

Grade 5 English Language Arts
Week of October 19 – October 22

Lesson 2: Writing Process – Describe an Animal

Drafting & Revising



The drafting stage is also called a sloppy copy. Take your ideas and write them into sentences and paragraphs.

Do not worry about grammar, spelling, or punctuation.



Writing a rough draft: <https://youtu.be/7klxTIKjZRw>

Draft Example

Name: _____

Date: _____

Squirrel (Draft)

Squirrels and birds are on my front lawn a lot. There are a lot of nuts and plants. A Squirrel takes an acorn off the ground with tiny hands.

She is looking at me with bright black eyes. Her head moves back and forth. She has just a dot of a nose. She has a bit of fluff for ears

Her grey-brown body has stripes of reddish-brown down her sides. She has a soft, bushy tail. She runs up the oak tree. She sprints across the telephone without falling off. She still has the nut. She is fast and agile.

She chitters to her friends.



Revising is when you look at the content and ask the following questions:

Is it in the right order?

Did you say everything you wanted to say?

Did you say everything you need to say? ****Check the marking rubric to make sure you have everything you need in your writing.****

Is the information relevant? Do you need more details? **Add, delete, substitute/replace, or move things as needed.**



<https://youtu.be/RBKqgOvmJ8w>

Revised Example

Name: _____

Date: _____

Fast Feet (Revise)

~~Squirrels and birds are on~~ My front lawn a lot. ~~is like a free buffet for~~
~~the neighborhood animals.~~ ~~There are a lot of nut and plants.~~ A Squirrel
~~takes~~ scoops an ~~tasty~~ acorn off the ground with tiny hands, ~~and stares~~
~~She is looking~~ at me with bright black eyes. Her head ~~moves~~ darts back
and forth. She has just a dot of a nose. ~~She has~~ and a bit of fluff for ears

~~Zip! Her~~ She is a flash of grey-brown fur ~~body-with~~ has stripes of
reddish-brown stripes down her sides. ~~She has a~~ Her soft, bushy tail
~~flies after her.~~ The squirrel ~~runs~~ shoots up the oak tree. ~~She and then~~
sprints across the telephone without falling off. She still has the nut.

~~She is fast and agile.~~ She chitters to her friends in the trees.