Writing Moves

Sort ways to make writing better.

2.W.5.a "Plan by generating ideas for writing by drawing and brainstorming; with support, revise writing by adding details (e.g., organization, sentence structure, word choice); edit writing for format and conventions (e.g., spelling..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

REVISE	EDIT
You revise when you add details to make an idea clearer for a reader. Add 'spotted' to 'A fox ran.'	You edit when you fix spelling, capital letters, or punctuation. Change 'teh' to 'the'.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle REVISE or EDIT for each change, then pick two items and explain how you knew where they belong.

1. Add 'steep' to describe a hill. REVISE EDIT
2. Add 'at noon' to a sentence about a picnic. REVISE EDIT
3. Change 'frend' to 'friend'. REVISE EDIT
4. Add 'sweet' to describe a peach. REVISE EDIT
5. Change 'we' to 'We' at the start of a sentence. REVISE EDIT
6. Put a period after 'The dog sleeps'. REVISE EDIT
7. Add 'in the pond' to a sentence about a frog. REVISE EDIT
8. Add 'four' to tell how many shells you found. REVISE EDIT

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new change that is a REVISE move and one new change that is an EDIT move.

REVISE _____

EDIT _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence about a kite. Show how you revise it by adding a detail. Then show how you edit it by fixing a capital letter or punctuation.

ANSWER KEY # Writing Moves

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Add 'steep' to describe a hill.	**REVISE**	Adds a detail about the hill.
2	Add 'at noon' to a sentence about a picnic.	**REVISE**	Adds a detail about when the picnic happens.
3	Change 'frend' to 'friend'.	**EDIT**	Fixes spelling.
4	Add 'sweet' to describe a peach.	**REVISE**	Adds a detail about the peach.
5	Change 'we' to 'We' at the start of a sentence.	**EDIT**	Fixes capitalization.
6	Put a period after 'The dog sleeps'.	**EDIT**	Fixes end punctuation.
7	Add 'in the pond' to a sentence about a frog.	**REVISE**	Adds a detail about where the frog is.
8	Add 'four' to tell how many shells you found.	**REVISE**	Adds a detail about the number of shells.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **REVISE**: Add 'tiny' to describe a seed.
- **EDIT**: Change 'bock' to 'book'.

Challenge: First: i flew a kite. Revise: i flew a blue kite. Edit: I flew a blue kite.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name an added detail for REVISE or a fixed convention for EDIT. For Part 3, accept other clear examples of each move.