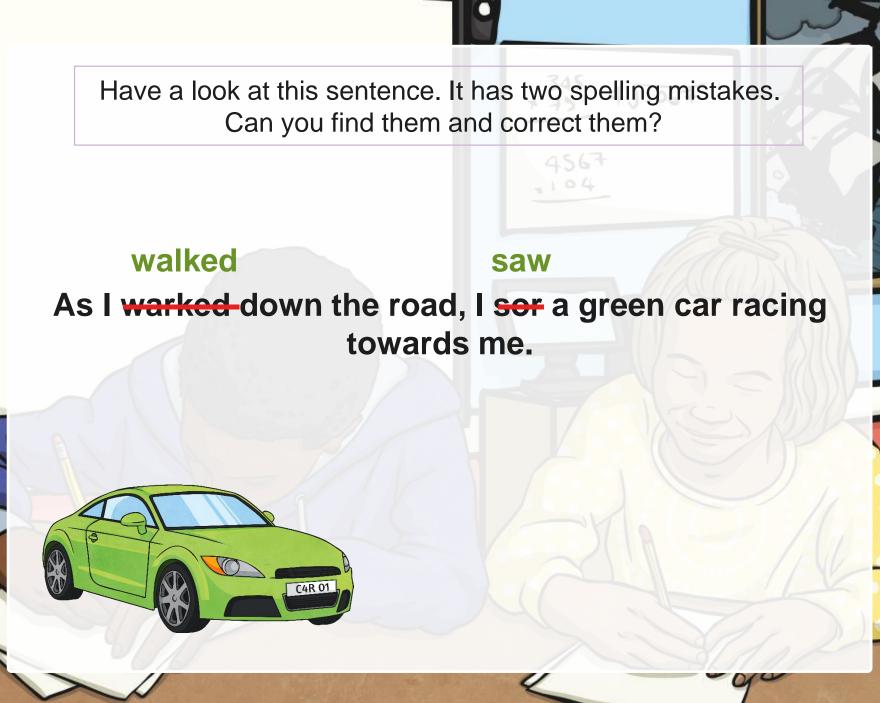


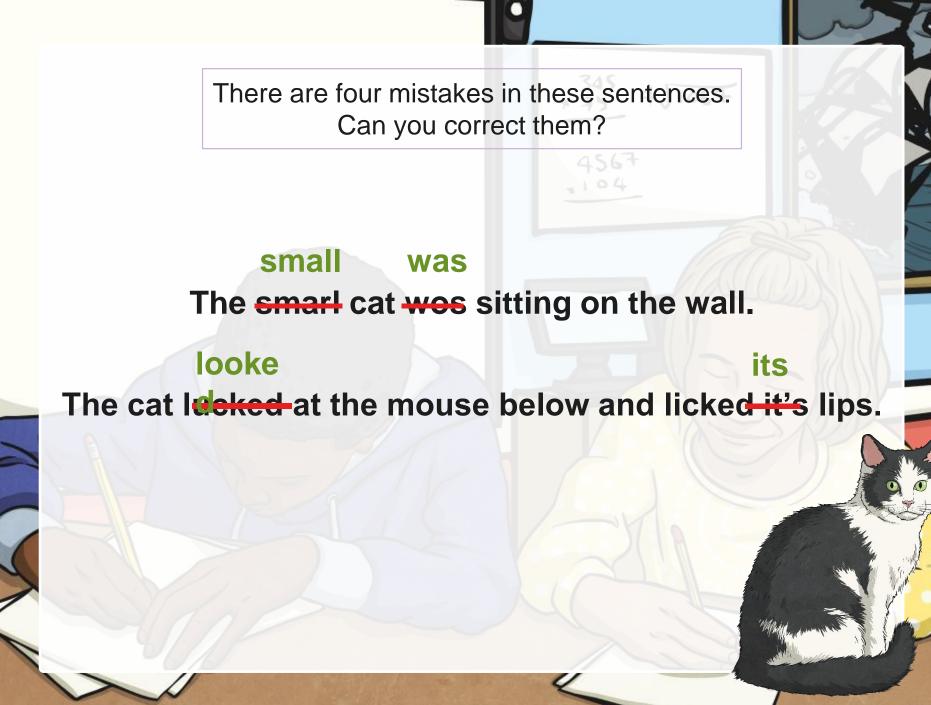
Editing Starter



People who write books don't just write a story and send it to the publishers. They edit and rework their writing to make it the best it can possibly be!

We are going to practice editing and making our writing the best that it can possibly be!





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Sometimes, when we are writing, we forget to put punctuation and capital letters. Can you spot what is missing in these sentences?

I love going to the park when it is sunny i could stay there all day.

I love going to the park. When it is sunny, I could stay there all day.

What punctuation is missing in these sentences?

Tom looked down at the dragon it had green scales and was blowing fire out through its nose tom didn't know what to do next

Tom looked down at the dragon. It had green scales and was blowing fire through its nose. Tom didn't know what to do next. Now it's your turn...

We are now going to move on to up-level our work by adding to it.

We are going to begin with a basic sentence.

The night was cold and it was scary.



Step 1 – The basic sentence

The night was cold and it was scary.

Step 2 – Add /change vocabulary to heighten the impact on the reader

The night was <u>bitterly</u> cold and a <u>feeling of dread filled the air</u>.

By replacing <u>scary</u>, it allows the reader to get a better understanding, to feel scared.

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Step 3 – Add a relative clause

The night, that was the darkest <u>I had ever witnessed</u>, was bitterly cold and a feeling of dread filled the air.

Step 4 – Change the openings Blackness surround me: the night, that was the darkest I had ever witnessed, was bitterly cold and a feeling of dread filled the air.

Fronted adverbials

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Fronted Adverbials are words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence which are used to describe the action that follows.

Time	Frequency	Place	Manner	Possibility
Afterwards,	Often,	Above the clouds,	Sadly,	Almost unbelievably,
Already,	Again,	Below the sea,	Slowly,	Much admired,
Always,	Daily,	Here,	Happily,	Nearly asleep,
Immediately,	Weekly,	Outside,	Awkwardly,	Quite understandably,
Last month,	Fortnightly,	Over there,	Bravely,	Really happily,
Now,	Yearly,	There,	Like a ,	Perhaps,
Soon,	Sometimes,	Under the ground,	As quick as a flash,	Maybe,
Yesterday,	Rarely,	Upstairs,	As fast as he could,	Just arrived,
Today,	Every second,	In the distance,	Without a sound,	Certainly amused,
Tomorrow,	Twice a year,	Between the sea and the sky,	Without warning,	Obviously angry,
Next year,	Once a minute,	Everywhere she looked,	Unexpectedly,	Definitely confused,
In January,	Once,	Around the tent,	Unfortunately,	Completely exhausted,
On Tuesday,	Once or twice,	Back at the house,	Suddenly,	Barely alive,
In the morning,	Three times,	Nearby,	Mysteriously,	Out of breath,
After a while,	Constantly,	Down by the cliffs,	Frantically,	Decidedly unimpressed,
As soon as she could,	Regularly,	Behind the shed,	Anxiously,	Perfectly confident,
Before long,	Frequently,	In the wooden box,	Courageously,	Positively trembling with
All of a sudden,	Infrequently,	Over my bed,	Silently,	excitement,
In the blink of an eye,	Occasionally,	Somewhere near here,	Curiously,	Purely practically,
Just then,	Rarely,	Far away,	Nervously,	Somewhat flustered,
Eventually,	Never in my life,	Wherever they went,	Rapidly,	Utterly joyous,
Later,	Never before,	North of here,	Carefully,	Totally overwhelmed,





Here are further examples that I have created linked to our topic of allotments:

1. Our basic sentence:

The plums were purple and hung from the branch.

2. Add / Change vocabulary to heighten the impact on the reader: The ripe, Julian purple plums hung precariously from the drooping branch.

3. Add a relative clause The ripe, juicy, purple plums that were as dark as the night hung precariously from the drooping branch. 4. Change the opening. A cold wind rustled the leaves, the ripe, juicy, purple plums, that were as dark as the night, hung precariously from the drooping branch.



Now, it's your turn – use the images of allotments and write a description of it using the techniques we used yesterday and that we have revisited today.

- Improving / changing the vocabulary choice
- Adding a relative clause
- Change the opening (see the fronted adverbials sheet for ideas)



Extension Activity – read through the description on the following page – can you identify any of these uplevelling techniques?

The Jungle

The jungle is a hot and steamy world where enormous trees loom up to the sky, lush vegetation, ferns and fungi thrust up from the forest floor, and vines and lianas curl around the tall trunks, reaching eagerly towards the high canopy. Buttress and stilt roots sprawl across the shallow soil. Orchids burst into incredible swirls of colour and form, frogs and butterflies flaunt vibrant hues, emerald snakes glisten, parrots soar in a blaze of orange, scarlet, blue and green while hummingbirds probe exotic flowers for nectar. Toucans and birds of paradise add to this amazing colour spectrum. A myriad of plants and animals find their own special niche in this kaleidoscope of life and energy.

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