

### Section 1:

**#1: "What's your favourite food? Is it ice cream, cookies, sushi? Maybe you don't have one, but I can assure you that by the end of my speech everyone here will be 100% sure of what their favourite food is."**

#### Strengths:

- You've created an engaging opening by asking direct questions to your audience, which helps draw them in immediately.
- Your use of specific food examples (ice cream, cookies, sushi) makes the introduction relatable and easy to visualise.

**Underdeveloped Central Argument** → Whilst your introduction promises that everyone will share the same favourite food by the end, you only provide one main reason (comfort during a storm). Your speech would be much stronger if you included at least two or three different reasons why soup is superior. For example, you could discuss soup's variety (there are hundreds of types from different cultures), its health benefits, or how it can be enjoyed in any season. The phrase "here is why I believe that soup is the best" suggests multiple reasons will follow, but only one scenario is presented.

**Exemplar:** *After your storm example, you could add: "But soup isn't just comforting on rainy days. It's also incredibly healthy, packed with vegetables and nutrients that help our bodies stay strong. Whether you enjoy chicken noodle soup when you're feeling unwell or a hearty minestrone for dinner, soup nourishes us in ways that ice cream and cookies simply cannot."*

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**#2: "Okay, imagine this, it is pouring down outside, and heavy bits of rain is falling down your window. KABOOM! There is thunder and lightning outside and the thunder is so loud that you have a headache and your ears are ringing."**

#### Strengths:

- Your sensory descriptions (the sound of rain, the headache, ringing ears) help the audience picture the scene clearly.
- The word "KABOOM" adds energy and captures attention effectively.

**Sentence Structure Variety** → Your sentences in this section are all quite similar in structure—they're mostly simple sentences joined by "and." This creates a choppy rhythm that could be smoother. Notice how you write: "it is pouring down outside, and heavy bits of rain is falling" then "There is thunder and lightning outside and the thunder is so loud." Try combining some ideas into more complex sentences or varying your sentence openings to create better flow.

**Exemplar:** *"Imagine this: rain is pouring down outside, with heavy droplets hammering against your window. KABOOM! Thunder crashes so loudly that your head begins to ache and your ears ring with the echoing sound."*

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**#3: "But your mum comes and brings you some warm, comforting soup and as it slides down your throat, gently soothing you, you feel as though the storm has died down."**

**Strengths:**

- The phrase "slides down your throat, gently soothing you" uses lovely, calming language that matches the feeling you're describing.
- You've created a nice contrast between the harsh storm and the peaceful feeling soup provides.

**Logical Connection** → The phrase "you feel as though the storm has died down" creates confusion because it's unclear whether you mean the actual weather has improved or just your feelings about it. Since storms don't actually calm down when someone drinks soup, your audience might be puzzled by this statement. You need to clarify that you're describing an emotional or psychological comfort, not a physical change in the weather. The connection between drinking soup and the storm dying down isn't explained clearly enough.

**Exemplar:** *"But your mum comes and brings you some warm, comforting soup, and as it slides down your throat, gently soothing you, the storm outside doesn't seem quite so frightening anymore. You feel calmer and safer, even though the rain continues to fall."*

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■ Your piece shows a creative approach to persuasive writing, and your storm scenario is vivid and engaging. However, the main challenge is that your argument lacks sufficient depth to truly convince your audience. You've presented only one reason why soup is "the best" food, but to persuade people to change their favourite food entirely, you need multiple strong points. Consider what makes food "the best"—is it only comfort? What about taste, nutrition, versatility, or cultural significance?

Additionally, your piece would benefit from acknowledging other perspectives. Why might someone prefer ice cream or sushi? If you can address why soup is better than these alternatives, your argument becomes more convincing. Also, your conclusion feels rushed. The statement "nothing will top it" is quite bold but isn't fully supported by the single example you've provided. Try expanding your body paragraphs to include at least two more distinct reasons, each with its own descriptive example. For instance, you could discuss how soup brings families together at the dinner table, or how different soups from around the world show its amazing variety. Your descriptive writing is a real strength—now you need to build up the logical structure of your persuasive argument to match that creative flair.

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**Overall Score: 37/50**

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## Section 2:

### WHY MY FAVOURITE FOOD IS THE BEST FOOD

~~#1: What's your favourite food? Is it ice cream, cookies, sushi? Maybe you don't have one, but I can assure you that by the end of my speech everyone here will be 100% sure of what their favourite food is. And not only that but we will all share the same favourite food... which is... SOUP! So here is why I believe that soup is the best.~~ [#1: What's your favourite food? Is it ice cream, cookies, sushi? Maybe you don't have one, but I can assure you that by the end of my speech, everyone here will be completely certain of what their favourite food is. Not only that, but we will all share the same favourite food... which is... SOUP! So here are the reasons why I believe that soup is the best.]

~~#2: Okay, imagine this, it is pouring down outside, and heavy bits of rain is falling down your window. [ #2: Imagine this: it is pouring down outside, and heavy droplets of rain are falling down your window.] KABOOM! There is thunder and lightning outside and the thunder is so loud that you have a headache and your ears are ringing. [Thunder and lightning crash outside, so loud that you have a headache and your ears are ringing.] You can smell dirty rain water and you legs are pressed against your chest under a soft blanket. [You can smell dirty rainwater, and your legs are pressed against your chest under a soft blanket.] #3: But your mum comes and brings you some warm, comforting soup and as it slides down your throat, gently soothing you, you feel as though the storm has died down. [ #3: But your mum comes and brings you some warm, comforting soup, and as it slides down your throat, gently soothing you, you feel calmer and safer.] Showing you just how reassuring soup can be, as though someone is sitting next to you, patting you on the back and telling you it will be alright.~~

[This shows you just how reassuring soup can be, as though someone is sitting next to you, patting you on the back and telling you it will be alright.]

~~And so despite what favourite foods you may have had at the start, soup is warm, reassuring and soothing.~~ [And so, despite what favourite foods you may have had at the start, soup is warm, reassuring, and soothing.] And nothing will top it. Thank you.