

Hatchet  
Chapter 14  
Author's Craft

**Mistakes.**

This one word is used seven times in this chapter. Why does Gary Paulsen repeat this word? What effect does it have on the story and on the reader?

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Let's see if we can create a similar effect. Instead of focusing on mistakes, write a few paragraphs focusing on his successes. In order to add emphasis, model Paulsen's writing technique of repetition. Before narrating each accomplishment that Brian has made while being stranded on the island, first write the word *Success*.

Before beginning, make a list of all of the achievements or successes that Brian has made while on the island.

Achievements:

Now rewrite a portion of this chapter. Using Paulsen as a model, narrate Brian's successes. Begin by writing the single word *success*.

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