



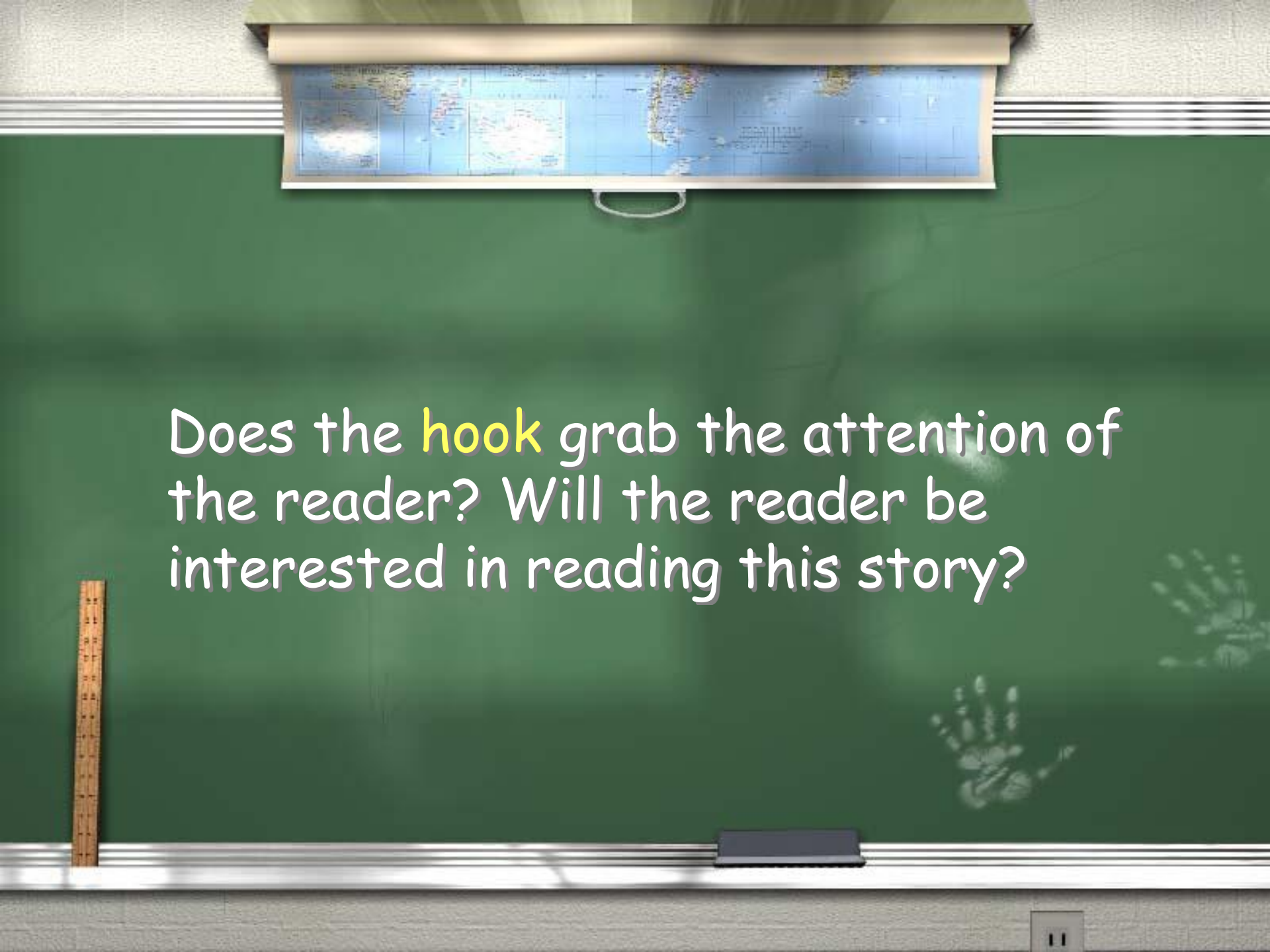
The Five-Step Revision Process

- 1- Organization
- 2- Content
- 3- Word Choice
- 4- Style
- 5- Fluency/Usage



1- Revise for organization.

Your story should contain **a beginning** (the hook and the exposition), **a middle** (the rising action and the climax), and **an end** (the falling action [the resolution or denouement] and perhaps a reflection).



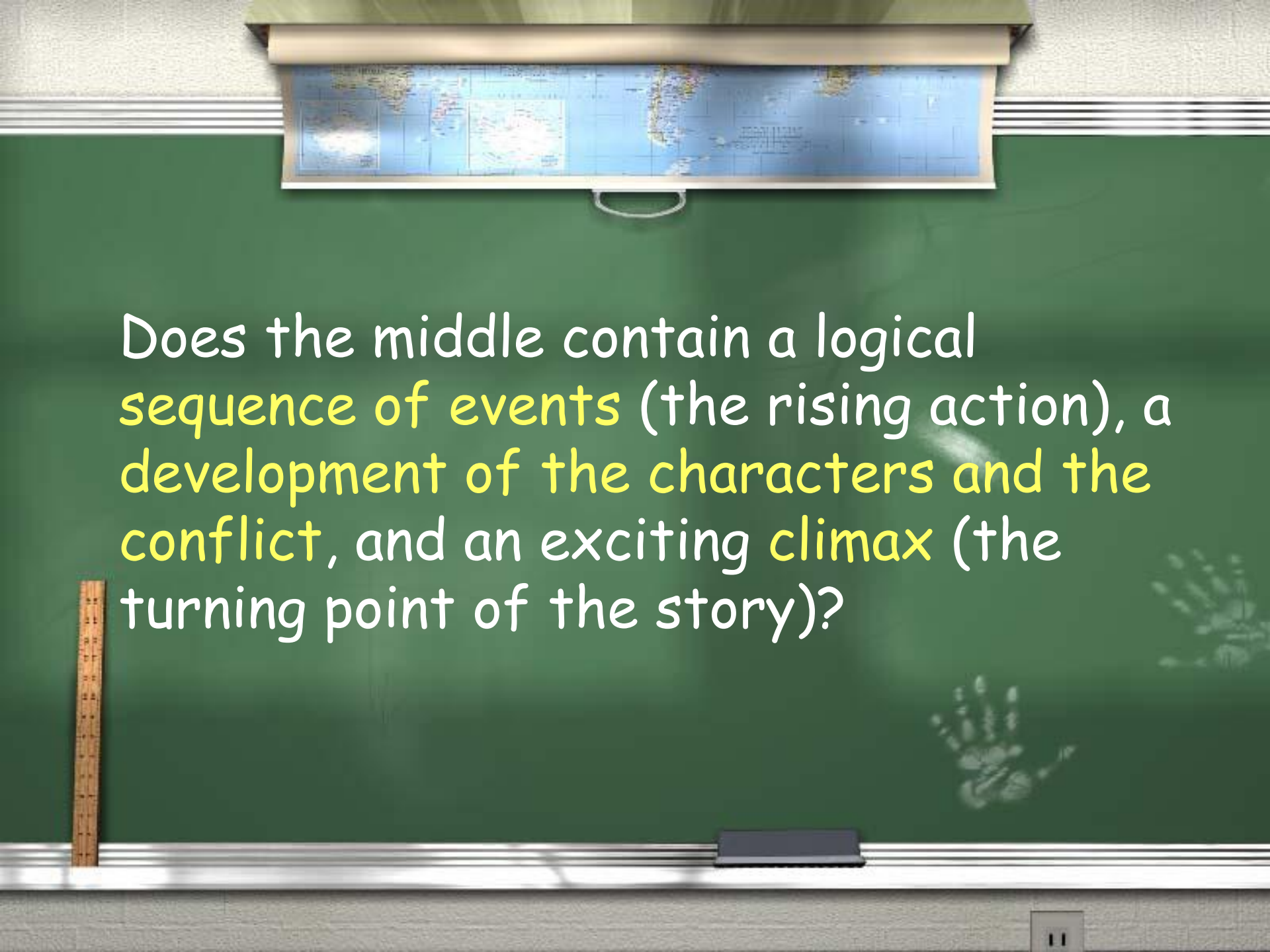
Does the **hook** grab the attention of the reader? Will the reader be interested in reading this story?



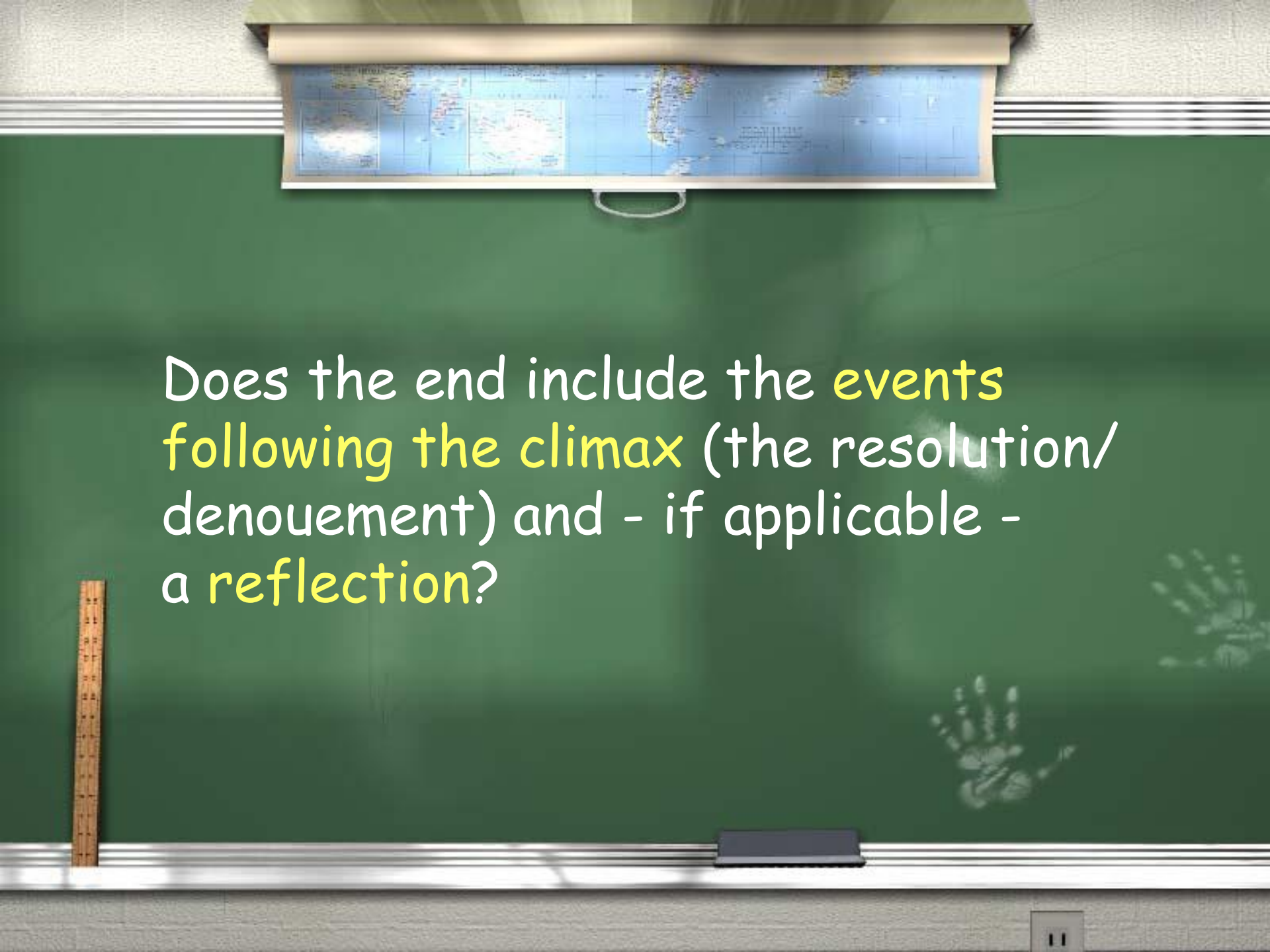
Does the exposition establish the **setting** and the **situation** and introduce the

characters (1) their name and background, 2) what they look like, 3) what they say, 4) what they do, 5) what they think and feel, 6) what others say about them, and 7) how others react to them)

and the **conflict**?



Does the middle contain a logical **sequence of events** (the rising action), a **development of the characters and the conflict**, and an exciting **climax** (the turning point of the story)?

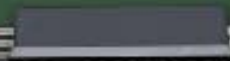


Does the end include the **events following the climax** (the resolution/denouement) and - if applicable - a **reflection**?



2- Revise for quality and logic of content.

Take out what doesn't belong or doesn't make sense. **Add** clarifying details where necessary. Create a **strong hook**, an **exciting climax**, and a **powerful ending**. Make sure that your events follow a **logical sequence** and your **ideas are clear**.





3- Revise for word choice.

Replace dull verbs with **vivid verbs**.

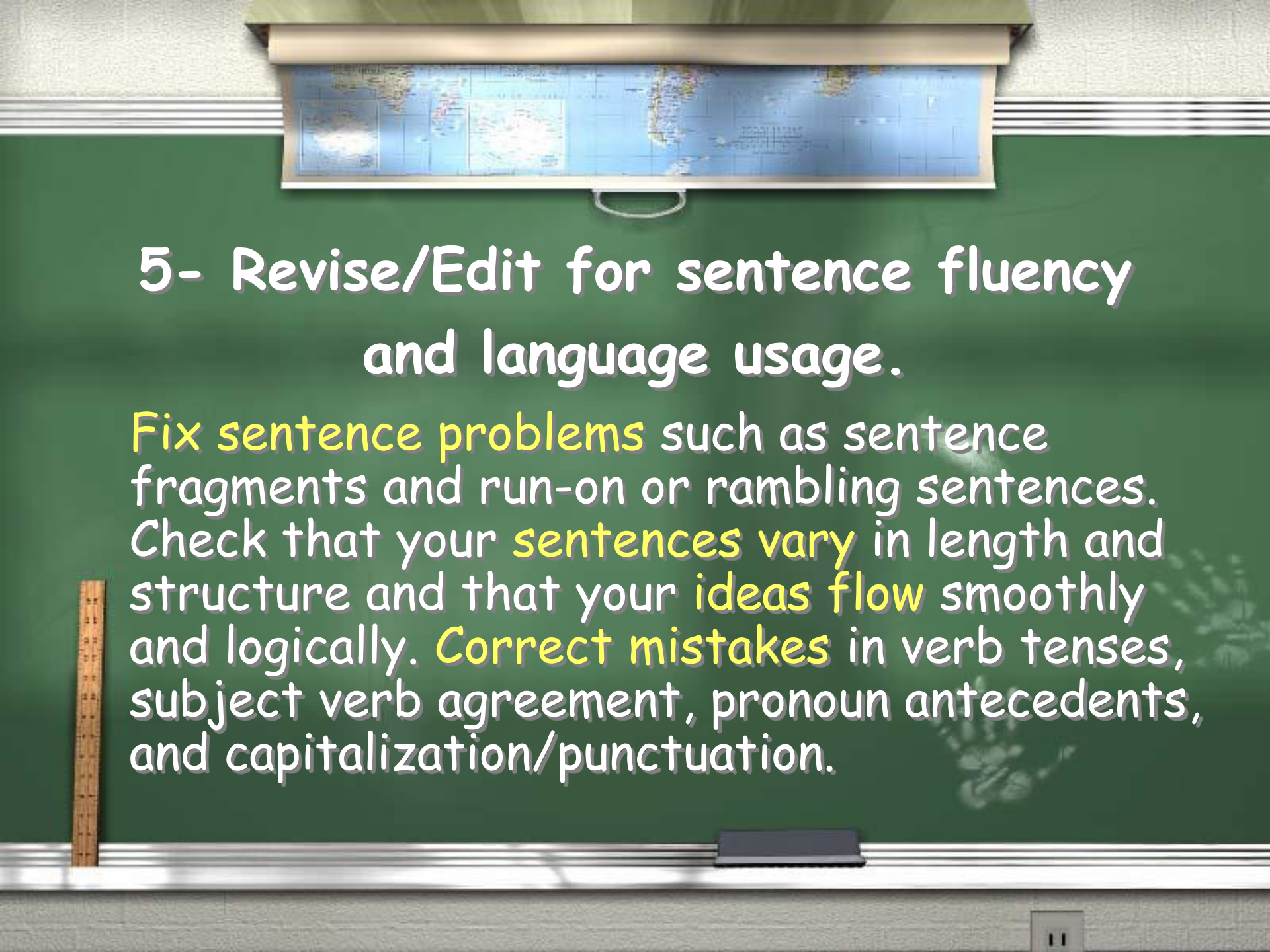
Replace generic nouns with **precise nouns**.

Add **artful adjectives** and **smart adverbs**.



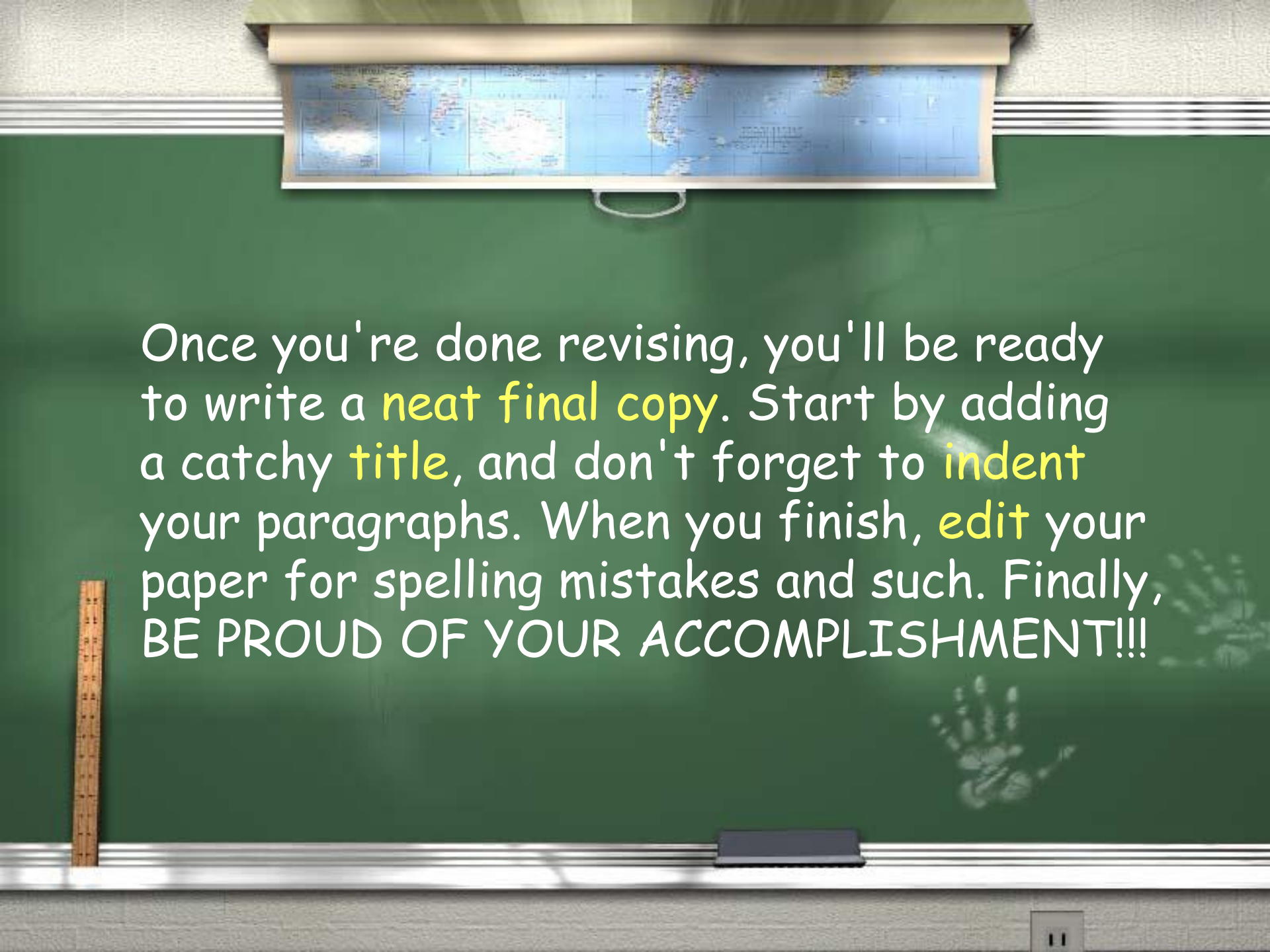
4- Revise for style.

Add special effects (rhetorical devices) such as **sensory details**, **figurative language**, **action**, and **dialogue**. **Expand your climax** with exciting details. Remember to **"show, don't tell."**



5- Revise/Edit for sentence fluency and language usage.

Fix sentence problems such as sentence fragments and run-on or rambling sentences. Check that your **sentences vary** in length and structure and that your **ideas flow** smoothly and logically. **Correct mistakes** in verb tenses, subject verb agreement, pronoun antecedents, and capitalization/punctuation.



Once you're done revising, you'll be ready to write a **neat final copy**. Start by adding a catchy **title**, and don't forget to **indent** your paragraphs. When you finish, **edit** your paper for spelling mistakes and such. Finally, **BE PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT!!!**



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Mnemonic Device:

Olive Comet Wears Sci-Fi Underwear



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