

Little Monster Becomes an Author





Little Monster likes to read.
He reads a lot of books.
When Little Monster finishes one book,
he starts the next one.



“Maybe I can write a book,” says Little Monster.
“I can be a writer. I can be an author!”



I think I will write about Swampland.

Ideas for Writing

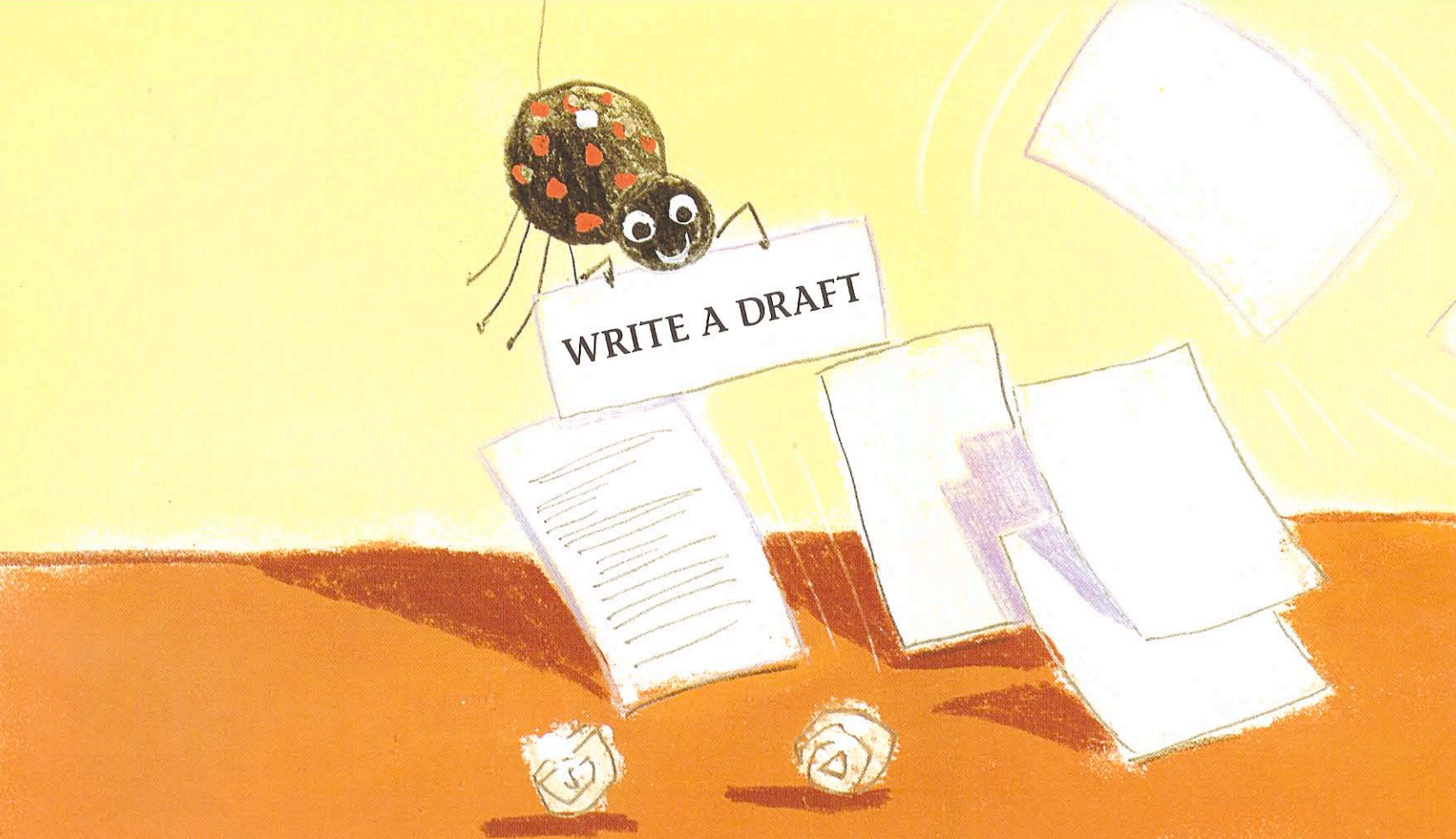
silly spiders	best friends
Swampland	things that go bump
fun snakes	snail soup



Little Monster looks at his list.
He chooses something to write about.



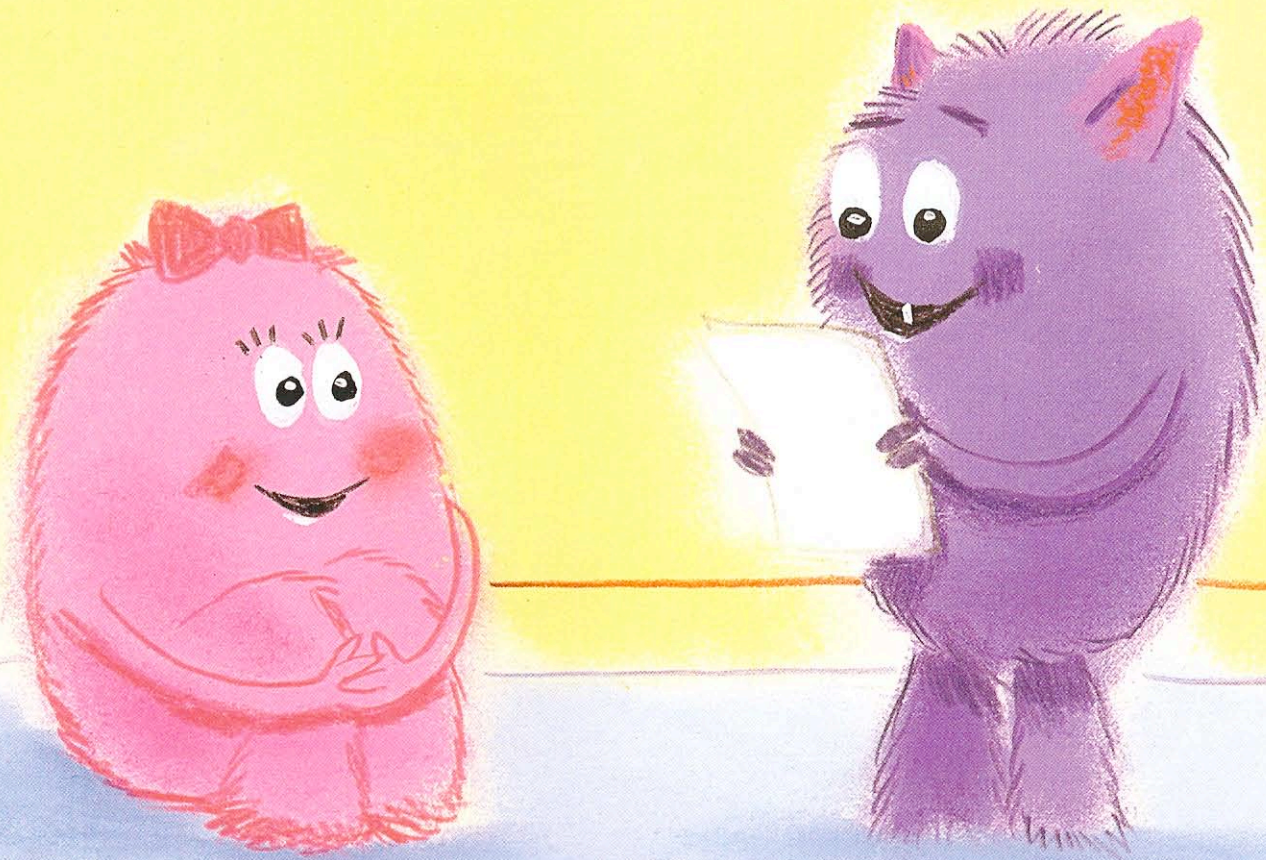
Little Monster thinks about Swampland and plans his story.
He writes some ideas about Swampland.



Little Monster writes his story. He writes and writes.
“This is my first draft. I need to get my ideas on paper.”

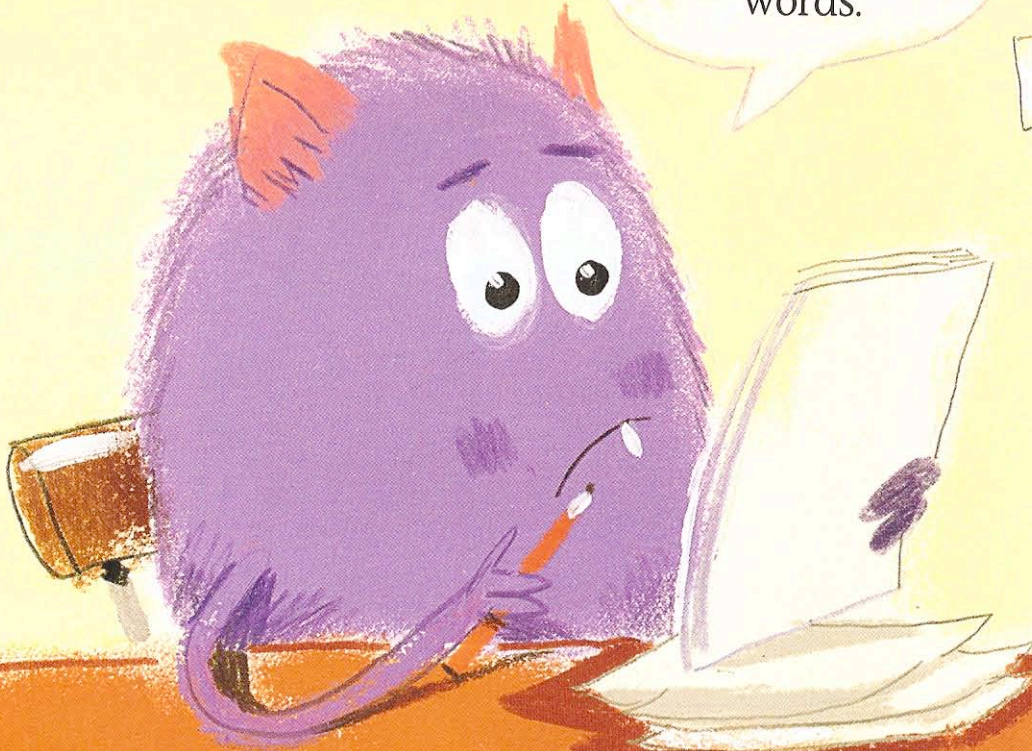
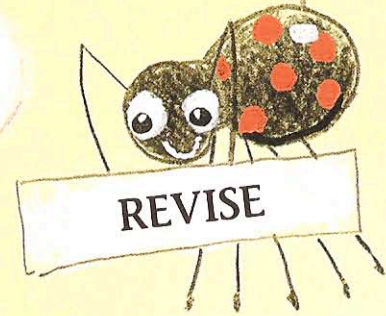


“I call this my sloppy copy—
my *very* sloppy copy.”



Little Monster reads his story quietly.
He reads it to a friend.

I'm going to
add more "juicy"
words.



Little Monster works hard to make his story better and better. 9



His teacher reads it.
“I like the changes you made,” says his teacher.



Check!

- Spelling
- Capital letters
- Punctuation





“Now check your spelling.
Check your capital letters.
Check your punctuation.”

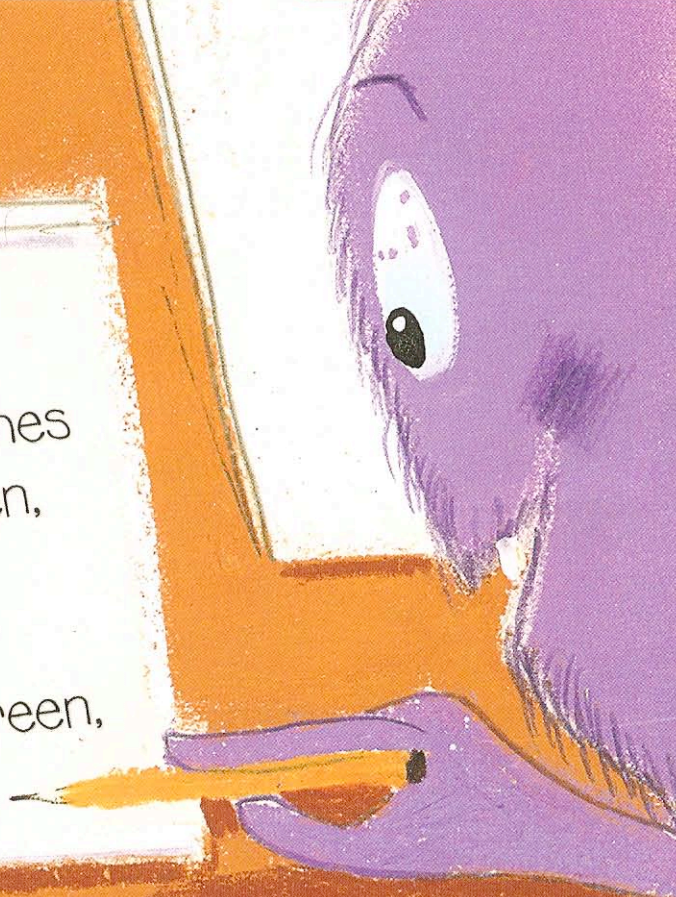
“Check!” says Little Monster.



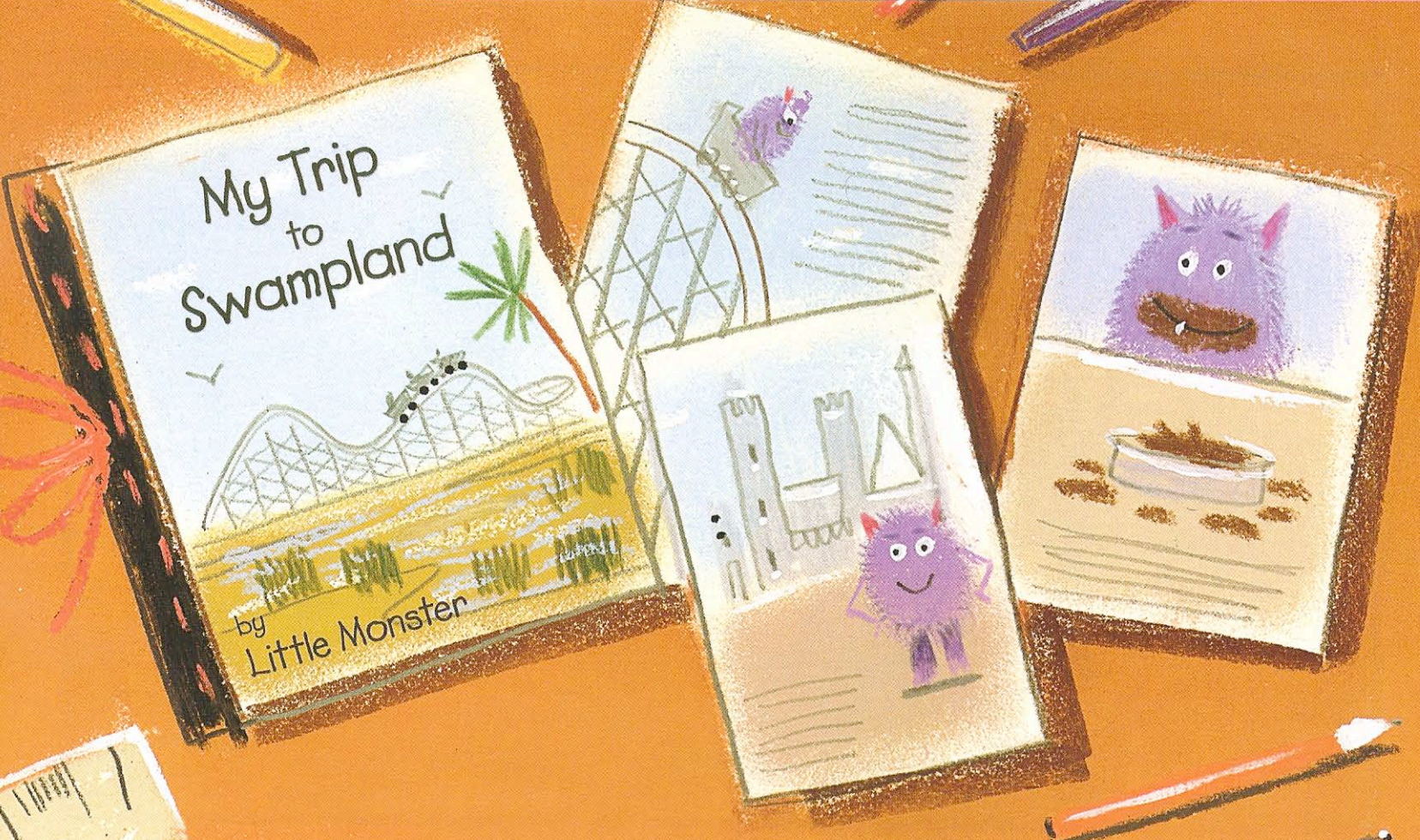
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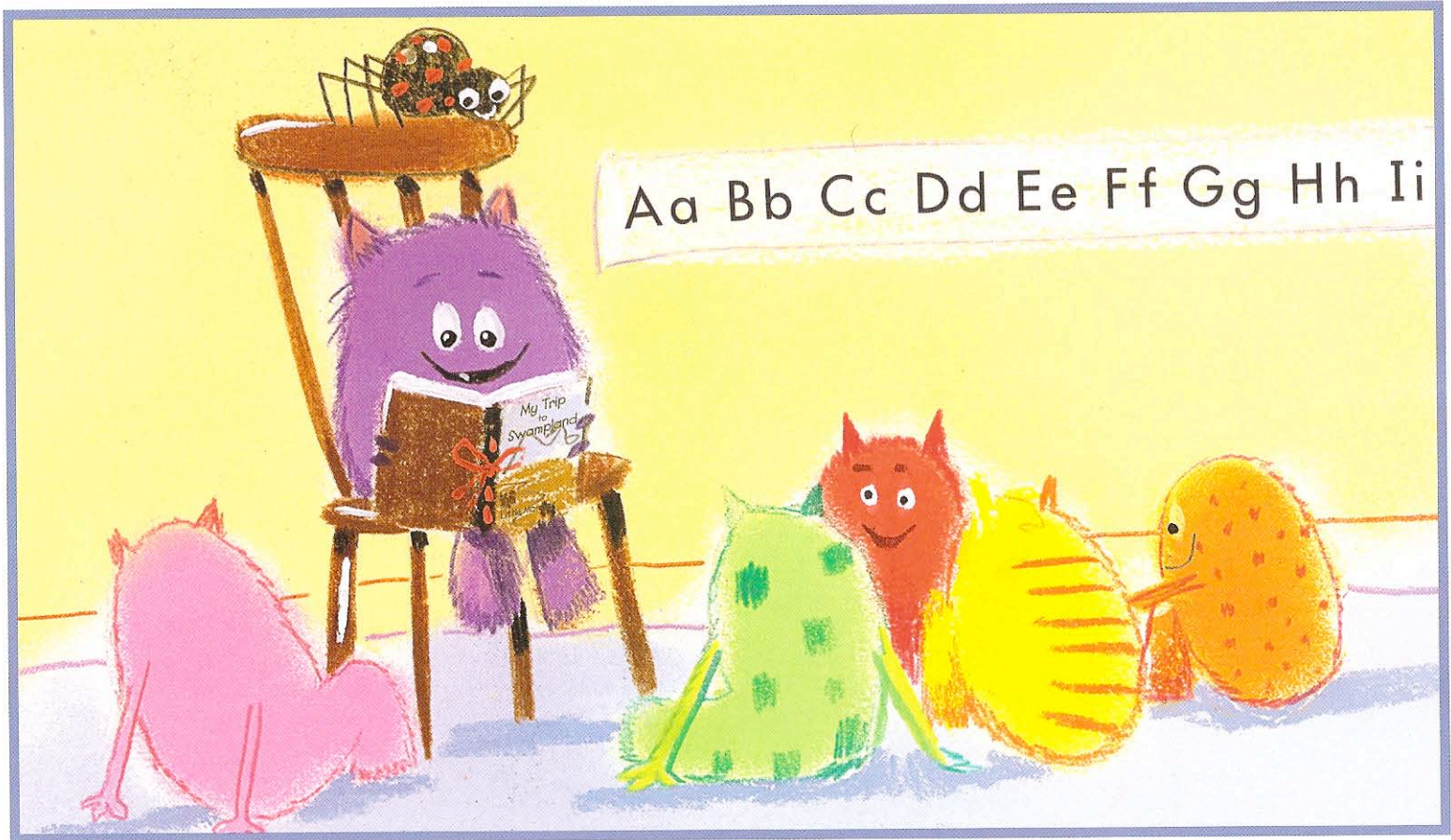
My favorite ride is the
Slimy Snake roller coaster.
It starts out slowly. It inches
along. Then, all of a sudden,
it speeds down as fast
as lightning! At the end,
you get covered with green,
icky slime. Fun!



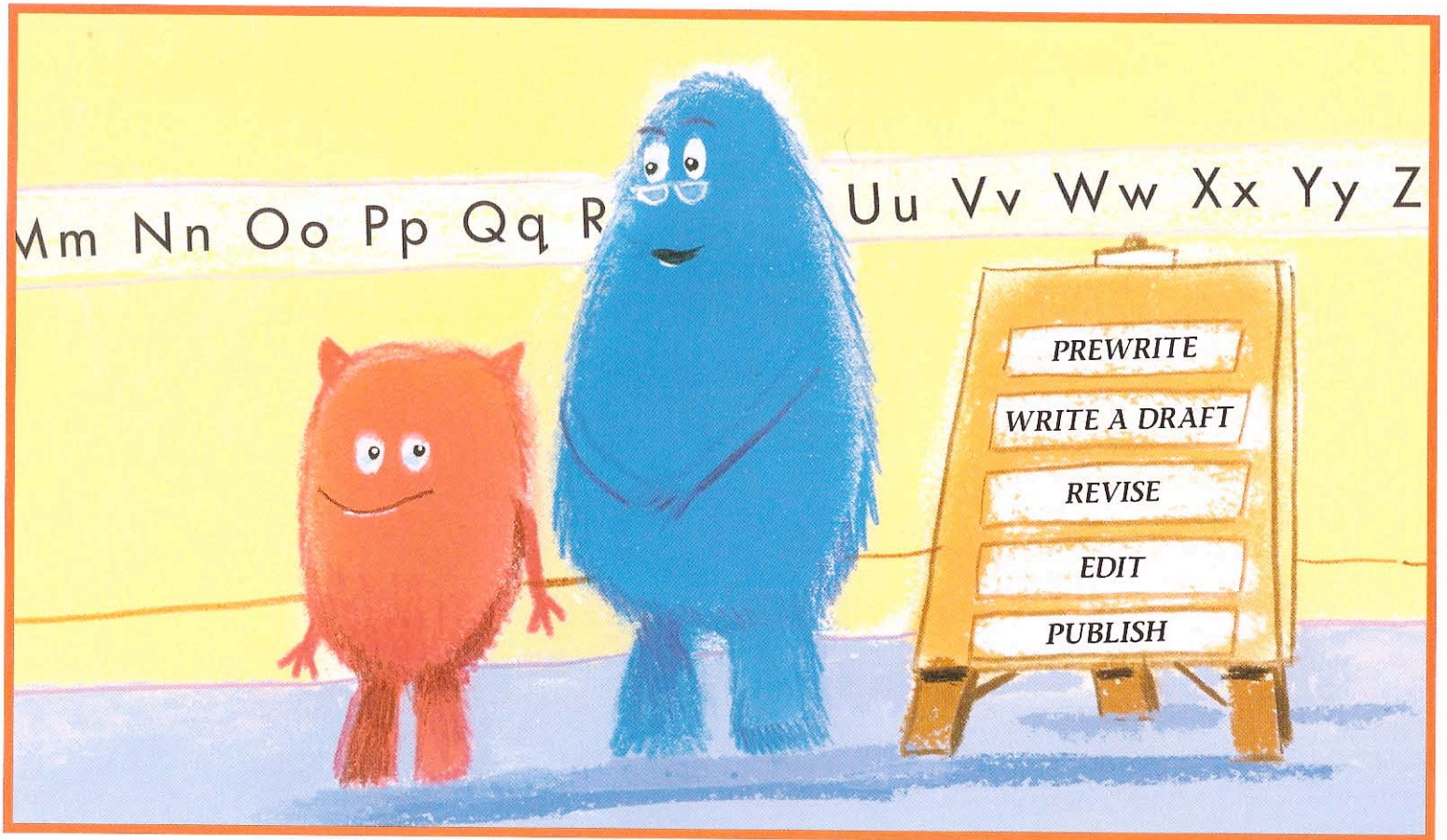
Then Little Monster rewrites his story very neatly.
He uses his best printing.



He makes his story into a book.
He draws pictures for his book.



Little Monster sits in the Author's Chair and shares his book with the class.



Now Little Monster is a writer.
Little Monster is an author!

Your Turn to Write

- 1 Work through the stages of the writing process to publish a story.
- 2 Meet with a small group. Read your stories and offer each other help on how to make your stories better.



Learn to Write Series

STOCK NUMBER	BOOK TITLE	WRITING CONCEPT
CTP 6174	This Is My Story	all-about-me stories
CTP 6175	My Picture Story	who, what, where
CTP 6176	Monkey in the Story Tree	words can make a story
CTP 6177	I Love to Write!	reasons for writing
CTP 6178	Grandma's Lists	writing lists
CTP 6179	Writing Dino-mite Poems	writing poetry
CTP 6180	Tess Builds a Snowman	writing directions
CTP 6181	Postcards from Barney Bear	writing postcards
CTP 6182	All About Real Bears	finding and writing facts
CTP 6183	Writing About Books	responding to literature
CTP 6184	How Can I Get a Pet?	persuasive writing
CTP 6185	Seasons	writing with patterns
CTP 6186	Two Stories, Two Friends	friendly notes/cards
CTP 6187	Cat Can't Write: A Cat and Dog Story	generating ideas
CTP 6188	When You Go Walking	note taking using the five senses
CTP 6189	The Author with the Fancy Purple Pen	what good writers do
CTP 6190	Lost Puppy, Found Puppy	informational writing—posters
CTP 6191	Cat's Fairy Tale: A Cat and Dog Story	beginning, middle, end
CTP 6192	Little Monster Becomes an Author	the writing process
CTP 6193	Room 9 Writes a Report	informational writing—reports
CTP 6194	Emily Santos, Star of the Week	friendly letter—voice
CTP 6195	Fairy Tale Mail	friendly letter—point of view
CTP 6196	Special Memories	personal journal/scrapbook
CTP 6197	Captain Jack's Journal	travel journal