

## The Power of Peer Revision

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### Cabbage (First Draft)

I think one of the times I was surprised was when I got a cabbage patch kid for Christmas. I was anything but descreat about me wanting a cabbage patch kid for Christmas. I gave my mom helpful hints all the time any where we were, especially when we were out Christmas shopping. Though I did'nt realise at the time that she was'ent going to get it when I was right there, but it was to late when I finally came to the conclusion on christmas day. I was sure I was not going to get it, but after we ate I picked up a small package that was hard at one end but soft at the other. I thought it was a purse aned clothes but to my surprise it was a Danish cabbage patch kid! I was so excited. that is the time I was most surprised.

### Peer Conference

**Editor:** Now yours. Okay, I thought your parts were good. Your order was good. Your details, um, okay, um, where you have, um, "I was sure I was not going to get it, but after we ate..."

**Author:** "After we ate," yeah.

**Editor:** "...I picked up a small package that was hard." Okay, "After we ate, I said..." I mean, did you eat, because you're making this sound like you're not saying...

**Author:** Well, see we have...

### Peer Conference (cont.)

**Editor:** Wait, wait. You're not saying whether you ate Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. It could be that you're having dinner Christmas Eve or breakfast Christmas Day.

**Author:** Well, see what I have, and since I'm Danish and everything, we have Christmas Christmas Eve.

**Editor:** Okay, then you should have told us that.

**Author:** But then I got my tongue tied again.


**Editor:** Well, somehow explain it.

**Author:** All right.

**Editor:** Okay, and the clarity. When you say...

### Cabbage (Revision)

One of the times I was surprised was when I got a cabbage patch kid for Christmas. I was anything but discrete about wanting a cabbage patch kid for Christmas. I gave my mom helpful hints all the time any where we were, especially when we were out Christmas shopping. Although I didn't realize at the time that she wasn't going to get it when I was right there, my conclusion on Christmas day was that I wasn't going to get it.



### Cabbage (Revision cont.)

After we ate Christmas dinner I picked up a small package that was addressed to me. It was hard at one end but soft on the other. I thought it was a purse and clothes but to my surprise it was a Danish cabbage patch kid! She had dark brown hair with red overalls, and sneakers. I was so excited, because I always wanted one. That is the time I was most surprised.