

Workshop #2: Setting

Feedback for Student Grade 5

Great work on your assignment about setting! You wrote about many interesting places in a very short period of time, including great “things to do” ideas for readers. You also mentioned how to get to many of the destinations, such as driving or hiking to the spot.

Your tone in the piece is very welcoming and conversational – perfect for a travel article. Phrases like “make sure you go to” and “you won’t want to miss” make readers want to visit those places.

I also liked the way you included subtle humor in the piece, such as in the fifth paragraph, in which you warn readers not to bathe in Wailua Falls!

Things to consider:

- Avoid repetition.
In the first two sentences of the piece, the words “unforgettable spot” are repeated. It would be better to use something different in the second sentence, such as “Wai Wai Crater is etched in my mind because of its beautiful landscape and waterfalls” or “One particularly memorable spot is Wai Wai Crater...”
- Use specific description when possible.
You do a nice job of including interesting description, such as in the first paragraph, “...an activity that only daredevils would decide to do.” This is preferable over using words like “beautiful,” which are more general and not as descriptive.

Spotlight on Spelling:

- unforgettable
- Hawaiian
- gorgeous