

# When You Think You're Done

Lesson Series 5

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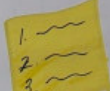

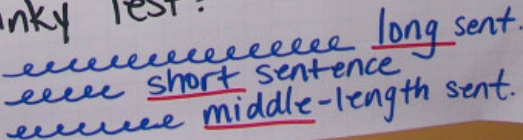
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# Done List

**When You're Done!!**  
YOU'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN

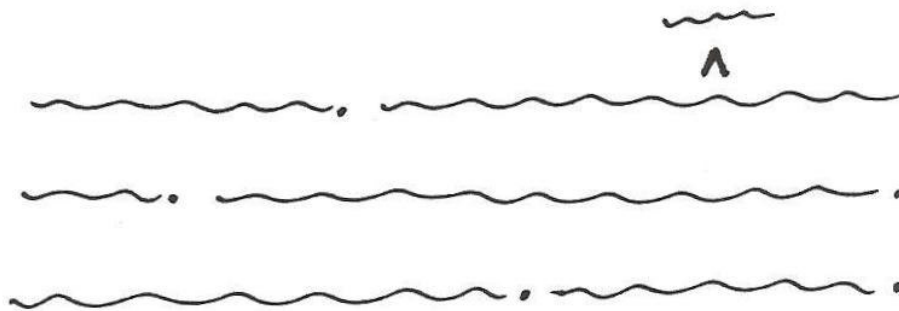
1. Start a new writing.
2. Work on an old writing.
3. Circle 4 **dinky** words.  
Turn them into **Wow** words.
4. Add 3 spider legs. 
5. Write 3 new titles on a sticky note. Pick favorite. 
6. **Highlight** the first 2 words of every sentence.  
Revise the repeats.  
(And then... And then...) 
7. Try 2 more hooks on a sticky note. Which do you like better?
8. Does your sentence length vary? Does it pass the Slinky Test?  


Tasks on the "Done" list need to be specific and, when possible, incorporate a writer tool. Although the list may start off generic at the beginning of the year (see #1 and #2), as you teach new lessons, add them to the list. By growing the "Done" list, you hold students accountable for the skills you're teaching them.

# Revision Strategies

Mom, Dad, please <sup>consider</sup> ~~concern~~ it.

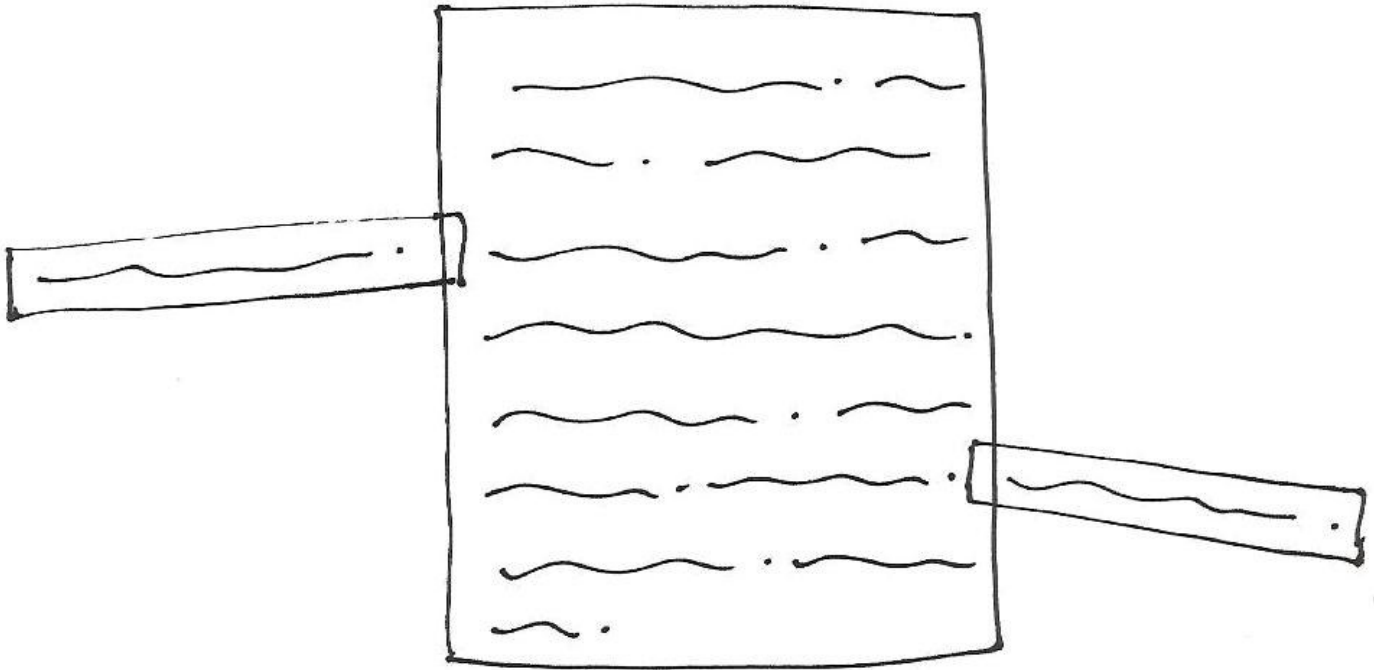
*When needing to delete or replace a word/phrase, simply strikethru.*



Three lines of wavy lines representing text. The top line has a wavy line above it and a caret (^) below it, indicating an insertion point.

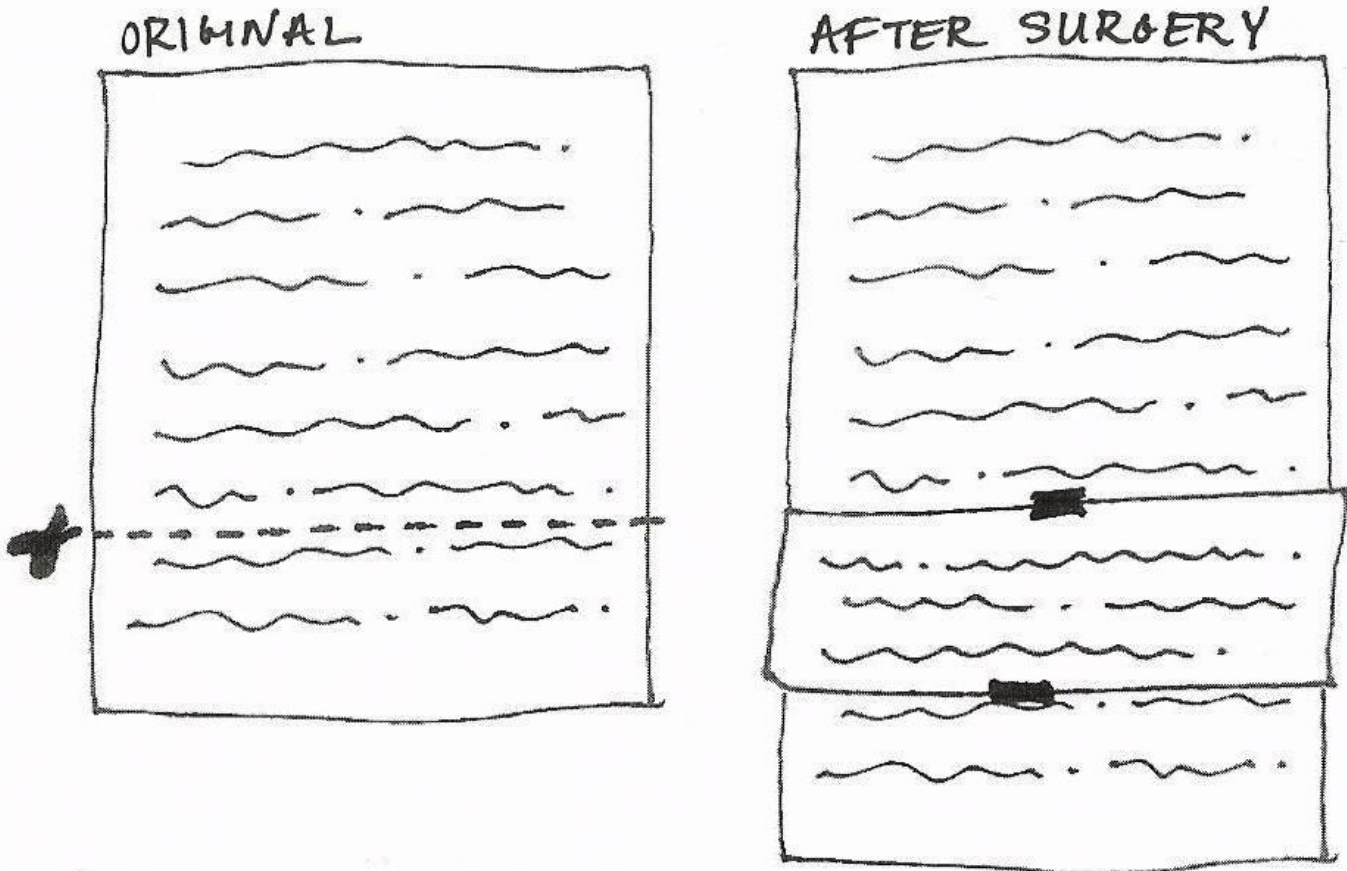
*When adding a word or two, the caret is a simple way to insert details.*

# Revision Strategies



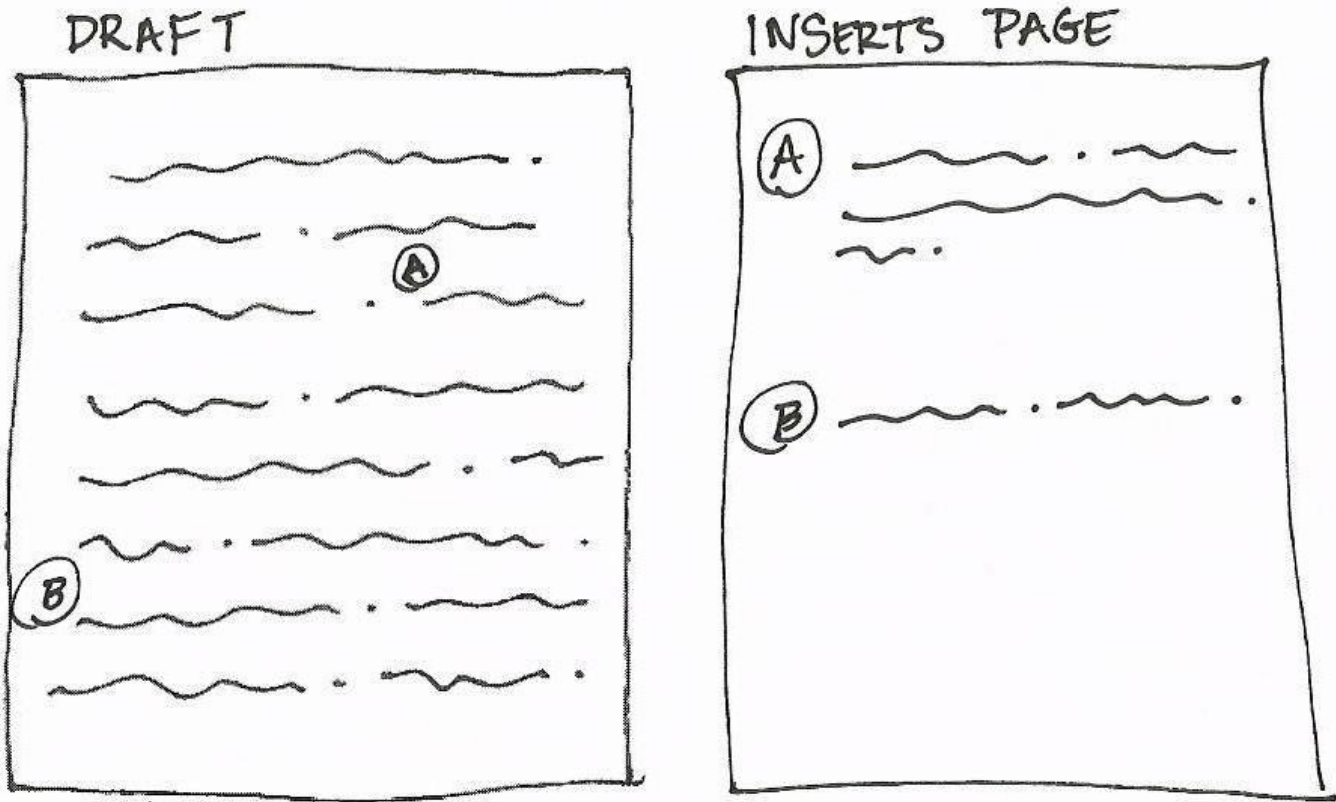
*If a student wants to add a sentence or two, then spider legs is a perfect technique. The student writes his sentence on a strip of paper (a "leg") and then tapes it onto the "body" of the piece, right where he wants to insert it.*

# Revision Strategies



*When needing to add larger chunks of text (multiple sentences at a time), a spider leg won't provide enough space. Suggest story surgery. This is when the writer cuts apart his story (where he wants to insert an additional paragraph of text) and tapes in another sheet of paper. Compare story surgery to "cutting open the story" and "messing with the guts." NOTE: This technique also works well when students need to rearrange the order of sentences or paragraphs.*

# Revision Strategies



*For the student who needs to add in a chunk of text but doesn't want the mess of story surgery, suggest he create an inserts page. This would require another whole sheet of paper. Using an endnote symbol within his draft, the writer indicates where he wants to add more. Then, using the same symbol on the inserts page, he drafts the additional sentences.*

# Original

Dear Mom and Dad,

I would love to get internet. I promise I will **NOT** break the rules you make. If I do, you can take the computer away. If Kristen and Kyle break the rules you can do whatever!

Also, when we can look up camp sites on the internet. We can get hotels off the internet, too.

The best way it helps us with projects. It can help us with science and social studies projects. Mom, Dad, please concern it.

Love,  
megan

P.S. We can play educational games, and Mom you can buy antiques off EBAY too.

# Revision

Dear Mom and Dad,

Do you think we should get internet? I do, and here are some reasons why.

It can help us have more family time. we can do lots of things together. well, we can find and reserve

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pay bills and see the weather too. mom, you know we almost always need to see the weather.

Mom, dad, I think we should make rules. I would love to get internet. I promise I will ~~not~~ break the follow the rules you make. If I don't, you can take the computer away. If Kristen and Kyle break the rules you can do whatever!

The best way it helps us with projects. It can help us with science and social studies projects. Mom, Dad, please ~~concern~~ it.

Consider

This is one that helps with SCHOOL!! we can go on the internet to help us with projects. We can get research.

Love,  
Megan

P.S. We can play educational games, and Mom you can buy antiques off eBay too.

P.P.S. I guess I can help around the house too if that will help you say yes.

It can help me with my spelling. It has maps and other stuff.

You know it is a waste of gas to go to Debbie's house to use the internet.



# Final Draft

November 15, 2007

Dear Mom and Dad,

Do you think we should get internet? I do, and here are some reasons why.

It can help us have more family time. We can do a lot of things together. Well, we can find and reserve camp sites. We can get hotels, pay bills, and see the weather too. Mom, you know we almost always need to see the weather.

Mom, Dad, I think we should make rules. I promise I will follow the rules you make. If I don't you can take the computer away. If Kristen and Kyle break the rules you can do whatever!

This is one that helps with SCHOOL!! We can go on the internet to help us with projects. We can get research. It can help me with my spelling. It has maps and other stuff. And you know it is a waste of gas to go to Debbie's house to use the internet. Mom, Dad, please consider it.

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