Writing Feedback

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

Section 1:

#1 "As Nico adventured into the wild, the sun set, and night approached him. He looked at his map and it warned him that he was about to reach a cliff with a very steep drop. He peered in front of him and beneath the cliff was a river that was flowing as fast as plane with many jagged, crooked sharp rocks protruding out of it like teeth."

Strengths: Your description creates a vivid image of the dangerous cliff and river below. The comparison of rocks to teeth effectively conveys danger.

Weakness: Run-on sentences \rightarrow Your sentences contain multiple ideas joined together without proper conjunctions or punctuation. This makes it difficult for readers to follow the action clearly. For example, "He peered in front of him and beneath the cliff was a river that was flowing as fast as plane with many jagged, crooked sharp rocks protruding out of it like teeth" combines too many ideas.

Exemplar: He peered over the edge. Below, a river rushed like a speeding train, with jagged rocks protruding like sharp teeth from the churning waters.

#2 "After hours of exploration, every single muscle in Nico's body ached and his parched tongue begged for water. Suddenly, he saw a colossal mountain as tall as a skyscraper appeared before his eyes."

Strengths: Your description of Nico's physical state effectively shows his exhaustion. The simile comparing the mountain to a skyscraper helps readers visualise its size.

Weakness: Sentence structure → There's a grammatical error in the second sentence where "he saw" and "appeared" create redundancy. This disrupts the flow of the narrative and confuses the reader about the sequence of events.

Exemplar: After hours of exploration, every muscle in Nico's body ached and his parched tongue begged for water. Suddenly, a colossal mountain as tall as a skyscraper loomed before him.

#3 "It was then that the ogre spotted Nico and knocked him onto the ground. Blood dripped from Nico's mouth and bruise appeared at the back of his head. The ogre boomed, "Do you dare to challenge me?" Nico's heart exploded with rage. He stood back up, but the ogre knocked him back to the ground with such force that trees collapsed and roofs of caves collapsed."

Strengths: Your dialogue adds tension to the confrontation. The physical consequences of being knocked down are well described.

Weakness: Word repetition \rightarrow You've used "collapsed" twice in the same sentence and repeated similar actions without variation. This creates monotony and reduces the impact of the dramatic scene you're creating.

Exemplar: The ogre knocked him back to the ground with such force that nearby trees shuddered and cave entrances crumbled from the impact.

■ Your adventure story has an exciting premise with a clear beginning, middle and climax. The character of Nico is well established in the opening paragraph, giving readers a good understanding of who he is. You've included some nice descriptive language, especially when describing the setting and dangers Nico faces. To improve your writing, try breaking longer sentences into shorter ones to create more impact. Focus on showing Nico's emotional journey throughout the adventure - how does he feel when facing each challenge? You could add more details about the diamond itself to build its importance in the story. Additionally, consider developing Nico's character growth more gradually throughout the story rather than just mentioning it at the end. Try varying your sentence structures and vocabulary to make your writing more engaging. The ending feels a bit rushed - you might expand on how Nico defeats the ogre and his journey back home with the diamond.

Overall score: 43/50

Section 2:

Nico's Adventure to the End

In the tranquil village of Dorm, Nico White, a 12-year-old boy embarked on a perilous adventure. There was a rumour about reaching the end of the world, which held the Diamond of Legends in a mysterious and eerie cave. Unfortunately, his physical appearance did not suit his adventurous personality. Nico was forgetful, timid, and certainly quite short for his age. With a heavy backpack and sword in his right hand, he set out into the wilderness.

#1 As Nico adventured [ventured] into the wild, the sun set, and night approached him. He looked at his map and it warned him that he was about to reach a cliff with a very steep drop. He peered in front of him and beneath the cliff was a river that was flowing as fast as plane with many jagged, crooked sharp rocks protruding out of it like teeth. [He peered over the edge. Beneath the cliff, a river flowed as fast as a plane, with jagged, crooked rocks protruding from it like teeth.] Nico's heartbeat became faster, and his skin turned pale. But when he looked behind him, there was a tall tree-with wood perfect for building a bridge. Nico simply cut down the tree with his axe, made a bridge with the planks and walked across.

#2 After hours of exploration, every single muscle in Nico's body ached and his parched tongue begged for water. Suddenly, he saw a colossal mountain as tall as a skyseraper appeared before his eyes. [a

colossal mountain as tall as a skyscraper appeared before his eyes.] Somehow he was convinced that this mountain housed the diamond. As he came closer to the mountain, he saw a beastly ogre guarding the entrance, who was nine feet tall. Nico whimpered and felt insignificant compared to the ferocious and monstrous ogre.

#3 It was then that the ogre spotted Nico and knocked him onto the ground. Blood dripped from Nico's mouth and bruise [a bruise] appeared at the back of his head. The ogre boomed, "Do you dare to challenge me?" Nico's heart exploded with rage. He stood back up, but the ogre knocked him back to the ground with such force that trees collapsed and roofs of caves collapsed. [splintered and cave entrances crumbled.] Nico lost all hope of finding the diamond at that very moment.

Just at that moment, a faint light came out of the cave's mouth. Nico struggled to his feet and sneaked past the ogre while it was bragging about how powerful it was. He made it to the cave and found a chest. Inside the chest was the diamond and fresh fruit to give him the energy to defeat the ogre. Stuffing his mouth with banana [bananas] and apples, Nico then crept quietly out of the cave, ran to the ogre with his iron sword and knocked it down. Then he ran away from the ogre as fast as he could, not looking back. Nico learnt that no matter how small physically he was, he could still achieve remarkable things.