

Peer Feedback - Tips

1. Start with a **compliment** - What did you like about the writing?

Example: "I enjoyed reading the beginning of your story and I'm interested to see what happens to Sam and Mary."

2. Make specific suggestions regarding the author's:

Word choice

Example: "In this line, you said Sam felt sad. Try to think of a stronger word to describe his feelings, such as 'devastated.'" Use strong verbs other than "said," or add a descriptive adjective.

Use of details

Example: "You say Mary walks into a forest. What does it look like? Describe the color of the leaves and the way the bark of the trees feel."

Organization

Example: "It was a little confusing because the character of Tim suddenly shows up, and I don't know who he is. I think you should add a line of introduction for this character."

Sentence length

Example: "This line is really long. You should consider splitting it up into two sentences."

Topic

Example: "Is this story about Sam conquering his fears? When you write the end, I think you should refer back to this line about what he is afraid of."

Mechanics

Example: "Make sure you include quotations when you have dialogue."

Grammar

Example: "You wrote 'its' when it should be 'it's' because you are saying 'it is.'"