

Here, four fourth grade writers worked on the traits of **sentence fluency** and **organization** as they wrote and revised the following descriptions. Read each piece, then talk with a partner about where you see each writer's best example of sentence fluency and organization. Be prepared to share your answer with the whole class.



A Doughnut Machine:

The Revolutionary Doughnut

by Nicole, fourth grade writer

I will tell you how I make a revolutionary doughnut. First, a robotic arm drops the gooey dough into the molds. Then a conveyor belt brings the dough to a burning-red hot oven. A little robotic arm takes the doughnuts off the conveyor belt and fries them in oily grease. After that, a worker dabs each doughnut with sugar. Now the robots drop blueberries on one side and raspberries on the other. Finally another worker sprinkles star sprinkles on the doughnut.

The conveyer belt then takes them over and a little machine glazes them with hot melted frosting. Last but not least, the doughnuts cool for at least a half an hour and then you have a revolutionary doughnut.



A Rube Goldberg-inspired Machine:

Doughnut Machine

by Austin, fourth grade writer

Welcome, this is a tour of a brand new donut-making machine that is designed by my donut-making company. I'm going to be your host. Maybe you've heard of me. My name is Austin. First off, I throw this piece of wet dough on this handy-dandy conveyer belt. Second, the machine punches a hole into the now dry dough. After that, the donut is filled with jelly, tasty jelly. Now come through the door. You ask "Why?" Well, the machine is so big it takes up

three rooms.

This handy contraption fills the doughnut with air so it's nice and puffy. Following that, the conveyer belt drops the donut into a hot fryer. Up above the fryer is this bowling ball wall that keeps people from getting hurt. BEEP! Oh, this is great. You get to see this in action. Watch the wall. It will open up. After that, the donut will fall on this hot fryer. Soon the donuts will shoot through this glaze hoop. At the same time, the bowling ball may go into the gutter. If it hits one pin, it will be a strike and the machine will work twice as fast. BEEP! Ahh, a gutter ball.

Oh, this machine will only make 1000 donuts every 24 hours when set at maximum speed. Here, this next step is the last. Now step through this door, and you will see the donuts land in this box. It's shipped to donut shops. Oh no! BUMP! The bowling balls are breaking the wall. We'll need to make sure no one is hurt. Bye!



An Original Machine:

The Cookie Machine

by Bridget, fourth grade writer

Do you like cookies? Well, here is a great machine that makes them. In the beginning, the wet, greasy dough is plopped on a clean and green conveyor belt. Afterwards, the moist bittersweet chocolate chips are mixed in. At the same time, the cookies are molded into fun shapes, such as stars and hearts. Soon the cookies are cooked in a fiery hot giant oven.

After that, the cookies are packaged and wrapped. Last but not least, they are shipped to large grocery stores, so you can enjoy these delicious cookies.



An Original Machine:

Dog Washer 3000

by Brooklyn, 4th grade writer

Washing dogs is dreadful, but now you don't have to with the Dog Washer 3000. To begin with, a robotic arm grabs a dog that needs to be cleaned. After that, the dog is locked into a harness so that the dog won't run away. Soon, two robotic claws mix soap and water that is poured onto the dog. Next some wipers wipe off all the mud or other things off the dog. Then some water is poured onto the clean dog. Lastly another robotic claw grabs the dog and a

different claw grabs a hair drier and the dog is dried. Results: The cleanest dog in the universe!