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# LESSON 56

## Report Writing

### Revise



Prewrite

Write

Revise

Edit

Publish

**Beginning**

1. Introduce the **topic** and **share interesting facts**.
2. Add two or three interesting facts.

**Middle**

1. **Explain** and **describe the topic**.
2. Make **four main idea groups** and **write a paragraph** for each.



**Ending**

1. **List interesting ideas** from your grid that you haven't used yet.
2. Finish your paragraph by **telling why you like your topic**.



## Review

## Where were we last time?

- ◆ In our last class, Alice wrote the first draft of her report.
- ◆ She finished the  **Write** step. Now, she is going to  **Revise**.



### Humming Wonders

#### Beginning

A hummingbird is an amazing bird. Also, is a parrot. When it flies, its wings go so fast that they hum. That is how the bird got its name. A hummingbird can fly up, down, forward, and even backward.

The hummingbird is tiny. It is about 3 1/2 inches long. Its feathers are mostly brown and gray, but some are a shiny green, purple, red, or orange.

#### Middle

When a hummingbird eats, it flies like a helicopter. It pokes its long beak into flowers and drinks nectar. A hummingbird likes orange and red flowers. It also eats tree sap and insects. It lives close to the water in forests and gardens.

#### Middle

The Mother bird builds a small nest. The mother bird builds it out of tiny sticks and spiderwebs. She lines the nest with dandelion fluff and cattail fuzz. Then she lays two white eggs. The eggs are the size of peas. When the chicks hatch, they have no feathers. They are very tiny. The mother gathers food to feed her babies. They grow up. In two or three weeks, they can fly!

A hummingbird seems very tiny. The spiderwebs let the nest hold as the babies grow!

#### Ending



Today we'll learn...

# The Writing Process of Report Writing

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## Let's Learn

Read your report  
and use a checklist.  
Make sure that...



You focus on one bird.



You include specific details about the topic.



You write a beginning, a middle, and an ending.



You include one main idea in each paragraph.

Organization



You write complete sentences.



You use short and long sentences.





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Read the report.  
Did it **focus on one bird**?  
Did it **include specific details** about the topic?



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I made these changes to **focus on one bird** and **include specific details** about the topic.

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Check Alice's main ideas again. A paragraph should only have **one main idea**.

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- 1 Describe the bird's body.
- 2 Tell about food and where it lives.
- 3 Tell about its nest and eggs.
- 4 Tell about the babies.

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I made sure that **each paragraph** includes only **one main idea**.

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Did she **write complete sentences**?  
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I combined two  
sentences into one  
and fixed a fragment.



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## Let's Do

## Help revise this report.



The venus flytrap is a small plant. A pitcher plant is also small like it. It can grow up to 6-12 inches tall. It has pairs of leaves that look like toothy jaws that are always open, with three hairs on top. The plant can produce small white flowers. The flowers have green veins.

In the wild, the venus flytrap grows only in parts of North and South Carolina. Grows in poor soil and high humidity. sun-loving flytraps need to be under full sun. People can grow venus flytraps by placing them in direct sunlight. Tap or filtered water can kill this plant. Common pollinators like sweat bees and checkered beetles pollinate their flowers and create seeds. However, the flowers are cut. when not needed.

- You can focus on one plant.
- You can include specific details about the topic.

### Organization

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