

## Writing Conference—Expanding Story

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**AMY:** All right, CJ, you ready to conference?

**CJ:** Yeah.

**AMY:** Do you want to read your story, or do you want to talk about your story?

**CJ:** I want to read it.

**AMY:** Okay.

**CJ:** It was Christmas. I got the best present in the world.

**AMY:** Whoa.

**CJ:** It was a Nintendo Switch. I got two games. I got just [Inaudible] [0:00:28] I got one to six. On this day of 2018 I'm on level 91 of Mojo.

**AMY:** OK. What's—is Mojo a game?

**CJ:** No, Mojo is—it is a little coin that you can collect.

**AMY:** Oh.

**CJ:** And—by dancing, so, it's really cool.

**AMY:** OK. So I notice that you have a four-page book here. But I'm thinking we could even put a little bit more information in here, because me, and other people, might not know what a Nintendo Switch is. So if you were to talk about what that was, what would you say?

**CJ:** Oh—Nintendo Switch is a game console.

**AMY:** OK. And—do you hold it in your hand, or is it on the TV, or...

**CJ:** It can be on the TV and on the tablet.

**AMY:** Oh, cool. So if you were to put another part to talk about what Nintendo Switch is, what would you say?

**CJ:** I would say the Nintendo Switch is a game console. You can hold it in your hand, or by the tablet, or you can do it on the TV.

**AMY:** OK. So if you were going to put that extra part in, where do you think it would go?

**CJ:** Here.

**AMY:** Would it go—so, we could either write it, or we could put another page in. So, what do you think you would want to do?

**CJ:** Put another page in.

**AMY:** OK. So, let's—I got this ready just because I had a feeling. OK? Can you put your hand here and tell that part?

**CJ:** The Nintendo Switch is a game console. You can hold it in your hand or the tablet, or you can put it on the TV.

**AMY:** OK. So, maybe right here?

**CJ:** Yeah.

**AMY:** OK. I want you to write that part, just because I don't want you to forget, and then we'll get your book fixed up, OK?

**CJ:** Yeah.

**AMY:** And think about—Nintendo is the name of a game, so what do you think you might do?

**CJ:** I will put a capital at the beginning.

**AMY:**

OK. Yeah, we're kind of working through learning what—where we put a capital. OK.

All right, that's a lot of writing that you just worked out really quickly. OK. So, your book went from four to five, just like that. So did you—do you see how we can even go beyond four if we need to? Nice job.