Term 3 - 2025: Week 4 - Writing Homework | Year 5 RW

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph: "The sky was pouring buckets..." to "...stay invisible. Head low. Shoulders up. Look down.")

Strengths: Your opening creates a vivid setting with the rain and establishes the narrator's vulnerable position effectively. The contrast between the harsh weather and the character's need for shelter draws readers in immediately.

Weakness: Unclear narrative flow → Your writing jumps between different ideas without smooth connections. The phrase "While the fresh scent of earth lingered in the air, people were busily hurrying past me doing daily things that didn't take notice of a scrawny ragged 10 year old girl" creates confusion because it mixes sensory details with character observations in one long sentence. The transition from describing the environment to the character's appearance feels abrupt.

Exemplar: "The sky poured buckets of water whilst I sought shelter near a shop. Despite the heavy downpour and the fresh scent of earth in the air, people hurried past, too busy with their daily routines to notice a scrawny, ragged ten-year-old girl like me."

#2 (Second paragraph: "He advanced toward me..." to "...somehow so can't I.")

Strengths: Your description of the man's kindness through specific details like his "dark blue suit and golden button" shows good observational writing. The food descriptions make the scene feel real and engaging.

Weakness: Sentence structure problems \rightarrow Your sentences are often too long and contain multiple ideas that should be separated. The sentence "When he turned the sandwich wrapper, it was not what I expected, the cheese was overflowing and the lettuce was a shade of shamrock green" lacks proper punctuation and tries to include too many details at once. This makes it hard for readers to follow your ideas clearly.

Exemplar: "When he unwrapped the sandwich, I was surprised by what I saw. The cheese overflowed from the edges, and the lettuce was a brilliant shade of shamrock green."

#3 (Final paragraph: "I open my mouth..." to "...spark is enough for me.")

Strengths: Your ending connects the physical experience of eating with deeper emotional meaning about kindness and hope. The metaphor of the "tiniest spark of kindness" provides a thoughtful conclusion to the story.

Weakness: Word choice confusion → Some of your word choices don't match what you're trying to say. The phrase "I open my mouth with the air already warmed up with kindness" doesn't make

clear sense, and "dedicated sandwich" is confusing because sandwiches aren't usually described as dedicated. These unclear phrases make your meaning harder to understand.

Exemplar: "I opened my mouth to take a bite of the carefully prepared sandwich, the air around me already filled with warmth from his kindness."

Your piece tells a touching story about unexpected kindness that many readers will connect with emotionally. The basic structure of your narrative works well, moving from the character's difficult situation to the encounter with the generous stranger, and ending with meaningful reflection. However, your writing would benefit from clearer sentence construction and better paragraph organisation. Many of your sentences try to include too many ideas at once, making them difficult to follow. Additionally, focus on choosing words that precisely express your intended meaning, as some current word choices create confusion rather than clarity. Also, work on creating smoother transitions between different ideas within paragraphs. Consider breaking long sentences into shorter, clearer ones that each focus on one main idea. Furthermore, pay attention to punctuation, particularly with complex sentences that need commas to separate different parts. Your story has genuine emotional impact, but cleaner writing structure would help readers engage more fully with your meaningful message about human compassion.

Score: 37/50

Section 2:

#1 A share [moment] of affection

The sky was pouring buckets of water [pouring with rain] on the earth [onto the ground], while [whilst] I took [sought] shelter near a shop [.] under the [Under the] awning of the Puddles [puddles] formed around me because of [me from] the heavy downpour. While [Whilst] the fresh scent of earth lingered in the air, people were busily hurrying pastme [, engaged in their] doing daily things that didn't take notice of [routines without noticing] a scrawny ragged 10 year old [ten-year-old] girl, me, [like me]. as I know [I knew] how to stay invisible. [—] Head [head] low. [,] Shoulders [shoulders] up. [,] Look [looking] down. Then something eaught my attention. A man stood in the crowd. [A man in the crowd caught my attention.] His dark blue suit and golden button told me that he is [was] richand the luxurious sandwich in his hand made me realize that famine almost took over my body and hunger washed around me. But then something peculiar happened. [. The luxurious sandwich in his hand made me realise how famished I was, and hunger overwhelmed me. Then something unexpected occurred.]

#2 He advanced toward [towards] me when the people all broke apart into small groups [.] At [Initially, I was about to move out of his way, assuming he simply wanted to purchase something from the shop. However, I then noticed kindness and compassion in his expression as he approached. When he offered the sandwich wrapper to me, I was uncertain about his intentions. The cheese overflowed, and the lettuce displayed a vibrant shade of shamrock green. The tomato appeared fresh—not the wilted variety typically found in bins. The bread was fluffy with visible grains. He tore the sandwich in half and offered me the larger portion. Even now, upon reflection, I can see his persistent smile, knowing he had performed a good deed, though I still wonder why.] first I was about to move out of his way, seeing that he could actually buy something from the shop but then I saw kindness and longing for me to sit down in my seat inside him. When he turned the sandwich wrapper, it was not what I expected, the cheese was overflowing and the lettuce was a shade of shamrock green. The tomato was the freshest one I ever saw, not the rotten one you would see in the bin and the bread was fluffy and had grains inside them, He tore it in half and gave me the bigger piece. The man looked so happy but in the corner of my window reflection, I can see that he can't stop smiling that he did a good deed, and somehow so can't I.

#3 I open [opened] my mouth with the air already warmed up with kindness, bite [and bit] into the dedicated [carefully prepared] sandwich. It was fluffyand [, and] the cheese made me want to wish for more [crave more]. It didn't just taste good because I hadn't eaten for ages [days]; [;] it tasted amazing [extraordinary] because of the kindness. From now on [that moment], I learned [learnt] that at least someone cares about youand [, and] that the tiniest spark of kindness can spread to an inferno later in your life but for now, a spark is enough for me [into something much greater in your life. For now, however, that single spark was enough].