

Revising using ARMS

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Writing

Grade 5

What does ARMS stand for?

- Add
- Remove
- Move
- Substitute

Add

- When do we add to a piece of writing?
 - If your piece it is so short it **does not make sense**, add.
 - If your audience could be **confused**, add.
 - If your paragraphs are **less than four sentences**, add.
 - If you know **you can make is sound better**, add.

Remove

- When do I remove a word, phrase, or sentence from my writing?
 - If it does **not move the piece forward**, remove.
 - If it is **random or awkward**, remove.
 - If you added an **extra word** on accident, remove.
 - If you have already said something else **very similar**, remove.

Move

- When do I move a word, phrase, or sentence?
 - If it is in the **wrong place**, move.
 - If it would make **more sense** somewhere else, move.
 - If you accidentally **mixed up the order** of words, move.

Substitute

- When do I substitute words?
 - If you used a **boring word** (such as sad, ran, or cool), substitute.
 - If there is a **more specific word** you can use, substitute.
 - If you used the **wrong word** on accident, substitute.
- Write down one boring word and an exciting word you could replace it with on your post-it note.