

Section 1

#1: "The strong, aromatic smell of the Italian sauce sizzling in the oven made everyone in the restaurant start drooling and asking which pizza it was."

Strengths:

- You've created a vivid sensory experience by describing both the smell and the reactions of people around you.
- Your sentence shows good cause and effect—the delicious smell leads to people drooling and asking questions.

Sentence Structure Challenge → Your opening sentence tries to do too much at once, making it feel crowded. When you pack "the smell," "sizzling in the oven," "everyone drooling," and "asking which pizza" all into one sentence, readers might feel a bit overwhelmed. Breaking this into two sentences would help each idea breathe and make your description clearer.

Exemplar: *The strong, aromatic smell of Italian sauce filled the restaurant. As it sizzled in the oven, diners began drooling and asking which pizza was being prepared.*

#2: "The pizza was as hot as metal bathing in the sun for 10 hours nonstop. The Coca Cola was as refreshing as a frozen popsicle on a 40 degree day."

Strengths:

- You've used comparisons to help readers understand the temperature of your food and drink.
- Your writing captures contrasts—hot pizza versus cold drink—which adds variety to your descriptions.

Comparison Clarity → Your comparisons need to feel more natural and relatable. The phrase "metal bathing in the sun for 10 hours nonstop" is quite unusual because we don't usually think of metal as "bathing." Similarly, comparing Coca Cola to "a frozen popsicle" creates confusion since you're comparing a drink to a solid frozen treat. Think about what the experience actually feels like and choose comparisons that match that feeling more directly.

Exemplar: *The pizza was scorching hot, steam rising from the melted cheese. The Coca Cola was refreshingly cold, like an icy breeze on a sweltering summer afternoon.*

#3: "My fingers grasped onto the slice as flour stuck on my hand as it was never ever going to let go. The anchovies were as salty as fermented fish laid out in the sun with 50kg of salt."

Strengths:

- You've included tactile details (the flour on your hands) which helps readers feel like they're experiencing the meal with you.
- Your personality comes through in phrases like "never ever going to let go," making your writing feel personal.

Unclear Connections → In your first sentence here, it's confusing what "it" refers to—is it the flour or your fingers that won't let go? This unclear pronoun makes readers pause and reread. Additionally, your anchovy comparison becomes too complicated when you mention "fermented fish" with "50kg of salt," which actually describes anchovies themselves rather than creating a helpful comparison. Simple, clear descriptions work better than complicated ones that confuse readers.

Exemplar: *My fingers grasped the slice as flour clung stubbornly to my hands. The anchovies delivered an intense burst of saltiness with every bite.*

■ Your piece shows enthusiasm for describing your pizza experience, and you've clearly tried to engage multiple senses—smell, taste, touch, and sound. This variety is excellent for descriptive writing. However, your writing would benefit from focusing on clarity and natural descriptions rather than trying to create unusual comparisons. Some of your sentences become difficult to follow because they contain too many ideas or use confusing language. For example, when you write about the atmosphere and sounds at the end, these descriptions feel rushed and disconnected from the main focus on the pizza itself.

To strengthen your content, try organising your ideas more carefully. Start with the arrival of the pizza, then move through tasting it, and finally describe the restaurant atmosphere. This flow helps readers follow your experience step by step. Additionally, work on making your comparisons feel more natural—instead of reaching for extreme images, think about what the experience genuinely reminded you of. Your description of the cherry tomatoes "bursting in flavour" works well because it's simple and

clear. Aim for more descriptions like this one. Also, consider adding more personal reactions—how did eating this pizza make you feel? What was your favourite part? These details would add depth to your writing and help readers connect with your experience more strongly.

Overall Score: 39/50

Section 2

~~The strong, aromatic smell of the Italian sauce sizzling in the oven made everyone in the restaurant start drooling and asking which pizza it was. [~~**#1** ~~The strong, aromatic smell of Italian sauce filled the restaurant. As it sizzled in the oven, diners began drooling and asking which pizza was being prepared.] The chef quickly drizzled the homemade sauce of [onto] the pizza as he added basil and herbs. The pizza was as hot as metal bathing in the sun for 10 hours nonstop. The Coca Cola was as refreshing as a frozen popsicle on a 40 degree day. [~~**#2** ~~The pizza was scorching hot, with steam rising from the melted cheese. The Coca Cola was refreshingly cold, like an icy breeze on a sweltering summer afternoon.] The cherry tomatoes bursted [burst] in flavour as the person bit down on it [them]. My fingers grasped onto the slice as flour stuck on my hand as it was never ever going to let go. The anchovies were as salty as fermented fish laid out in the sun with 50kg of salt. [~~**#3** ~~My fingers grasped the slice as flour clung stubbornly to my hands. The anchovies delivered an intense burst of saltiness with every bite.] The atmosphere was as busy as a colony of bees preparing for winter. The sound of the bar was as loud as a fighter jet taking off at full speed.~~