Grade Nine Paragraph Edit

1. Circle three verbs (action words) and use a thesaurus to replace them with better ones.

*Example: Walk becomes saunter, jump becomes sprung*

2. Underline three nouns and add an adjective (word that describes a noun) to them

*Example: my cat becomes my stealthy and mysterious cat*

3. Find an image or situation in your paragraph. Think of something that is similar to it and create a thoughtful metaphor or simile to enhance that section of your writing.

*Example: Playing chess with Ashley is like trying to outsmart a computer.*

4. Make sure no two sentences begin with the same word

5. Look at your opening sentence and make sure it does not repeat the topic (ie. my favourite trip was). Should start in the middle of the action.

Example:  ***Avoid:*** *My most vivid memory was when my grandpa died*

***Better****: The phone clamored to the floor as I struggled to process the news. Could he really be gone? My mind fought accepting the heartbreaking reality of the situation.*