## EDITING BINGO

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STRUCTURAL EDIT	Check for your character's problem  Does your character have a clear problem?  Does your character act to solve the problem?	Check your hero is being MORALLY CORRECT  Remember: your hero must act like a hero, not like a villain.	Expand sentences into paragraphs  He was bullied.  → Every day after school, four Year 6s waited for Jim by the bike sheds.  "Look who it is," their leader sneered as Jim approached. "Lucky us."	Take each paragraph on DATES • • Dialogue • Action • Thoughts • Exposition • Senses
COPY EDIT 1	Change description into DIALOGUE  Mum didn't believe him.  → "Don't you lie to me!" Mum said.  Dad told me to stay.  → "Stay here," Dad told me.	A mean bully  → A bully as mean as a hungry hawk.  Her hair shone like gold  → Her hair shone like the river in moonlight.	TELL us what your character is THINKING  Surprised? → I can't believe it! A kitten!  Suspicious? → What's Anna doing over there?	SHOW us how your character is FEELING  I felt scared. → I could hardly breathe.  I was sad. → I felt like my heart would break.
COPY EDIT 2	Replace boring verbs (had went got) with STRONGER VERBS  I went to my car I sprinted to my car I had a look in the bag -> I peeked in the bag	Add descriptions  What are they wearing? → She wore jeans and a green t-shirt.  Where are they? → The room was old and dusty with high windows.	Invent your own two-word adjectives  Bright yellow → Egg-yolk yellow  Rough waves → Washing-machine waves	Use your setting to create mood  A sunny day → hopeful  Rain clouds gathering → danger is approaching
PROOF READ	New idea? New line  "What's that?" said Mum.  "It's a kitten," Jen replied.  "Why is it here?" Mum asked.	Replace description with ONOMATOPOEIA  I fell to the ground. → Crunch! I was shocked. → "Argh!"	Check that you're using commas and full stops  Read your story aloud If you pause, you might need a comma If you start on a new idea, you might need a full stop.	Check your spelling  Grab a dictionary and check the spelling of any words you're not sure of.