Make Space to Write

Students draft and edit their own phrase and two sentences.

1.LF.38 "Develop and edit first drafts using appropriate spacing between letters, words, and sentences and left-to-right and top-to-bottom progression."

NAME _____ DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 COLOR PHRASE

Draft

Edit

2 TWO SENTENCES

Draft

Edit

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read the directions aloud and give students time to choose and write their own ideas. Look for clear spaces between letters, words, and sentences, and for writing that moves left to right, then top to bottom. Record any support you give separately.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · COLOR PHRASE

SAY "Pick a color and a thing that can be that color. Write a two-word phrase in the first box, with both words together in that box. Check the space between the words and make sure the letters do not touch, then write your edited phrase in the second box."

- Box 1 (beside Draft): **A student-chosen two-word color phrase, such as red hat.**
- Box 2 (beside Edit): **The same two-word phrase with clear letter spacing and one word space, such as red hat.**

PART 2 · TWO SENTENCES

SAY "Think of two short sentences about your thing. Write both in the first box, starting each with a capital letter and ending each with a period. Write from left to right, move down if you need another line, then check the spaces between letters, words, and sentences and write both edited sentences together in the second box."

- Box 1 (beside Draft): **Two student-written sentences about the chosen thing in one box, such as My hat is red. My hat fits.**
- Box 2 (beside Edit): **The same two sentences in one box, edited for clear letter and word spacing, a space between sentences, capitals, and periods, such as My hat is red. My hat fits.**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Accept any sensible color phrase and two related sentences. Check that the edited writing has visible word and sentence spaces, letters that do not touch, and left-to-right progression with any new line below the first.