My Holiday at Thorpe Park!

As I woke up and saw how the blazing, boiling, orange [lovely use of the power of three!] sun through the blinds. I couldn’t believe that I was going to go to Thorpe Park. I knew it was going to be the best summer holiday ever! We went first thing in the morning. As we were driving my heart was a drum.[a beautiful metaphor, as well as an example of showing, not telling!] I couldn’t wait to go there. Finally, after that horrendous journey, we were there. I couldn’t wait to see what cool rides were there.[you could afford to make your sentences longer, maybe use punctuation that isn’t a full stop] I even felt myself jumping up and down with ~~exullience~~.[I think you mean ebullience!] We first went on a small ride but I still couldn’t wait to go on. We ~~cued~~ [queued] up and before I knew it, it was time to go. We got into a small boat and started going down the steep slide. It was lots of amusement. Next, we went on to one of the scariest rides. The SAW. It took hours queuing up but when we finally got on [,] I felt butterflies swarming in my tummy. I looked at the people who just went off the ride, some of them were amazed and shocked as others looked queasy. As I got on my heart thumped harder in my chest. I couldn’t believe this was about to happen to me. As I put my seatbelt on I knew there was no turning back! [I love how dramatic this is, with your descriptions of your feelings!] As the ride started to begin I was regretting this. The hairs on my neck began to stand up and I closed my eyes. Just as I opened them[,] we were falling, falling like a bolt out of the blue. [beautiful simile] I grasped tightly onto the seat until my knuckles were pale. As the roller coaster went around in a loop again I hoped with all my might that the seatbelt wouldn’t give away. Halfway through I got the hang of it. I wasn’t terrified anymore, I was more courageous! I started to enjoy the feeling. [I really like that you’ve included this character development throughout] As the ride was halting a huge rush of disappointment hit me. I enjoyed it and wanted to do it again. It was amazing! After the spectacular ride, we went and had some delicious food! The food wrapped its warmth around me like a blanket.[personification and a simile, so great!] I knew this was going to be the best holiday ever! After we had our lunch we went to have some fun. We went to one of the funfair stalls where you had to throw the basketball into the hoop. I went first and got it in the hoop for the first time! I was amazed. My prize was a colossal teddy bear(which I named Ted). After all the stalls we went on another brilliant ride[;] it was The Samurai. It looked very dangerous as it spins you 360 degrees when you are in the air and you can hear the bolts creaking like it was wanting to escape. But I finally caved in and lined up. Who knows, ~~mabye~~ [maybe] I would enjoy it as I did with the SAW? As we got on my heart was beating harder than it did with the SAW. As the instructor buckled my seat[,] [you tend to omit commas where they would be useful. Try reading your sentences out loud to see if it needs some punctuation] sweat started forming on my eyebrows. Before I knew it, the ride knocked me off my feet! The ride was tranquil at first, spinning you around gently. But then all of a sudden it was chaos[;] the ride was going as fast as a ~~cheater~~ [cheetah].  My heart was racing and my mind was spinning! Then all of a sudden[,] the ride came to an abrupt stop which made me lurch forwards. Then it steadily placed us down. Gradually, I recovered from the shock and clambered out of my seat clumsily, unsteadily, and dizzily.[lovely use of the power of three here] After the experience, I thought that I had grown bigger. After it was nearly time to go, we could pick one more adventurous ride to go on. I picked the tidal waves. It looked more fun than any of the other rides. It’s when you are on a boat and when the boat went down water splashed like a volcano gently erupting.[this juxtaposition of ‘gently’ and ‘erupting’ is really nice] As we got onto the boat I shivered with excitement because I knew that I was about to get soaked! As the boat went deep down into the water my heart skipped a beat. As the water swapped around me like a blanket, I started to feel the wetness. What a way to end the day!!

**What Went Well:**

-You use some beautiful imagery in this story, Thea! I especially loved the line, ‘the food wrapped its warmth around me like a blanket’: not only is this a simile, but it is also personification. Not to mention the alliteration of ‘wrapped’ and ‘warmth’. This use of language is so sophisticated!

-You seem very enthusiastic the whole way through this account, using exclamation and questions. The tone is perfect for a piece about a holiday!

-I like that you include a character development throughout, showing how you adapted to the rides and your fear of them. This focus on your emotions was so nice, and prevented the piece from becoming too descriptive!

**Even Better If…:**

-You tend to miss opportunities to use punctuation, especially high-level punctuation, such as colons and semi-colons. You can read your work aloud, or in your head, and think about where you naturally pause. Chances are, you will need some punctuation in those spaces!

-You use a lot of short sentences, which are great for building tension but can make the story quite jarring when used too much. This ties in with the point about punctuation, as you can use something like a colon to extend one sentence into another.