

Section 1:

#1 - Opening section: "And when the lights came back on, the trophy was gone. The prized pure gold trophy was gone. There was an open hatch in the ceiling, possibly meaning burglars from the hatch in the roof."

Strengths: Your opening creates immediate mystery and grabs the reader's attention. The repetition of "was gone" emphasises the shock of the discovery.

Weakness: Unclear connections → Your writing jumps between ideas without showing how they connect. The phrase "possibly meaning burglars from the hatch in the roof" doesn't clearly explain what you mean. The connection between the open hatch and burglars needs to be clearer for readers to follow your thinking.

Exemplar: *"There was an open hatch in the ceiling, suggesting that thieves might have entered through the roof."*

#2 - Middle section: "A faint squark was distinguishable from the deafening silence, as 2 bald eagles swooped in to carry a spider out for dinner. There were microscopic fragments of gold on the floor, presumably from the trophy."

Strengths: You include interesting details that add to the mystery atmosphere. Your use of "microscopic fragments" shows good vocabulary choice.

Weakness: Confusing scene details → Your description mixes too many unrelated things that confuse readers. The eagles carrying a spider seems disconnected from the main mystery about the missing trophy, making it hard to understand what's important to the story.

Exemplar: *"A faint sound broke the silence as President Bob noticed tiny gold fragments scattered on the floor where the trophy had been."*

#3 - Ending section: "A detective in the hall shouts out a conclusion: spider webs from the spider were holding up the prized trophy, but when the blackout happened, all the creatures from the web went crazy and broke the web."

Strengths: Your conclusion attempts to solve the mystery by bringing all elements together. You show President Bob accepting the detective's explanation.

Weakness: Unrealistic solution → Your explanation doesn't make sense in the real world. Spider webs couldn't hold up a heavy gold trophy, and this solution feels too strange to be believable, which makes your mystery less satisfying for readers.

Exemplar: *"The detective explained that the trophy had been poorly secured to its base, and during the blackout, vibrations caused it to fall and shatter."*

■ Your piece shows creativity in trying to write a mystery story with an unusual twist. However, your story would be stronger if you focused on making the events more believable and easier to follow. The idea of spiders and webs holding up a trophy is imaginative, but mystery stories work better when the solution makes sense in the real world. Additionally, your writing jumps between different ideas without smooth connections, making it hard for readers to follow along. Try connecting your sentences more clearly by showing how one event leads to another. Also, focus on the main mystery elements - the missing trophy, the suspects, and clues - rather than adding too many unusual details like eagles and spiders that distract from your main story. Your vocabulary shows good effort, but simpler, clearer explanations will help readers understand your ideas better.

Overall Score: 40/50

Section 2:

#1 And when the lights came back on, the trophy was gone. The prized pure gold trophy was gone. There was an open hatch in the ceiling, ~~possibly meaning burglars from the hatch in the roof~~ [suggesting that thieves might have entered through the roof]. ~~Faint footsteps from outside the community hall got slightly louder as President Bob stepped in~~ [Faint footsteps grew louder as President Bob entered the community hall].

#2 ~~A faint squark was distinguishable from the deafening silence, as 2 bald eagles swooped in to carry a spider out for dinner~~ [A faint sound broke the deafening silence]. There were microscopic fragments of gold on the floor, presumably from the trophy. President Bob called out ~~loud~~ [loudly], "If you have the trophy, please return it now. If you've seen any suspicious activity, please report to the council immediately [,"] as he ~~walks~~ [walked] towards where the podium used to be. It was 7:04 ~~PM~~ [p.m.]. President Bob gasped. "What did you see?" a voice called out from the group of shocked and paralysed people. President Bob replied ~~with~~ [,] "Come see it yourself." A group of people swarmed down like a swarm of bees until they had reached the place where President Bob was standing. "A SPIDER WEB?!?!?" a bewildered person cried. Many bugs, presumably from the spider web, scuttled into the darkness. ~~"Any of you people in here reached~~ [Have any of you reached] a conclusion yet?" President Bob called demandingly.

#3 A detective in the hall ~~shouts~~ [shouted] out a conclusion: ~~spider webs from the spider were holding up the prized trophy, but when the blackout happened, all the creatures from the web went crazy and broke the web~~ [the trophy's base had been damaged, and during the blackout, it collapsed under the weight]. The trophy came crashing down, shattering into pieces. President Bob nodded his

head. "Presumably [Possibly]. ~~All those creatures must've thought the spider was going to eat them and wriggled, breaking the web~~ [The vibrations from people moving around during the blackout must have caused the final collapse]. I was always saying to Council Leader Joe ~~how~~ [that] the pedestal wasn't stable, and something was holding it up. But he always laughed and said, "If it isn't stable, how is it standing right now?"