

## REVISION EXAMPLE

### Game On! (Star Striker) by Mary Amato

After writing a rough draft, an editor often asks questions or makes comments to help the writer see what information is missing from the draft. Read the first-draft paragraph and the comments from Mary Amato's editor. Then see what Mary Amato added (in red) to improve this section.



#### DRAFT

Before Albert could even process what had happened so far, a large video image appeared on the screen. Albert found himself staring at a dozen aliens who were all crowded together, staring back at him. They had bumps without nostrils where human noses would be. He wasn't sure about ears. They looked lightweight but strong with skin that looked hard and smooth—a luminous swirl of colors like the inside of an oyster shell.

**Commented [m1]:** You may need to explain how zeenods breathe.

**Commented [m2]:** The ears or the zeenods looked lightweight but strong? Clarify.

**Commented [m3]:** Are you saying that their skin was this color or that a swirl of colors surrounds them? It's unclear.

#### FINAL

Before Albert could even process what had happened so far, a large video image appeared on the screen. Albert found himself staring at a dozen aliens who were all crowded together, staring back at him. They looked somewhat human, each with two legs and two arms that looked muscular yet flexible; but, instead of the ranges of skin tones that Albert was accustomed to, the color of the aliens' skin was a luminous swirl of multiple tones of browns and greens. As for their faces, they had bumps without nostrils where human noses would be and no ears that he could see; their eyes were either green or violet, and remarkably clear, glittering with excitement.

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