

Teach **BIG**

Revising Rangers

Add, cut, move, and replace your way to a stronger draft

THIS BOARD SUPPORTS
Revising: Add, Cut, Move, Replace **TRAILHEAD**

Grab a draft, join the ranger patrol

2

Add a describing word to this sentence: "The dog ran."

3

Great add! Spin again.

4

Add a detail that tells when or where.

5

Cut the repeated word: "The big big dog barked."

6

Cut a repeat! Move ahead 1.

7

Cut the sentence that does not belong in this paragraph.

8

Great trim! Move ahead 2.

9

Move this idea to the front, it should come first.

**Ranger Station**

Your draft is stronger, great work ranger

25

Read your strongest word choice proudly.

24

Share your best revision with the group.

23

Draw a Revision Card and strengthen it aloud.

22

Read your revised paragraph once more.

21

Move a supporting detail closer to its topic sentence.

20

Nice cut! Spin again.

19

Cut a sentence that just repeats the topic sentence.

18

Caught a missing detail! Fix it to advance.

17

Add a sentence that shows a feeling instead of naming it.

16

Replace "nice" with a more exact word.

15

Great word swap! Move ahead 1.

14

Replace "said" with a livelier verb.

Four Ranger Moves

- Add** Add a detail, describing word, or feeling.
- Cut** Cut a repeat or a sentence that does not belong.
- Move** Move a sentence to a better spot.
- Replace** Swap a weak word for a stronger one.

★ **Star spaces** are action spaces. Read them aloud and do what they say.

Spinner



Spin a paper clip around a pencil point in the center.



How to Play

2 to 4 rangers • a small group center • 10 to 15 minutes

You need a paper clip, a pencil, a game piece for each player, a shared draft paragraph, and the Revision Cards.

- Everyone begins on TRAILHEAD with the shared draft. Choose a lead ranger to start.
- On your turn, spin the spinner, then move that many spaces.
- Read your space aloud and make the revision using the shared draft. Star spaces move you ahead or back.
- Land on a Revision Card space: draw a card and strengthen its sentence out loud.
- The first ranger to reach the Ranger Station wins. Cheer each other on.

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10

Move the strongest reason to the very end.

11

Tricky move. Lose one turn, then keep revising.

12

Replace "good" with a stronger word.

13

Missed a weak word. Go back 2.

Revision Cards

Print, cut apart, and stack face down beside the board for Revising Rangers

ADD

Weak sentence: "The storm hit the town." Add a detail that shows how big it was.

Revision Card · 1

CUT

Weak sentence: "The tall tall tree fell down." Cut the repeated word.

Revision Card · 2

MOVE

Weak order: "First, get your gear. Pack your compass. Before you leave, check the weather." Move the sentences into the best order.

Revision Card · 3

REPLACE

Weak sentence: "The hike was nice." Replace "nice" with a stronger word.

Revision Card · 4

ADD

Weak sentence: "The lake was cold." Add a detail about how it felt.

Revision Card · 5

CUT

Weak sentence: "The path was long and the path was rocky and the path was steep." Cut the repeats.

Revision Card · 6

MOVE

Weak order: "We ate lunch. We reached the summit. We started hiking." Move the events into the order they happened.

Revision Card · 7

REPLACE

Weak sentence: "The view was pretty." Replace "pretty" with a more exact word.

Revision Card · 8