

MH MODEL AND GUIDED PRACTICE SENTENCES

Model Original Paragraph

Make revisions to the Model Original Paragraph as your teacher makes the revisions on the board. Cross off the portions of the paragraph that you are removing and add in the revisions using a different color pen. After all of the revisions have been completed, rewrite the new paragraph below.

“Jim, darling,” she cried, “don’t look at me that way. I had my hair cut off and sold because I couldn’t have lived through Christmas without giving you a present. It’ll grow out again—you won’t mind, will you? I just had to do it. My hair grows awfully fast. Say ‘Merry Christmas!’ Jim, and let’s be happy. You don’t know what a nice—what a beautiful, nice gift I’ve got for you.”

Model Paragraph with Revisions

Guided Practice Original Paragraph

Make revisions to the Guided Practice Original Paragraph as your classmates make suggestions and your teacher makes the revisions on the board. Cross off the portions of the paragraph that you are removing and add in the revisions using a different color pen. After all of the revisions have been completed, rewrite the new paragraph below.

Jim drew a package from his overcoat pocket and threw it upon the table. "Don't make any mistake, Dell," he said, "about me. I don't think there's anything in the way of a haircut or a shave or a shampoo that could make me like my girl any less. But if you'll unwrap that package you may see why you had me going a while at first." White fingers and nimble tore at the string and paper. And then an ecstatic scream of joy; and then, alas! a quick feminine change to hysterical tears and wails, necessitating the immediate employment of all the comforting powers of the lord of the flat.

Guided Practice Paragraph with Revisions

Independent Practice Original Paragraph

Make revisions to the Independent Practice Original Paragraph. Cross off the portions of the paragraph that you are removing and add in the revisions using a different color pen. Provide your reasoning for each revision in the margins. After all of the revisions have been completed, rewrite the new paragraph below.

When Della reached home her intoxication gave way a little to prudence and reason. She got out her curling irons and lighted the gas and went to work repairing the ravages made by generosity added to love. Which is always a tremendous task, dear friends—a mammoth task. Within forty minutes her head was covered with tiny, close-lying curls that made her look wonderfully like a truant schoolboy. She looked at her reflection in the mirror long, carefully, and critically.

Independent Practice Paragraph with Revisions
