

Lesson 6: Share the LOLs

UNIT: Funny Memories

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 your funny memory for the Funny Memories Writing Festival. 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. Then later on, you'll create your final draft storybook of your funny memory. 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: Punctuation!

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

Discuss: This sentence is actually two sentences. Can you find where the missing period should go?

STEP 3

The period needs to go here between these two sentences.

Now look through your writing. Check the end of every sentence to make sure it ends with a period, question mark, or exclamation mark. If it doesn't, you can add one.

STEP 4

Number 4: Capitalization

Every sentence needs to start with a capital letter.

Discuss: Where is the missing capital letter?

STEP 5

This letter needs to be capitalized since it's at 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 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 1: 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 wanna 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

Today, you'll make your story pages into a book you can share with others.

To get started, get these supplies.

STEP 12

Get your story cover page.

Fill in the blanks with a title for your story and your name as the author.

STEP 13

Get your story draft pages.

On the first page of your story, write the number "1" in the first circle and the number "2" in the second circle. If you have more story pages, write numbers "3" and "4". Continue writing numbers until every circle has a number in it.

STEP 14

Fold each of your story draft pages in half on the dotted line, like this.

Make sure your story is on the outside of the folded paper.

Run your finger along the edge to make a strong crease.

STEP 15

Fold your cover page in half on the dotted line like this.

STEP 16

Stack your folded story draft pages in order in a pile, with page one on the top. Your pile should go in odd numbers—with page one on the top, then three, and so on.

Make sure they are in a neat pile with the edges lined up.

STEP 17

Take your folded cover page with the title on the front. Open the fold like this and place your stack of folded story draft pages into the cover page.

Double-check to make sure when you lift the title page, your page one is right side up and ready to be read.

STEP 18

Make sure all of your pages are lined up and neatly stacked inside of your story cover.

Use a stapler to put three staples on the staple icons. If you're waiting your turn for a stapler, you can start drawing a picture for the cover of your book.

STEP 19

Fold over the top of your book on the solid line here.

Be aware of the staples while you fold. They can be sharp.

Press down to make a strong crease, then unfold it.

STEP 20

It's time for the final touches.

On the back of your book, you can fill in the blanks to create an about the author section.

Then use your coloring supplies to make a fun cover for your story.

WRAP UP

Congratulations, writers! You have made this year's Funny Memories Writing Festival one to remember. You now have a fun story of something that really happened to you, and now you can share it with others.

If you have time, you might share your story with your classmates or display it somewhere for others to read, or you can take your story home and share it with your family or community.

No matter who reads your story, they will be absolutely delighted to read all about a joyful time in your life—a time you laughed.

I hope you continue to experience fun and laughter and share those amazing moments with others. I'll see you next time.