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Answer Key: Scribble to Success: Kindergarten Author's Workshop Quiz

Young authors synthesize their ideas through 10 challenges focused on the vivid transition from mental images to published classroom masterpieces.

1. You have a big idea about a space alien who loves dancing. You want to make sure you don't forget it! What is the best first step to plan your story?

Answer: B) Draw a 'sketch-map' of the alien's dance party

In the planning stage, drawing a sketch-map helps kindergarteners organize their thoughts and 'synthesize' their mental imagery before writing starts.

2. True or False: When you are 'Drafting' your first try, it is okay if some words are spelled using just the sounds you hear.

Answer: A) True

Drafting focuses on getting ideas down; 'invented spelling' is a key developmental step in the writing process for young learners.

3. Imagine your story is a sandwich. If you realize you forgot the 'meat' (the most important part), you are in the ____ stage.

Answer: C) Revising

Revising is about looking at the content and adding or changing 'ingredients' to make the story's meaning clearer.

4. You finished your story about a brave kitten. Now, you use a bright green marker to circle lowercase letters that should be capitals. What are you doing?

Answer: B) Editing

Editing is the stage where we fix 'polishing' details like capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

5. True or False: Publishing means your story is hidden in your desk where no one can ever find it.

Answer: B) False

Publishing is the final stage where work is shared with an audience, such as reading it aloud to the class or putting it on a bulletin board.

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6. To make a story better, you might add 'sparkle words' (adjectives). This happens during the _____ stage.

Answer: A) Revising

Adding descriptive language to improve the quality of the writing is part of the revision process.

7. You have three different ideas: a dragon, a fire truck, and a taco. You choose the dragon to write about. Which part of the process is this?

Answer: C) Planning

Selecting a topic and narrowing down ideas is the core of the planning stage.

8. You just drew a picture and wrote one sentence for every page of your 4-page book. You are working fast and not worrying about mistakes. You are:

Answer: A) Drafting

Drafting is the 'sloppy copy' phase where synthesis of drawings and words happens without the pressure of being perfect.

9. When you put a 'The End' sticker on your final colorful book and place it in the Class Library, you have _____ your work.

Answer: B) Published

Placing the work in a shared space like a library is a form of publishing for kindergarten learners.

10. True or False: A writer can go back to the Planning stage even if they already started Drafting.

Answer: A) True

The writing process is recursive; advanced writers realize they can always go back to brainstorm more if they get stuck.