

Here, two fifth grade writers worked on the traits of sentence fluency and organization as they wrote and revised the following descriptions. Read each piece, then talk with a partner about where you see each writer's best example of sentence fluency and organization. Be prepared to share your answer with the whole class.



A Doughnut Machine:

The Donut O' Pounder

by Sydney, fifth grade writer

In the beginning, some moist sticky dough gets tossed into a giant white machine, also known as the "Donut O' Pounder." When the dough enters the machine, monstrous knuckles come down from the top of the machine and start pounding the dough at a fast pace. Afterwards, tiny, tiny blue jelly people arrive in their jelly mobiles and squirt yummy grape jelly into the fluffy circles of dough. Eventually, they wiggle into a dark chamber and white flakes of sugar fall from above and place a thin white layer of sugar on top of the dough. Finally, the moist, sticky dough is now cooked and soon takes a quick trip to "Stomach Road."



An Original Machine:

Pizza Machine

by Noah, fifth grade writer

Everybody thinks that pizza is awesome, right? Well, I've created the Pizza Baking Machine 500. This is how it works. The first step in my machine's directions is to choose your crust thickness, the cheese choice and the toppings. Second, once you put the money in the slot, some dough squirts onto a conveyor belt and it gets squashed by a plate. The dough, then, is carried onto the thrower, which tosses the dough. Afterwards, the dough is put on an elevator and goes on a conveyor belt. Then it falls down a shaft to air the dough out. Finally, the dough slides on a conveyor belt to get "topped" with sauce, cheese and toppings. Meanwhile, another pizza is getting cooked on an auto elevator oven where it is raised on a belt. Last but not least, the pizza is put on a plate and lowered on a table. It is ready to eat!

The lesson that inspired this writing can be found at the WritingFix website:
http://writingfix.com/Chapter_Book_Prompts/HomerPrice1.htm