

Creating a Play

Write Revise



1. Introduce the characters, setting, and what is happening to start your play.



- 1. Tell the story by having the characters talk to each other.
- Include stage directions when they are needed.



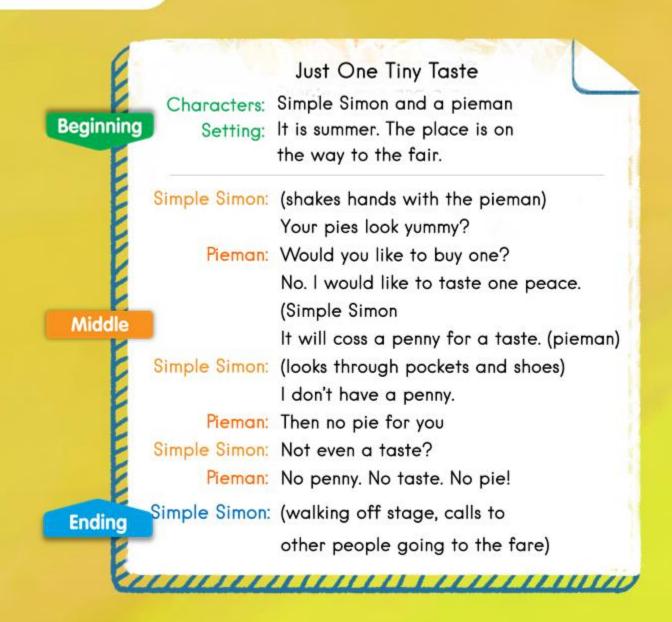
- State the main character's last line and add stage directions.
- 2. Add a title using either of the two ways: name the characters and use a topic detail.

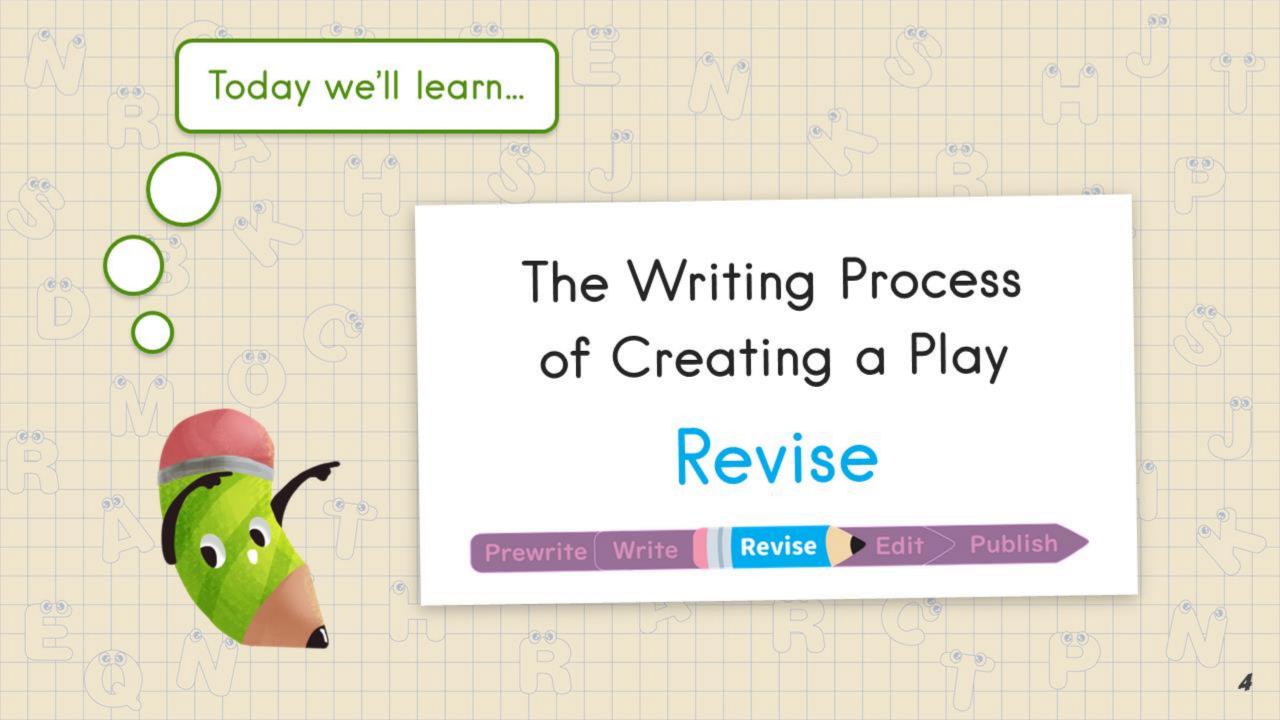
Review

Where were we last time?

- In our last class, Owen wrote the first draft of his play.
- ♦ He finished the Write ▶ step.
 Now he is going to Revise ▶.







Let's Learn

When we revise,
we try to make our
play clear and easy to
follow. Be sure that...





The beginning tells what is happening as the play starts.

Beginning



The character's name is written before his or her words.





The main character says something important in the ending.

Ending

Did the beginning tell what is happening?

Character: Simple Simon and a pieman

Setting: It is summer. the place is on

the way to the fair.

Read the beginning part of the play. Did the beginning tell what is happening as the play starts?







Let's Learn

Check how Owen revised his play.

Character: Simple Simon and a pieman

Setting: It is summer. the place is on the way to the fair. Along the way,

Simple Simon meets a pieman.

Middle Ending

I made these changes to tell what is happening at the start of the play.



Let's Think

Are the characters' names written before what they say?

Simple Simon: (shakes hands with the pieman)

Your pies look yummy?

Pieman: Would you like to buy one?

No. I would like to taste one peace.

(Simple Simon)

It will coss a penny for a taste. (pieman)

Simple Simon: (looks through pockets and shoes)

I don't have a penny.

Pieman: Then no pie for you

Simple Simon: Not even a taste?

Pieman: No penny. No taste. No pie!

Beginning





Look at the highlighted dialogues. What should we do to improve them?



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Beginning





I made sure that the characters' names are written before the dialogue.



Let's Think

Does the play end with the main character's last line?

Simple Simon: (walking off stage, calls to other people going to the fare)



Middle

Ending

Look at the main character's last line.

What can he say to end the play?



Check how Owen revised his play.

Simple Simon: (walking off stage, calls to other people going to the fare) Does anyone have a penny so I can try some pie?

Middle Ending

I end my play with a simple question from the main character.



Help revise the play.

Characters: Little Miss Muffet and a spider

Setting: It is a sunny morning. The place is outside her home

under a tree.

Little Miss Muffet: (eats curds and whey)

Hmm, I love curds and whey.

Spider: (hangs in front of miss Muffet)

That looks delicios. May I have some.

Little Miss Muffet: Ahhhh a Spider! (runs away)

(spider) I guess that's a yes. Thank you!

Little Miss Muffet: (runs back angrily)

No, you can't take my food! Go away, spider!

Spider: Ahhhh! (jams away)

(Little Miss Muffet) Don't come back, annoying little Spider.

Spider: (gives miss Muffet a flower)

I'm sorry, Miss muffet. I just wanted a snack?

Little Miss Muffet: (feels sorry for the Spider, takes the flower)

Check the answers.

Characters: Little Miss Muffet and a spider

Setting: It is a sunny morning. The place is outside her home

under a tree. While Little Miss Muffet is eating, a spider comes.

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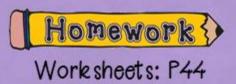
Spider: (gives miss Muffet a flower)

I'm sorry, Miss muffet. I just wanted a snack?

Little Miss Muffet: (feels sorry for the Spider, takes the flower)

Here, do you want some more curds and whey?

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Prewrite Write Revise Edit Publish

To make your essay better, revise your draft by making sure that...

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