



# EDITING

## *Year 5 Lesson Plan 6*

This lesson is going to make sure that your pieces of writing are the best they can be. You are going to check that the words are the most exciting and suitable that you can use and the phrases and sentences build a picture in the reader's mind.

# Editing your story



On the Island of Lights,

Children dreamt about marshmallow clouds and liquorice roads.

Sea lions walked the streets using crutches.

The roads had under floor heating for cold weather.



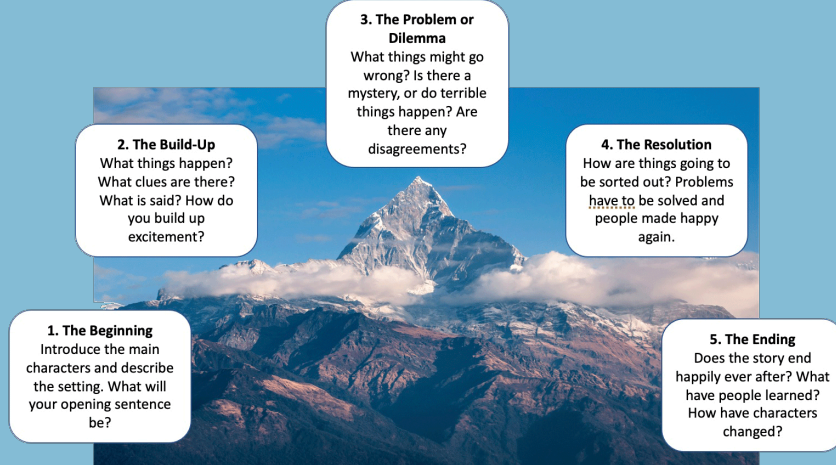
Describe what you can see in the photograph.  
How could you continue the description of the Island of Lights?

# Editing

Last lesson you wrote the middle of your pieces of writing.

Let's read your class story so far, are you happy that you have included all the elements of the story mountain?

How could you improve it?



## Example opening:

As I watched them in front of me, I could see an array of buildings  
before me with many towers, billowing smoke.

What do you think?

What can you see?

Who are they?

What can you see, hear, touch?



What do you wonder?

What do you wonder?

# Complication

Something must happen here that interest the reader/audience:

What are you going to do whilst you are here?

Do you begin to explore?

Do you meet someone?

What are you going to do  
whilst you are here?



Does the weather change?

Is this a pleasant place to be?

What can you see that is unusual?

What do you see that is unusual?

# Crisis

Something must happen here that goes wrong: Do you get lost?  
Do you find something dangerous?  
Do you meet someone who is trying to trick you or challenge you?

What has gone wrong?

How is your problem linked  
to your complication?

What are the consequences?



Does the weather change?  
It normally does when something bad happens

How do you feel?

Are there any other characters involved?



Read your creative writing to your partner.

Read aloud and expressively.

Does your partner agree that you have included all the story mountain elements?

Could any descriptions be improved?

How are you trying to make the reader feel? Scared? Happy, Sad?

Do you need to add further detail to your descriptions?

Take some time to edit your work.

Use a thesaurus if you would like to change a word and you're struggling to think of a replacement.



