



## Phrases helping the children to reflect and on, or improve, their writing

### 1. Phrases to help children internalise the ingredients

- So what has made this bit so effective?
- What could we call that?
- How can we describe that?
- Let's add that to our xxx toolkit.

### 2. Phrases to help children talk about writing

- Jot down any phrase that you liked.
- Tell me what helps makes this bit effective.
- Look at the xxx toolkit. Can we see any examples here?
- Keep going.
- I love that idea.
- Anything else?

### 3. Feedback phrases to help children know what to do to improve

- First we want some good feedback.
- What works?
- What lines had a good effect on the reader?
- Where's our best bit?
- Where doesn't it sound right?
- How can we improve it?
- Are there any places where it jars?
- What advice would you offer?
- Anyone got any suggestions for how it might sound better?
- What techniques were used that really worked?
- How did it feel when you were reading my comments?
- What would have helped you understand this better?
- Who had a good response partner?
- What made them good?

### 4. Phrases to help children know how to improve their work

- In your pairs, which paragraph is better? What makes it better?
- In your pairs, what advice would you give to this writer?
- Are they equally good in different ways or is one better than the others?
- Talk us through some of the sentences you've underlined and why you've focused on them?
- What's the effect on the reader of that?
- Let's hear somebody else's ideas.
- What other things have we noticed?
- Tell me more about why ...

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