Lesson 5: Get Ready to Present

UNIT: Would You Rather

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, writers. It's Anne!

When I'm finishing a piece of writing, I don't get to the end and say, "Okay, all done." I read my writing over and over, looking for any parts I want to change. Sometimes, I write parts over and over, trying to get them exactly right.

You're getting ready to share a piece of writing. As a writer, you'll read your writing many times—each time looking for one thing you might want to change.

I have some ideas about how you can make your writing the best it can be. Here is my countdown of ways to get your writing ready to share. I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Before we begin, you'll need a piece of writing that you're going to edit and get ready to share. Get the draft you're working on now.

STEP 2

Number 5: Capitalization.

Every sentence needs to start with a capital letter.

Discuss: Where is the missing capital letter?

STEP 3

This letter needs to be capitalized since it is the start of a new sentence.

Now look through your writing. Check the start of every sentence to make sure it begins with a capital letter. If it doesn't, you can change the letter.

STEP 4

Number 4: Punctuation.

Every sentence needs to end with a period, question mark, or exclamation mark. Some sentences also need a comma.

When you use a transition phrase in a sentence such as "also," "however," or "for example," a comma goes after the transition phrase to remind you to pause after the transition.

Discuss: Where is the missing comma in this sentence?

STEP 5

The comma needs to go here, right after the transition phrase.

Now, look through your writing to check for punctuation—check the end of every sentence, and check your transition phrases to make sure they have a comma.

Here are some ideas of transition phrases you may have used.

STEP 6

Number 3: Spelling.

Discuss: Where is the spelling mistake in this sentence?

STEP 7

This word was spelled incorrectly.

Now, get your writing. Use all the spelling strategies you know to help you spell your words. You can also use resources in your classroom to help you if you're not sure how to spell a word.

If you see a misspelled word, you can fix your mistake.

STEP 8

Number 2: Check if it sounds right.

Discuss: What part of this sentence doesn't sound right? If you want, you can whisper-read the sentence to yourself.

STEP 9

This part doesn't sound right.

Now read your writing to check to make sure it does sound right. You can read it in your head or whisper-read it to yourself.

If you find a part that doesn't sound right, you can fix your sentence.

STEP 10

Number 2: Recopy your work.

Writers make sure their writing is nice and neat, in their best handwriting.

When you recopy your writing, you might find parts that don't make sense—or other parts you want to change. You can make changes as you recopy.

Get the papers you will need to recopy onto, then take your time to make your writing the neatest it can be.

STEP 11

Your episode of *The Either / Or Explorers* is ready to share. To present your episode, you might record it, or you might perform it live to a group of listeners. No matter how you share your podcast today, it's important to speak in a confident, presenting voice. Let's practice.

Here's the host's first line.

I'm going to read this sentence in different ways, and you can, too. When you see the green light come on, it says "On Air," repeat the sentence out loud just like I did.

First, I'm going to try reading it in a boring voice.

- "Hi everyone and welcome to *The Either / Or Explorers.*"

Now it's your turn to use a boring voice. Ready? Go!

Let's try a robot voice. Listen first.

- "Hi everyone and welcome to *The Either / Or Explorers.*"

Ready? Go!

How about a sing-song voice?

- "Hi everyone and welcome to *The Either / Or Explorers.*"

Ready? Go!

These voices are fun to warm up, but now let's try it in a clear and energetic presentation voice

- "Hi everyone and welcome to *The Either / Or Explorers.*"

Ready? Go!

That's a great voice to use on your podcast. A confident and energetic presentation voice will get your listeners excited to listen. Nice job practicing!

Each podcast will need a host and a guest.

Everyone will get a turn to read each role. When everyone knows who their podcast partner will be, move on to the next step.

STEP 12

Get your final podcast script.

Fill in the information in the box at the top. Write your own name as the guest, your partner's name as the host, and today's date.

STEP 13

With your partner, decide who will be the first host and who will be the first guest.

STEP 14

Host: You can put your podcast script to the side for now. Both podcasters will read off the guest's podcast script.

STEP 15

Whether you're making an audio recording or presenting live for a group of listeners, be sure to use your enthusiastic, presenting voice and have fun sharing your podcast! When you finish sharing one partner's podcast, you can switch roles and share the other one.

WRAP UP

Podcasters, you have created your very own episode of *The Either / Or Explorers*—this is an amazing accomplishment!

The writing skills that you used to make your podcast interesting and clear are the same skills that writers use to share their opinions. In any opinion writing, you can plan the parts with a thesis, reasons, and examples. You can add transition phrases to connect your writing, and add powerful words to make it stand out.

Through your writing, you can share your opinions about all sorts of things—maybe you feel strongly about your favorite movie, or maybe you have opinions on the food in your cafeteria, or maybe you think your school should have a silly hair day.

No matter what your opinions are, your writing is a great way to share them.

I'll see you next time!