

# Taking Out What Doesn't Belong

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## Revising and Editing Our Writing

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer the questions below based on what you learned about revising and editing your writing.

- When we write, we should remove \_\_\_\_ sentences that don't help our main story.
- What should every sentence in your writing do?
  - Tell a funny joke
  - Help tell the main story
  - Make the writing longer
- Why is it important to stay on topic when writing?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- It is okay to keep sentences that do not fit the main idea of your writing.  
 True       False
- What can you ask yourself to decide if a sentence belongs in your writing?
  - Does this sentence make me laugh?
  - Does this sentence help explain my main idea?
  - Is this sentence long enough?
- Just like cleaning our room helps us find things, cleaning our writing helps readers understand us better and find the \_\_\_\_.
- Removing unnecessary sentences helps our writing be clearer.  
 True       False
- What did you learn about removing sentences in this lesson?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What is the memory verse we learned from Proverbs 10:19 about?
  - Talking too much
  - Keeping our words few
  - Writing stories
- To be wise, we should \_\_\_\_ our lips and not use too many words.

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### Answer Key

1. unnecessary 2. Help tell the main story 3. So the reader understands what I'm saying. 4. False 5. Does this sentence help explain my main idea? 6. main idea 7. True 8. I learned that we should take out sentences that don't help our story. 9. Keeping our words few 10. restrain