As I walked up the soft, sandy desert I felt the sizzling, scorching sun (really gorgeous sibilance throughout!) through my hair. My feet felt like roasting potatoes and my throat was as dried up as a bone(great similes!) , I could feel my t-shirt sticking onto my back. But~~,~~ I knew that I had to complete this journey. (a nice, short, snappy sentence!) It was my task that I was assigned and I knew I was not going to fail, I am not usually a failure. As I looked up in front of me, I could see it coming. Hope. (lovely!) Fatigued and starving, (if you read this aloud, you will find that there’s a natural pause here. Use a comma 😊) I ~~clamber~~ (clambered) (watch your tense!) up the mountain. Ahead of me ~~lies~~ (lay) a beautiful lake full of glistening, crystal water all ready for me. The faster I climbed the more tired I got. As I looked around everything had changed. I was on top of the clouds all around me. I could see unicorns. (fantastical, lovely!) Suddenly, I felt the water ~~pur~~ (pour) on my face and my vision was back again. I was in heaven. The water tasted as ~~as~~ cold as slush and I began to feel instantly better as I completed my journey.

**What Went Well:**

-I love the plot of this, Thea! It’s metaphorical and unexpected, and I really like that there’s a drive throughout for your narrator to complete their mission, and a mystery that surrounds it. Really nice!

-You vary your sentence lengths so successfully here, and I especially love the simple but effective, ‘Hope.’ This technique helps to create and dispel tension beautifully, as well as emphasise certain important ideas.

-On your last piece of writing, I asked you to challenge yourself more, and I can definitely see that here, in your similes and brilliant vocabulary. Well done!

**Even Better If…:**

-Be careful with tense! You tend to switch into present tense, when the rest of the story is in past. A quick proof-read will help you combat this, as well as other small mistakes such as spelling or repeated words. You can do this really quickly before submitting, and the effect of perfect spelling and grammar will be amazing!

-Throughout this story, there are many moments where I feel you would benefit from using a comma. If you read a sentence aloud, and you naturally take a pause somewhere, chances are this should be a new clause, and therefore separated by a comma, dash, colon or semi-colon. This is just something to keep an eye out for!

-I would love to see you challenging yourself beyond similes, and trying to use metaphors and personification! The similes are gorgeous, but these other techniques are trickier, and therefore examiners will be even more impressed!

Overall, wonderful work!