

The haunted house

One Summer holiday two children named Gemma and Harry went to their uncles house. They weren't very happy because their uncles house was a haunted house. Ahhhhhh! Also their uncle was a mad scientist, not very good. When Harry packed he made sure he had two torches, two walky-talkys and his spy gear. Gemma made sure she had her hair brush, her mirror, her lip gloss and her gameboy advance.

When they got to his house in England it was all dark and mysterious but when their uncle opened the door he had a pleasant smile on his face and weird goggles on his head. The second they walked in the house they heard a noise "O h h h h h h h h h h". The kids were already scared. That night the children couldn't find their uncle and Harry said "I knew this was going to happen lucky I brought my spy gear." "And lucky, I brought my lip gloss." Gemma said happily. "What does that have to do with anything?"

asked Harry angrily. "Well anyway lets see if he's in his science lab." continued Harry. When they got down there it was quiet until a live skeleton and a five eyed six armed monster jumped out and captured them.

The monster and skeleton were going to eat their brains but the children were black belt in karate and knocked the monster unconscious and shattered the skeletons bones. What happened to their uncle no one knows. Everyone thinks he haunts the house but they wonder if that's the truth. As for the kids they were happy the Summer was over.

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Criterion	Score	Annotations
1. Audience	4	Supports reader understanding by providing sufficient information for the reader. Attempts at engagement made through humorous dialogue between characters and some attempted use of comment as a narrative device.
2. Text structure	3	Although resolution is not strong there is an attempt at reflection. Orientation and simple complication are present.
3. Ideas	3	Ideas coherent, although not necessarily convincing, with some elaboration.
4. Character/setting	3	Setting is adequate and defined in time and place: <i>summer holiday, haunted house in England</i> . Character emerges through description, action and speech: mad scientist wearing weird goggles; Gemma packing brush, mirror and lip gloss; Harry packing spy gear and walkie-talkies.
5. Vocabulary	3	Precise words and groups: <i>mad scientist, pleasant smile, weird goggles, black belts in karate, shattered the skeleton's bones, wonder if that's the truth</i> .
6. Cohesion	3	Most referring words are clear. <i>Harry—he; lip gloss—that</i> , however, repetition of <i>uncle's house</i> interferes with flow of text. Some effective sentence links: <i>The second ...; As for the kids ...; What happened to the uncle ...</i>
7. Paragraphing	1	Paragraphing reflects simple narrative structure.
8. Sentence structure	4	Simple, compound and complex sentences correct. There is not enough variety for a 5. The text contains many 'When ...' dependent clauses in first position.
9. Punctuation	3	Correct use of capital letters and full stops in sentences, commas in lists, apostrophes for contractions, quotation marks for direct speech. Errors in: apostrophes for possession, capital letters (<i>harry, game boy advance, Summer</i>), apostrophe for contraction (<i>lets</i>), and some incorrect use of commas and full stops within speech.
10. Spelling	4	Common: <i>summer, hair, because, haunted, mirror, heard, already, scared, brought, science, gear, anything, knocked, truth, brains, happily, quiet, shattered</i> Difficult: <i>mysterious, scientist, pleasant, weird, skeleton, captured, continued, angrily</i> Challenging errors: <i>unconscious</i>

Gambat

I had always wanted to travel but I had never thought of a place to go. As I sat there thinking I remembered a place my dad had told me about when I was little, a place of wonder and beauty it was then I decided to go to Gambat. / I was all ready to leave when I thought how do I get there? I tried to remember what my dad said, but then I remembered that the day he left he told me he was going to fly with a cloud of smoke. I didn't think much of it until he never came back, "Maybe he is still at Gambat" I thought. Then I walked outside and said to the tickets "I want to go to Gambat take me on a cloud of smoke!" Suddenly I was engulfed by a cloud of smoke, I felt my feet lift off the ground as I rised up into the clouds. It didn't take that long for me to arrive at Gambat but when I got there it felt like forever. / I stared in awe at the beauty there was a group of animals sitting by a crystal pond I slowly approached them while looking around there were trees of the utter most beauty and flowers bloomed everywhere. As I got closer to the animals they turned around and greeted me there was no hesitation. I looked at this one animal, a majestic lion, he seemed to be the leader "Do you know my father?" I said, "His name is Steve," all of a sudden the animals all froze, the lion informed me that Steve had tried to take over Gambat and now he lived on the other side

of the forest. The lion offered to take me too him but would not stay, reluctantly I accepted. As we approached my fathers new home I couldn't believe it. It was not a place of beauty, just an old hut. He came out and the lion ran away. He came up to me and instead of hugging me he stole my ticket and ran off, I walked back crying until i saw the lion had the ticket and had caught my father. I said thanks and left as quickly as i could. Noone but my Aunt and Uncle believed me, but i thinks thats better.

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