

Writing **Small** Groups

Why Small Groups?

- Build **collaboration** skills
- Get to know **people** better
- Continued **support** > one-off reads
- Mutual **accountability**



Small Group Revision Goals

- ❑ **Everyone** shares their own work
- ❑ We get **comfortable** with drafts
- ❑ We practice constructive **feedback**
- ❑ Everyone leaves with **ideas** for improvement



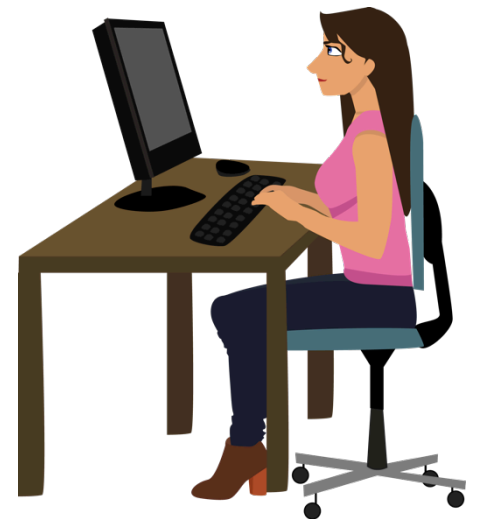
Constructive Feedback

- ❑ Say something **positive** about every piece
- ❑ Use the language of **adding value**, like “you could make this **stronger by**,” rather than judgement, like “this could be **better if**”



Some Notes About Drafts

- ❑ **Almost nobody** likes their first drafts.
- ❑ Everyone feels **awkward** sharing drafts.
- ❑ Every writer who has ever **published** has sent a cringy draft to someone.
- ❑ Drafts aren't supposed to be good, they're **just supposed to be written.**
- ❑ **Never apologize** for or disparage your draft.



Small Group Work Today

- ❑ Each person will read their draft out loud (oldest goes first today)
- ❑ After each person reads, the other group members will just say something they liked about it.
- ❑ When everyone is done reading, pass your draft to the right, re-read and leave a suggestion.
- ❑ Keeping passing/suggesting until you get yours back.

