Editing Your Writing

**1. Eliminate Banned Words**

**2. Verbs**

**3. Adjectives**

**4. Figures of Speech (simile, metaphor)**

**5. NTSBTS (no two sentences begin the same)**

**6. Opening sentence**

1. Circle all banned words and replace them with a higher level word. (Ie: Slang, cool, sad, like, any Texting terminology - lol.)

2. Circle 2 verbs (action words) in your writing and replace it with one (or two) verbs from the thesaurus.

*Example: Walk becomes saunter, jump becomes sprung*

3. Underline 2 nouns (Person, Place, Thing). Think of at least one (or 2) adjectives and use them to describe that object or person.

*Example: Water becomes, “Scintillating water”*

4. Find an **image** or **situation** in your paragraph. Think of something that is similar to it and create a thoughtful metaphor (comparison) or simile (comparison using like/as) to enhance that section of your writing.

*Example: Playing chess with Ashley is like trying to outsmart a computer.*

5. Make sure no two sentences begin with the same word

6. Make sure you have an engaging opening that does not repeat the topic.

*Example*:  ***Avoid:*** *My most vivid memory was when my grandpa died*

***Better****: The phone clamored to the floor as I struggled to process the news. Could he really be gone? My mind fought accepting the heartbreaking reality of the situation*