

Editing Skills: Grammar at the Point of Need

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BASICS

1. Educate yourself about grammar; have a useful resource
2. Do a lot of writing.
3. Think “edit” not “correct.” Minimize markings
4. Minimize “ex post facto” teaching.
5. View student errors as future lesson plans.
6. Note that a problem for one student this week will likely be a problem for a different student next week.

7. Methods & Techniques

“Grammar with a Giggle” story approach

Peer Editing vs. Group Editing

Teacher-created practice sheets with embedded errors

8. Tips

Editing marks (cool symbols)

Humor

Partners/Teams/Contests

Regretful Experience

by
Fiona

One exceedingly hot summer's day in the sky the hawk who was peacefully flying about, noticed an un-friendly parakeet picking at his tail. Regretfully, he turned around, lost his balance and was tragically heading for the ground when he overcame and got back his consciousness and lofted back in the air and was a little sprained but his notion was to strike back at the parakeet but when he got there, the little pest wasn't there. Then at that exact moment realized he wasn't doing the right thing by frightening but by simply asking politely and now he was terribly hurt so he decided to write a short story about his regretful experience.

My Absolutely Fabulous Brother

by Catherine

My brother is nice, his name is Michael. And his age is nine. He is absolutely crazy about science, which is mostly rockets and exploding things. He enjoys going on vacation because we get to stay at a fancy hotel near when we visit our grandparents. He has a fat cat named Penny, she devours her food. Quintessentially, I play a lot with him because he has a very good imagination. When I think, he is the nicest brother in the world.

My Interesting Family

by Michael

My family is tremendously interesting. My sister, she's crazy about hair. I have a talent for music and composing. My dad, who works as a bus driver, is very funny and enjoys art. My mom is a medical transcriptionist, although she works at home. We enjoy our cats because they are cute and furry. Because my cat Penny is terribly lazy she sleeps a lot. My sister's cat Frisky is more energetic and less lazy. All my family are truly interesting.

Life on a Farm

by Kelsea

Obviously living on a homemade farm means hard animal work. You have to wake up at 6:30, and let out the sheep and chickens out. When letting the chickens out it feels like you are being pushed or tripped by a group of people. It's so cute. I always put the chickens and the sheep before dark. But before you put them in you have to give them fresh water, grain, hay everyday. Because you lock them up for the night. Sometimes on the weekends you have to clean their stalls and put new shavings in. It takes about 1 or 2 hours which it is seriously disgusting.

Jackalopes
by
Louis Awedup

1 Jackalopes, which are really unusual, are usually seen in Montana
4 and parts of the Dakotas. Having a rabbit-like body makes them
2 faster. With their short ears and long wings they are easy for
observers to spot when flying overhead because of the unusual
1 and unique shadow shape which they have, like a dragon. You
1 may not believe in Jackalopes, but I do. That's because
photographs of them can be purchased by people all over the
5 place. If you want a Jackalope then you'll have to hunt hard.
Hunters, who try hard to chase and pursue Jackalopes, are
3sss energetic. Continuously Jackalopes avoid people. They don't like
5 people. They kill them. So if you can't find one yourself although
you want to see Jackalopes, well then, hunters in North Dakota
6, Q should be contacted. You now should believe in Jackalopes. How
about it?