

Sea Never Dry Developmental Editing Sample

Developmental editing: This type of edit involves working with the author to improve the content and direction of a work after a solid first draft has been completed. This can be combined with a line edit and a basic copyedit.

[original, with errors]

The roller derby squad was organized by Thelma and Louise. They had always wanted to join a team together. Since high school. But they were never any good at sports. When Louise turned 30 that changed and, she heard about some gals in the next county who were getting together on weekends to play roller derby in the high school gym. This piqued her interest because if there was one thing she had been good at as a youngster it was roller skating. "And goodness knows I have some pent-up aggression to get out", she says to herself quietly. She talked it over with her best friend and that year, the Yell County Roller Derby League was born.

[developmental edit + line edit]

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Comment: You may want to indicate what was significant about her turning thirty: namely, that she created a bucket list on which she identified joining a sports team as one of her goals. You allude to this in a later footnote; but without this piece of information here, the reader may miss the significance of this point.
- Ewurama Ewusi-Mensah 2/10/13 7:50 PM
Comment: This language is fairly casual, although that may help with the overall tone you are going for. You might consider changing *gals* to *women*.
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Comment: Since this is meant to be a history of Yell County roller derby, it is important to include key dates for the reader's benefit. I recommend specifying the year here. Also, a photo of the original team would be a great addition here.
- Ewurama Ewusi-Mensah 7/16/11 2:26 PM
Comment: This leaves a lot to the imagination. I recommend devoting some discussion to how the league was formed. How they recruited players, got fundi ... [1]