

Get More Details! Activity and Lesson Procedure

The following activity is an example of a revision activity for independent practice and application of skills that have been previously taught. As you teach new writing skills you can use this lesson plan to create an opportunity for your students to apply their learning. This is an example of an elaborative detail lesson. It's a good idea to create a "Before and After" journal for meaningful practice. These quick writes are also a great opportunity to make it your own.

Before and After Revision Lesson Procedure

- Review the particular skill with the class
- Distribute the "Before" page for Students
- If creating a journal format have them glue the "before" version to the left side of the page
- Read guidelines on "before" page together and discuss
- Have students work independently and circulate as they work
- Share and compare "before" and "after" versions. Discuss the "after" versions as successful revisions.

Before	After
<p>Read this short description. It is general. It does not include any specific details. It is BORING!</p> <p>It was such a pretty spring morning in the meadow!</p> <p>Revise this by writing a 6 - 10 sentence description. Write it so that the reader can actually see the meadow through your eyes! Do not include action that moves the story forward. Instead, freeze the moment and observe, using the 5 senses!</p> <p>Be sure to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ What was growing in the meadow? (Not a grocery list! Put each detail in a separate sentence.)✓ What was the weather like?✓ What did you hear?✓ What did you smell?• Show how you felt about being in the meadow.	<p>It was such a pretty spring morning in the meadow. Bright sunny daffodils swayed in the wind. The green grass scratched my leg as I walked through it. I looked at the sun as it shined on my back. The cool wind brushed through my hair. I heard the crickets chirping and the frogs croaking and it made me feel happy. I smelled honey suckel and red roses. I was so happy that I wanted to jump and spin.</p>