

Rainbow Editing

 **red** - Draw an  in front of each new paragraph.

orange - Underline the capital letters at the beginning of every sentence, for proper nouns, and the letter "I" by itself. Cross out letters that should not be capitalized.

 **yellow** - circle the punctuation at the end of every sentence. Add the punctuation if it is missing.

 **green** - Box transition words (first, then, next, after that). Make sure you are not using the same word too often.

 **blue** - circle words that you think may be misspelled.

 **purple** - Put a  around vivid verbs, interesting adjectives, and any other fancy words in your paper.

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A Little Fishy

⇒ "Just a little more time," Bryan said. "Let's try the bridge. I know we will catch something under there."

⇒ Bryan was my older cousin. He was a lot more optimistic than me. If I haven't caught a fish in the first hour, I am done for the day. Today, it had been almost three hours without a nibble, and Bryan was still going strong.

⇒ "What if we don't catch anything there?" I said.

⇒ "We can go and get some lunch."

⇒ "How long do we have to try?" My heart was really not in it. If he had said any amount of time over thirty minutes, we could have avoided one of the scariest moments of my life. I would have told him "No way!", and we would have set off to find some lunch.

⇒ "Just fifteen minutes," Bryan said.

⇒ Then we walked along the ~~creek~~, stopping every few seconds to look for fish. I threw a rock into the water when Bryan wasn't looking. He said he saw a fish jump. I got a good laugh out of that one. It was the only fun I had all morning.