

Read the following which a former pupil wrote in their (supposedly) descriptive passage about a friend:

Dave is my mate. He is tall and thin. He is nice and friendly. He works hard in school.

Rate the writing!

Use the snooze-ometer scale: heads on the desk (if you thought it was dreadfully boring) to hands waving in the air (if you thought it was amazingly interesting!)



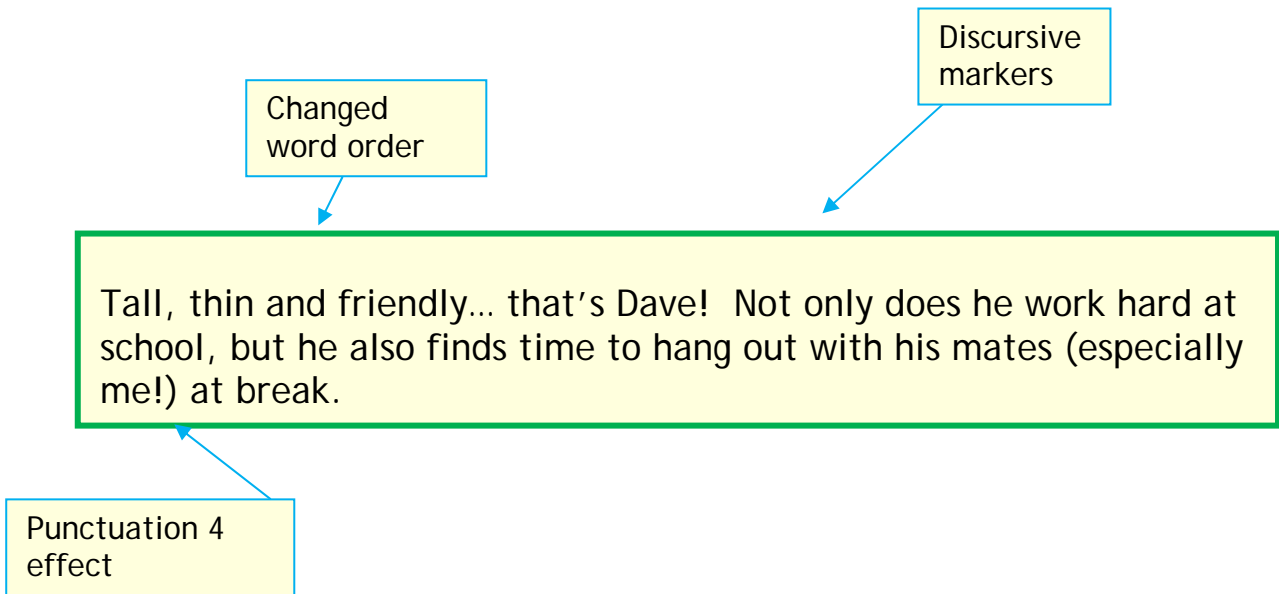
Now pimp that writing!

Here are some tricks you might like to include to kick some life into that writing:

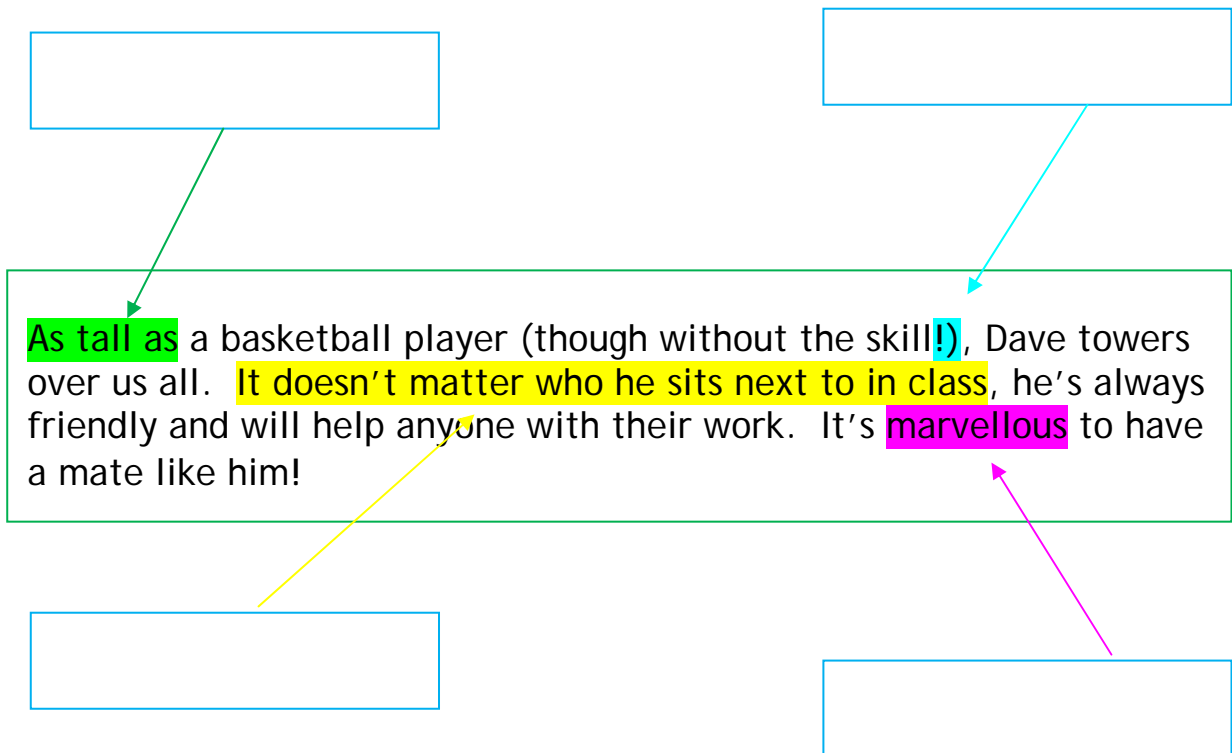
- punctuation for effect
- similes
- give your writing a context
- change the word order
- adjectives
- use discursive markers

Write your new improved version below.

Now take a look at the one we pimped earlier...



Here's another version... identify the highlighted techniques.



Now use these techniques to write a description of someone you know. When you have finished, pass your work to a partner who will rate your work using the snooze-ometer! If they end up snoring, you'll have to go back and **pimp your writing!**