Fifth Grade Writing

Fifth graders build on the skills t hey learned in 4th grade to become clearer and

more developed writers. They pursue many different kinds of pieces covering a

variety of topics, and use details and organization to strengthen their writing. As

they work on pieces in class, student s are taught to use writing to share their own

unique ideas and perspectives — not just those of others.

To build writing skil ls, your fifth grader:

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● Writes pieces that take long periods of time (a few weeks) and short periods of

time (one sitting or a couple of days).

Fifth Grade Writing Activities

Practice Typing: Experiment wit h the many different ways your child might do

this — f or instance, t hey can play typing games, type something they have

written, or transcribe a conversation you have together.

Edit, Edit, Edi t: You and your child can both write your own pieces, or your child

can choose a short piece of writing from another source. Whatever they choose,

ask your child to “revise” or “edit” the text , aiming to improve it by adding more

detail and descriptions.

Pick a New Perspective: Use a piece you or your child wrote or pick a text

written by someone else, like a short story or article. Ask your child to rewrite the

piece from a different perspective, like t hat of another character in the story or a

person who witnessed the event. Talk to your child about the differences in those

perspectives.

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