


Here, four fourth graders revised their rough drafts about favorite places by thinking about **sentence fluency** and **idea development**. Read the four descriptions below, then talk with a friend about which sentences flow the best and which sentences contain the best ideas.

 <p>The Farm by Megan, fourth grade writer</p> <p>The place I love to go is in the forest at my family farm. In my special place it is quiet and serene. I smell the scents of the forest. Calm is all around. Though the happenings of the day are hectic, I think about them there. My special place is the best place to be.</p>	 <p>My Bed by Brinna, fourth grade writer</p> <p>Up the stairs and in between the closet and playroom is my room, where my bed is. I love to be in my warm bed because it lets me do whatever. It lets me have dreams and downright fun! With my brother, we play fishing or dragon slayer. My bed is the place to be.</p>
 <p>Cancun by Brennan, fourth grade writer</p> <p>My favorite place to fly to is Moon Palace in Cancun. In Moon Palace, there is free food, sports, and water parks. They have the second biggest pool in Mexico. At Moon Palace, they have a variety of things to do. Though Moon Palace is crowded, it is the best place to go.</p>	 <p>Sand Lake by Payton, fourth grade writer</p> <p>At Sand Lake, I like to ride dirt bikes and four wheelers. When I go to Sand Lake, I see lots of people on a lot of bikes. If you go over the mountain, there will be a cool pretty ocean. There is a trail in the woods. I love to go through the shaded woods. After a while, we go home.</p>

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