Lesson 5: Fix it Up!

UNIT: Amani's Animal Rescue

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, it's Jackie. When I finish 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's 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: Punctuation!

Every sentence needs to end with a period, a question mark, or an exclamation point.

This sentence is actually two sentences.

Discuss: Where is the missing punctuation in this sentence?

STEP 3

This sentence needed a period.

Now, look through your writing. Check the ends of each sentence to make sure they end with punctuation. If any are missing, you can add them.

STEP 4

Number 4: Capitalization

Every sentence needs to start with a capital letter.

Discuss: What is the missing capital letter?

STEP 5

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

Now look through your writing. Check the start of every sentence to make sure it begins with a capital letter. If any are missing, you can change the letter.

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 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 sounds 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 1: Recopy your work.

Your teacher will tell you where you'll write your final draft.

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 sure your writing is the neatest it can be.

WRAP UP

Writers, you learned a lot about your animal and how it protects itself. Your sign for Amani's Animal Rescue looks amazing!

Sharing your writing is a great way to celebrate. Here are some of our favorite ways to share. Keep writing and sharing, and I'll see you next time.