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 accidently **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.