

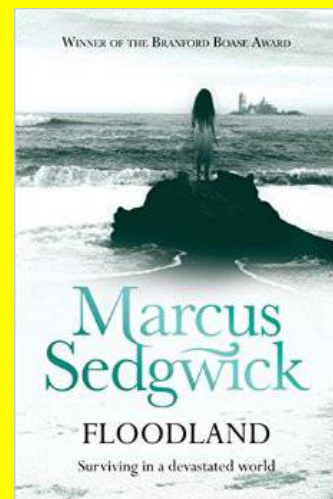
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Editing

L.O To be able to edit a piece of writing.

SC:

- Suggest ways to improve a sentence
- Change different word classes
- Remember that not all sentences need 'jazzing' up



Sometimes, sentences can be improved by making the tiniest of adjustments.

This may include changing a noun or verb with a word of similar meaning (synonym) or using more powerful adjectives. It may also include adding more detail to a description to create a more vivid picture in the readers mind.

Try to use a **range** of features and sentence starters

a metaphor

simile

personification

show not tell

the power of three

alliteration

dialogue

connectives clauses and conjunctions

Four things most likely to edit

Noun - Person, place, thing, abstract

Verb - Doing/ action word

Adjective - Describing the noun

Adverb - How the action is being done

Noun - The noun can be changed to be more precise using a proper noun or to avoid repeating yourself by using a pronoun.

e.g.

The car

The Ferrari - By using a proper noun, the image in your head is much more precise than just a general car.

Thor was holding his hammer. Thor threw the hammer at Ultron.

Thor was holding his hammer. He threw it at Ultron.

Verb - The verb can be changed to be more precise or more general about how a action is being performed.

e.g.

The boy walked down the street.

The boy strolled down the street.

The boy marched down the street.

Adjective - The adjective can be changed to change the picture in the readers head.

Adjectives can describe: appearance, colour, condition, time, sound, feeling, size and shape.

The old clock.

The ancient clock.

The old-fashioned clock.

The modern clock.

Adverb - Changing the adverb can change how an action is being done.

The man walked quickly down the street.

The man walked slowly down the street.

The man walked carefully down the street.

The man walked quietly down the street.

However, not all writing needs editing for the sake of it. Sometimes a simple sentence can be the most effective and doesn't need changing.

In addition, not every word needs to be a 'thesaurus' word as all words can be used to great effect.



A polished shoe.

Whilst this sentence is useful, we can improve it.

A polished black leather shoe.

What affect does the new sentence have? Why is it a better sentence for the reader?

The three Death Eaters fell back without a word.

Does this sentence work?

Can it be improved?

Does it need improving? Why/ why not?

**TASK**

**Edit your Sequel to Floodlands**

