



EDITING

Year 6 Lesson Plan 6

In this lesson your class are going to learn about editing their stories.
All writers edit, even adults who write as a job.



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.

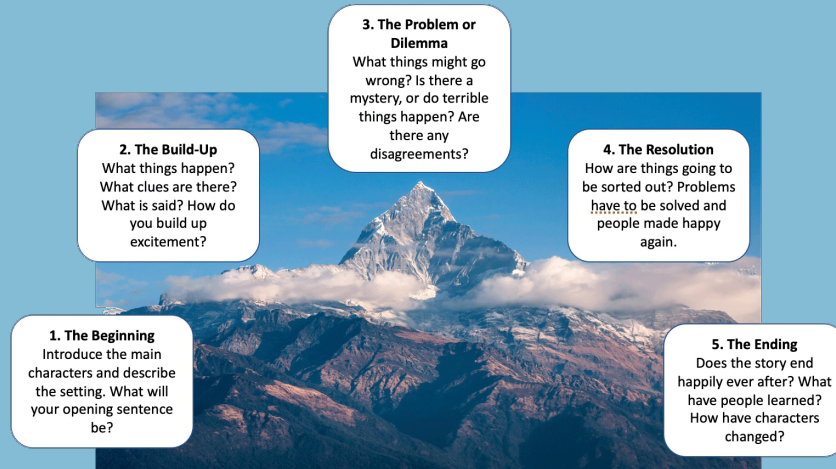
How could you continue the description of the Island of Lights?
Think about: the skies, the lighthouse, the seas, the snow, the food...

Editing

Last lesson you wrote the middle of your creative writing.

Read them, are you happy that you have included all the elements of the story mountain?

How could you improve it?





THE LOWRY

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 can you see?
- What do you think?
- What can you see, hear, touch?
- What do you wonder?
- Who are they?



Complication

Something must happen here that interest the reader/audience:

Why are you 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 can 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?

What are you going to do
whilst you are here?



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

Are there any other characters involved?

What can you see that is unusual?

Are there any other characters involved?



THE LOWRY



Read your piece of 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.

