaps thousands, of gleaming gold coins cascaded into the darkness, landing with soft metallic clinks on the ground. A ghostly blue light erupted from within the broken hive, followed by

a bone-chilling scream that made his blood freeze. Then, as quickly as it had begun, everything fell into an unnatural silence that seemed to swallow the entire farm.

■ Your piece has a fantastic supernatural premise with the mysterious glowing beehive that contains gold coins instead of honey. The twist at the end creates a brilliant cliffhanger! To improve your writing, focus on adding more sensory details throughout the story. How does the beehive smell? What does Jasper feel when he touches it? Also, you could develop Jasper's character more by showing his emotions and thoughts. Why does he want honey even though the beehive seems creepy? Is he scared, curious, or brave? Additionally, you could work on creating smoother transitions between your sentences by using connecting words like "meanwhile," "however," or "consequently." You might also think about explaining why there are gold coins in the beehive—perhaps this could be the beginning of a longer story where Jasper discovers something magical on his farm! Try reading your story aloud to catch places where the flow could be improved.

Overall Score: 38/50

Section 2:

Jasper walked around his farm. He saw beautiful things like the flock of birds, a herd of cows, and rows and rows of crops. However, there was on [one] thing he absolutely missed. And that's the beehive. #1 It would glow in the night, and make sounds like ereepy whispers, which will spread all around the farm. [It glowed eerily at night and made sounds like creepy whispers that spread all around the farm.] #2 At dusk, Jasper decided to go and get some honey from the beehive. But this time, the beehive glowed like the sun. Jasper narrowed his eyes towards the beehive. He sliced open the beehive a bit, and scary whispers filled the clearing. The whispers sounded more angry than scary. He cut the beehive open more, and the whispers turned into furious hisses. Suddenly, he saw a glimpse of gold light, nearly blinding his eyes. #3 He pulled the rest of the beehive apart. Then hundreds, if not thousands of gold coins spilled out into the darkness, followed by an eeric blue light and a loud scream. Then, everything went silent. [He pulled the rest of the beehive apart, releasing hundreds, if not thousands, of gold coins that spilled into the darkness. An eeric blue light burst forth, followed by a blood-curdling scream. Then, everything fell silent.]