What makes a great B1 story?

Compare these two versions of the same story. How has the student improved the second one? Why do you think they did this?

It's really important that all of your story matches the first sentence or the title from the question

It's important that you check your work carefully before you finish. Some mistakes can make your writing difficult to understand.

I felt nervous when the game began. I was really excited because i went to see a match of football of my favourite team. The match began and the stadium was really noisy. The other team was the Manchester city, the manchester city has the best coach that I see . FC Barcelona did have Pep Guardiola but now he was with manchester.

When this coach was in FC Barcelona the team was the best i thought. The match began and the Manchester City played very aggressive and i felt really nervous. At minute 32 the Manchester City scored, at these moment i felt really sad because i wanted to win the FC Barcelona. But in later of the break at minute 60 the FC Barcelona scored a goal, the stadium was going to fall because the FC Barcelona played in his city. The match finished and the two teams Ğed and I go home happy.

This sentence doesn't relate to the ideas before or after it. Make sure you link your ideas together.

Use good topic sentences to explain the theme of each paragraph. Check that you don't include extra information.

Try to use different types of past tense in your story. This sentence is *past perfect*, which shows the examiner that you have really good grammar!

This paragraph is now about one idea - what happened when the match began. Try to tell your story in three separate parts: start, middle, and end.

Adjectives and adverbs are really important in a story because they make your writing much more interesting to read.

I felt nervous when the game began. I had been excited for days because I was going to see my favourite football team play. The other team was Manchester city, who had the best coach that I have ever seen. He was Pep Guardiola, who used to be the coach for my team, FC Barcelona.

When the match began the stadium was very noisy. Manchester City played aggressively and I felt really nervous. When they scored a goal I felt really sad because I wanted to win my team.

In the second half, FC Barcelona scored a goal. I thought the stadium was going to fall down because of the noise and excited fans. The match finished and the two teams Ğed and I went home happy.

Try to connect the start and the end of the story together. This shows the examiner that you are good at organising your ideas.

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