Writing Move Sort

Sort the moves writers make to improve a draft.

3.W.5 "Apply the writing process to – Generate a draft by developing, selecting, and organizing ideas relevant to topic, purpose, and genre; revise to improve writing, using appropriate reference materials (e.g., quality of ideas, organization…"

NAME _____ DATE _____

REVISE

Revise when you want to make your ideas clearer, better ordered, or more interesting. You might add, remove, move, or replace parts of your draft.

Draft: The snail went. Revised: The snail crept beneath a leaf.

EDIT

Edit when you need to fix spelling, capital letters, or punctuation. The main idea stays the same.

Draft: mia sings. Edited: Mia sings.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle REVISE or EDIT for each writing move, then choose one item from each group and explain how you knew.

1. Add a reason the class chose the garden. REVISE EDIT
2. Move the picnic plan before the list of supplies. REVISE EDIT
3. Fix 'frend' to 'friend'. REVISE EDIT
4. Replace 'nice' with 'peaceful' to describe a beach. REVISE EDIT
5. Put a period at the end of 'We won the race'. REVISE EDIT
6. Capitalize 'monday' in a sentence. REVISE EDIT
7. Cut a sentence that does not belong in a report about frogs. REVISE EDIT
8. Add a detail that shows how the puppy felt. REVISE EDIT

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one item from each group and explain how you knew.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new writing move that revises a draft and one new writing move that edits a draft.

REVISE _____

EDIT _____

CHALLENGE

Write a draft sentence that needs both revision and editing, then write a better, corrected version and name both changes.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.W.5

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Add a reason the class chose the garden.	**REVISE**	Adding a reason develops the idea.
2	Move the picnic plan before the list of supplies.	**REVISE**	Moving information improves the order of ideas.
3	Fix 'frend' to 'friend'.	**EDIT**	This corrects spelling.
4	Replace 'nice' with 'peaceful' to describe a beach.	**REVISE**	A more exact word improves the description.
5	Put a period at the end of 'We won the race'.	**EDIT**	This fixes punctuation.
6	Capitalize 'monday' in a sentence.	**EDIT**	This fixes capitalization.
7	Cut a sentence that does not belong in a report about frogs.	**REVISE**	Removing an unrelated idea keeps the report on topic.
8	Add a detail that shows how the puppy felt.	**REVISE**	Adding a detail develops the idea.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Choose one item from each group and explain how you knew.
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 a sentence explaining why the parade was delayed.
- **EDIT**: Add a question mark after 'Where is my hat'.

Challenge: Draft: the cake was good New version: The lemon cake tasted sweet and tangy. Revision: Added details about the cake's flavor. Editing: Capitalized the first word and added a period.

Items 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8 are REVISE; items 3, 5, and 6 are EDIT. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify a change to ideas or wording for REVISE and a fix to writing rules for EDIT.