

Writing Wednesday 24th November

Tuhituhi Rāapa 24 o Whiringa-ā-rangi

Essential task 1

WALT: revise and edit writing

To do this you will

1. Read each writing sample aloud.
2. When you don't understand what the author is trying to say put a question mark.
3. Underline/highlight the spelling and punctuation mistakes; and
4. Rewrite each sample with the errors you have identified fixed.

Sample 1

See if you can find where to correct/insert:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 full stops followed by a capital letter• 1 capital letter• 3 words missing• 1 full stop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9 spelling mistakes• 2 commas• Rewrite 1 number in the word form.
<p>Towods the end of the muddy dried-up track suddenly appeared a rusty rundown house The area around this house was very dull with litle to no life surrounding it, not a stray cat or bird you could see. The house had no furniture, and the dusty windows had been coverd with sheets. Nearly every wall in 2-story house had cracks and ripped-off wallpaper it would be an understatement to say this house was terrifying spider webs were spread across the entire house. I started hear sof sobbing coming from the basement so I contemplated going to check out what I was hear. As the cry's started getting louder and more violent I very cautiously walked over to the door leeding down. I opened the door and a lump shot through my throat; I couldn't believe what I was seeing.</p>	

Rewrite sample one under here:

Sample 2

See if you can correct/insert:

5 spelling mistakes 2 full stops followed by a capital letter 4 commas	1 exclamation mark 2 missing words Speech marks
<p>A ribbon of moonlight lit up the end of a dusty dirt track just in front of me, and the tall dead trees made creepy shadows on the ground. Just about 50 metres front of me there stood an old, rundown misterious house that looked like it had been there for centuries. It probably had There was absolutely sign of life, except for a few rats scuttling around in the bushes on the left side of the building i was sceptical of venturing any further, but I felt like a magnet getting pulled further and further in. Creeeeaaaaak The door to the house slowly swung open, sending a chill down my spine before I set foot in the house, I heard a screeching sound, sort of like nails running down a chalkboard. Then there was a loud cry. But it didn't just sound like a sad cry, it was like a cry saying: Get me out of here!</p>	

Rewrite Sample Two Here:



YOU GOT THIS!

Essential task 2

STEP 1: Read the story from last week that is in the grid below.

Notice that it has been organised into a clear sequence to show it follows the plan that we created last week.

<p>Beginning</p> <p>Orientation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. At the end of a dirt track was a tattered old house. The empty windows seemed to peer untrustingly out at the world, like an abandoned dog. Speaking of abandoned dogs, if it hadn't been for Zed, our family's border collie, I wouldn't have been standing there right now, staring up at the enormous entrance to the eerie old building. I heard a yelp from within. I was going to have to go in, there was no avoiding it. It was going to begin getting dark soon and I had to get home. But why, oh why, had I come here on my own? I heard another yelp, and this time my stomach lurched violently. What was that other sound – the one that sounded eerily human? It was going to begin getting dark soon and I had to get home. There was another yelp.
<p>Middle</p> <p>Problem Part One</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. OK, I was psyching myself up. It was now or never. I turned the door handle and the door swung open, silently and smoothly for one which had been unused for so long. Or had it? The floorboards creaked and groaned under my feet as I crossed the entrance, into a vast empty hallway. I realised I was holding my breath and I let out a deep sigh as I reassured myself the house was empty, nothing to worry about, those rumours I'd heard were only rumours. SLAM! Went the door. Boom boom BOOM went my heart as I spun around to face the closed door. I grabbed frantically at the handle, but it was loose in my hand and nothing I could do could force the door open. I was trapped!3. I heard another bark and tried to follow the sound. Suddenly a misty hooded figure appeared and said, "get off my property!" I ran down the hallway towards the back of the house. The next thing I know there is a loud crack, and I felt my body falling. When I came to, I felt a pain in my ankle that made me wince and I felt like I was going to cry. I had no idea where I was, and the only light was coming from a small window. The room was dark and dusty. <p>Problem Part Two</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. I heard loud wailing and heavy footsteps on the floorboards above me. Somehow, I managed to get to my feet and steady myself against one of the supporting beams. The door leading to where I was opened and illuminated a flight of stairs at the end of the room. I ducked behind a large box, trying not to make a sound as I waited for whatever it was to come down and find me.5. I heard heavy footsteps coming down the stairs. My heart was pounding in my chest. I reached for my phone and turned on the torch. The next thing I know I hear a loud screech above my head, and I shone the torch into the hooded figures' face. I gasped at it revealed a human skull inside the hood. It let out one final surprised screech before dissolving into a thin mist. I looked down at the phone as it beeped with 10% battery remaining. I knew if I kept using the torch the battery would run out quickly and I still had to find Zed!
<p>End</p> <p>Resolution</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. I heard a noise coming down the stairs and shone my torch in the direction of it. Suddenly the large object lunged at me and knocked me over and licked me all over the face. My heart melted I was so happy to be reunited with Zed. <p>Conclusion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">7. I slowly hobbled out of the house with Zed by my side.

STEP 2: Paste your own story below and complete the following tasks.

- a. **Organise your ideas** to make sure there is a clear order of events, and the ending makes sense. Reorganise if you need to.
- b. **Edit** your spelling and grammar following the instructions in **Essential Task 1**

Beginning
Orientation
Middle
Problem Part One
Problem Part Two
End
Resolution
Conclusion

Essential task 3

Planning the layout of your book

Here is an example of a written plan for what text is going on each page, and what visual information will be supplied. Illustrations/pictures help to set the mood and explain the story a bit more. On the left is a snippet of the text, the start and end only. On the right is a description of what visual information the illustration will contain.

Example:

<p>Page 1</p> <p>At the end of a dirt track There was another yelp.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haunted house • Boy standing outside • Yelp coming from the house in a speech bubble
<p>Page 2</p> <p>OK, I was psyching myself up... I'd heard were only rumours.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boy opening the door • Spiderwebs and spider scuttling • Glowing eyes in darkness
<p>Page 3</p> <p>SLAM! ... I was trapped!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close up of door closed, door vibrating "SLAM" words written. • Boy looking scared
<p>Page 4</p> <p>I heard another bark... towards the back of the house.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misty hooded figure • Dark background
<p>Page 5</p> <p>The next thing I know there is a loud crack, and I felt my body falling.... The room was dark and dusty.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boy falling through a dark space • Broken floorboards falling • Spiders/cobwebs • Spooky eyes in the dark
<p>Page 6</p> <p>I heard loud wailing it was to come down and find me.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boy hiding in dark • Thud thud thud written • OooohhooooOooo written (coming from distance) • Spiders/cobwebs etc
<p>Page 7</p> <p>I heard heavy footsteps coming down the stairs.human skull inside the hood.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shining torch light on hooded face • Human skull looks surprised/scared! • Spiders cobwebs etc
<p>Page 8</p> <p>It let out one final surprised.... I still had to find Zed!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close up on phone in Billy's hand showing battery 10% • Spiders etc
<p>Page 9</p> <p>I heard a noise coming slowly hobbled out of the house with Zed by my side.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billy hugging dog • dog licking Billy's face,
<p>Page 10</p> <p>No text</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boy walking home (you see his back) and his dog looking happy - maybe they are just silhouettes. • It is dark • Moon shining bright on them

