

11+ Creative Writing Course - Workshop 5 Feedback



Please find below feedback on Olivia's homework from the 11+ Creative Writing Course - Workshop 5.

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Student Assignment: Write a story based on the image.

As the herd of elephants approached their best friend - the water hole - they surped and splashed energetically. The here scorching orange sun baked the creatures as if they were in an oven. After a period of time, stripey zebras, lanky giraffes and golden lions came trotting over to the dry mossy plains to the cooling, refreshing water-hole. The grey, wrinkly creatures continued to play. You could sense the excitement! That was until...

Notes for student

- A brilliant opening Olivia! Well done for using dashes to add in extra information to your opening sentence!
- Your use of adjectives to describe is excellent. To improve, could you have described any thoughts and feelings here?

- Well done for including a variety of sentence lengths and a lovely simile. here
- Be careful with your spelling of 'energetically'.
- Remember, you **must dot the top of your 'i's and 'j's**. You've not done this for most of your 'i's here. Without the dots, it's hard to tell if you've written an 'l' or an 'i'. I've added in all the missing dots in purple throughout this piece.

A young elephant (Elouise) ✓ wandered too far and ended up ~~ended up~~ ended up exased in a lions pack! The golden beast roared and imprisoned the innocent young elephant. Hearts were rapidly beating like a drum (but not the lions' of course)! Without warning, the leader of the elephant pack stomped in fury, charged towards the lions. With no hesitations, all animals of the plains immediately ran off, leaving the elephant

Notes for student

- A lovely plot and development of the story here Olivia. Your ambitious vocabulary is used excellently again here. Well done! However, I don't know what you mean by 'exased' as this is not a word?
- Excellent use of brackets Olivia. To improve, remember that your punctuation needs to go outside the brackets, unless you've written a full sentence inside the brackets.
- "Hearts were rapidly beating like a drum (but not the **lions'** of course)!" - Here you're talking about the hearts of multiple lions, so you need an apostrophe after the s.

lying on her back, - With the lions still drooling over her. What would she do? ✓ The leader of the pack trumpeted and charged towards them, ~~tear~~ causing the lions to flee in fright. ✓

The baby was safe for now... ✓

Notes for student

- An excellent and conclusive ending Olivia.
- Great use of a rhetorical question. This build suspense nicely.
- Lovely alliteration of 'flee in fright'.
- Ellipsis ends your piece nicely.

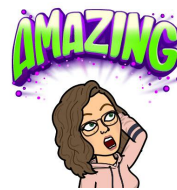
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