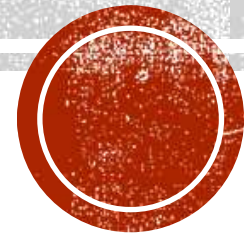


LO: TO EDIT AND IMPROVE MY DRAFT

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TASK

- Today you are going to edit and improve your draft.
- In order to edit your work effectively, you need to make sure you have used the correct punctuation and spellings, thought about whether the structure of your writing makes sense and consider whether you have used the most interesting adjectives that you can.
- Once you have edited your work, give it to an older sibling or parent to read as they'll be able to give you useful feedback on how to improve your work even more.



WHAT DOES 'UPLEVELLING A SENTENCE' MEAN?

To 'uplevel' a sentence is to make a boring sentence interesting by including more advanced grammatical features, such as changing...

The cat sat on the cushion.

into

Contentedly, the **sleepy, tabby cat** sat on the **comfortable, soft cushion while her owners were out shopping**.

How has this sentence been improved?



WHAT HAVE I ADDED?

Click on the grammatical features used to uplevel the sentence to find out more about them.

Fronted
Adverbials

Expanded Noun
Phrases

Subordinating
Conjunctions

Contentedly, the **sleepy, tabby cat** sat on the **comfortable, soft cushion** **while her owners were out shopping**.

Can you see how much more interesting this sentence has become now that we know some extra details?



FRONTED ADVERBIALS

Fronted adverbials are words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence which are used to describe the action that follows, such as:

Without a sound, Jonah slipped his ballot card into the box.



In May, Dr Foster waited for a bus to Gloucester.

Nervously, Simon waited for his test results.



EXPANDED NOUN PHRASES

An expanded noun phrase provides extra information about the noun. You can use **adjectives** or **modifying nouns** to give more information within your sentences, such as:

my **kind science** teacher



a **tiny, colourful** bird

a **straight, orderly** line



SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

Subordinating conjunctions are the first words within a subordinate clause. Subordinate clauses do not make sense on their own but when they are used with a main clause, they create a complex (multi-clause) sentence.

Emily had wanted a pet elephant **since she was a little girl.**



They danced together at the competition **until the music stopped.**



LET'S START...

We are going to uplevel the following sentence one step at a time.
Are you ready?

My mum went to the shop.



First, we will create **expanded noun phrases**.

Next, we will add a **fronted adverbial**.

Finally, we will add a **subordinating conjunction**.

