

Section 1:

#1: "The spectacular smell bolted into my nose."

Strengths:

- You've chosen a vivid verb ("bolted") that creates a strong sense of sudden movement
- Your sensory description helps readers imagine the restaurant atmosphere

Awkward phrasing → The phrase "bolted into my nose" creates an unusual image because smells don't typically move in sharp, quick lines like a bolt. When you describe how smells reach you, think about words that match how scents actually travel—they drift, waft, or float through the air. A more natural way to express this might be:

"The spectacular smell wafted towards me" or "The spectacular aroma filled my nostrils."

#2: "Agitation shot through me as a long list of foods appeared in front of me. How was I supposed to read all of this, I thought."

Strengths:

- Your internal thought reveals genuine emotion and makes the moment feel real
- The feeling of being overwhelmed comes through clearly

Unclear emotional connection → The word "agitation" suggests annoyance or irritation, but the context (looking at a menu) doesn't fully explain why you'd feel irritated rather than excited, confused, or overwhelmed. The emotion you're expressing doesn't quite match the situation. Think about what you truly felt in that moment—was it stress, confusion, or perhaps excitement mixed with pressure? This would help readers understand your feelings better.

"Anxiety crept through me as a long list of foods appeared in front of me" or "Overwhelm washed over me as I stared at the endless menu."

#3: "The zingy flavour drizzled on my tongue and stung my taste buds. It felt like it was the last day of my life."

Strengths:

- You've used specific taste vocabulary ("zingy") that tells us about the flavour
- The sensory detail about your tongue and taste buds adds a personal touch

Confusing comparison → The final sentence comparing eating fried chicken to "the last day of my life" creates confusion because readers can't tell what you mean. Are you saying the food was so good it felt precious, or that it was so intense it felt dangerous? The connection between eating delicious food and life ending isn't clear, which makes it hard for readers to understand your actual experience. When you compare experiences, make sure the link is obvious.

"It felt like I was tasting the most delicious food I'd ever eaten" or "Every bite felt like pure bliss."

■ Your piece captures an exciting restaurant visit with some lovely sensory moments, particularly when you describe smells and tastes. You've included emotions throughout, which helps readers connect with your experience. However, your writing would benefit from making sure each emotion matches the situation you're describing. When you write "agitation," ask yourself: is that really what I felt, or was it something else? Additionally, some of your descriptions need clearer connections—your metaphors and comparisons should help readers understand your experience better, not confuse them. Focus on choosing words that accurately reflect both the situation and your feelings. For your sensory details, think about how things actually work in real life—smells don't "bolt," they drift or float. Also, your writing jumps between moments quite quickly. Slowing down and adding a sentence or two between actions would help readers follow along more smoothly. For instance, between ordering and eating, you could describe waiting for the food or what happened at the table. This would make your narrative flow more naturally from one moment to the next.

Overall Score: 37/50

Section 2:

#1 I slowly ambled out of the car. Every step nearer brought a new emotion. Sweat dripped down my back as I stepped into the ~~restaurants~~ [restaurant]. ~~The spectacular smell bolted into my nose.~~ [The spectacular aroma wafted towards me.] #2 ~~Agitation~~ [Anxiety] shot through me as a long list of foods appeared in front of me. How was I supposed to read all of this[?] I thought. Abruptly, my family had finished already. They were all waiting for me now! Skimming through the list I found my favourite food [—] ~~Fried~~ [fried] chicken. ~~Triumphant~~ [Triumph] filled my body. Before I knew it, the waitress had come. Quickly, I devoured the food. #3 The zingy flavour drizzled on my tongue and stung my taste buds. ~~It felt like it was the last day of my life.~~ [Every bite felt like pure bliss.]