Term 3 Holiday - 2025: Day 1 | 10-Day Intensive Selective Writing

Section 1

#1: "The beautiful manor's garden is full of plants and animals. The flowers and vegetable are grown by gardeners and are overseen by them everyday for problems that need to be fixed."

Strengths:

- You've established a clear setting for your story, helping readers picture where the events take place
- You've shown that the garden is well cared for by including details about the gardeners' daily work

Inconsistent Subject-Verb Agreement → In your second sentence, you wrote "flowers and vegetable" but "vegetable" should be plural since you're talking about more than one. When you list items together, they need to match in number. Also, "everyday" should be two words ("every day") when you mean "each day" rather than "ordinary."

Exemplar: The flowers and vegetables are grown by gardeners and are checked by them every day for any problems that need attention.

#2: "The intricate designs of the garden match the manor's beauty. A cyborg came to the garden with the intent to take samples of the nature in the garden."

Strengths:

- You've created an interesting contrast by introducing a cyborg character into a natural garden setting
- Your word choice "intricate designs" shows sophisticated vocabulary

Repetitive Phrasing → You've used the word "garden" three times in just two sentences, which makes your writing feel repetitive. When you mention the same thing multiple times close together, your writing can sound clunky. Try using pronouns like "it" or "there" to avoid repeating the same word.

Exemplar: A cyborg came there with the intent to collect samples of the natural specimens.

#3: "I hate this garden I hate the insects and the germs and the animals I hate everything about this garden. I don't know how these humans like this place. I just want to get out of this flower infested place and go home."

Strengths:

- You've effectively conveyed Robot's strong emotions and personality through his inner thoughts
- The shift to first-person perspective creates immediacy and helps readers connect with Robot's feelings

Run-on Sentences and Missing Punctuation → Your first sentence runs all the thoughts together without proper punctuation marks. When you have multiple complete thoughts, you need full stops or commas with connecting words to separate them. This makes your writing hard to read because readers don't know where one idea ends and another begins. Additionally, "flower infested" needs a hyphen because these two words work together to describe one thing.

Exemplar: I hate this garden. I hate the insects, the germs, and the animals. I hate everything about this garden.

Looking at your piece as a whole, you've created an interesting situation with a cyborg who doesn't enjoy nature, which could lead to an engaging story. However, your writing would benefit from developing the content more deeply. Right now, you've told us that Robot hates the garden, but you haven't shown us specific moments or actions that demonstrate this feeling. For example, what exactly does Robot see or experience that makes him feel this way? Does an insect land on him? Does he step on something unpleasant? Adding these concrete details would make your writing more vivid. Additionally, your piece feels quite short and rushes through the setup without giving readers time to understand why Robot is there or what might happen next. Consider expanding each paragraph to include more description and action. Your characterisation of Robot could also be stronger—right now, we only know he hates the garden, but what else makes him unique as a character? Finally, the transition between the opening description and Robot's arrival feels abrupt. You might connect these sections more smoothly by explaining how Robot's mission relates to the manor's garden or by describing his journey there.

Overall Score: 36/50

Section 2

The beautiful manor's garden is full of plants and animals. [#1 The beautiful manor's garden is full of plants and animals.] The flowers and vegetable are grown [The flowers and vegetables are grown] by gardeners and are overseen by them everyday [every day] for problems that need to be fixed. The intricate designs of the garden match the manor's beauty. [#2 The intricate designs of the garden match the manor's beauty.] A cyborg came to the garden with the intent to take samples of the nature in the garden. [A cyborg came there with the intent to take samples of the natural specimens.] The cyborg's name was Robot and he hates the garden and is longing to get out of it. [The cyborg's name was Robot, and he hated the garden and was longing to get out of it.] I hate this garden I hate the insects and the germs and the animals I hate everything about this garden. [#3 I hate this garden. I hate the insects, the germs, and the animals. I hate everything about this garden.] I don't know how these humans like this place. I just want to get out of this flower-infested place and go home.]