## Make it stronger.

Listen to the sentence. **Write it.**When you write it, change the sentence.
Make it stronger.

I'm

## Ways to make sentences stronger:



- good → very good
- good → great/ wonderful/ excellent
- like → love
- very
- many
- · a lot

| Read your sentence. Write your partners' sentences.  Make every sentence stronger. |
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Say all the sentences out loud.

Did your group make them stronger the same way?

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## **Instructions for "make it stronger":**

1. Dictate the example sentence. Students write it but modify it to make it stronger.

**Example sentence:** I'm good at learning English.

Could change to:

I'm very good at learning English.

I'm **great/wonderful/etc** at learning English.

- 2. Students work in groups of 4-5. Give each person one on the following sentences. The take turns dictating. Partners write the "stronger" version.
- 3. They compare what they wrote. (Note that there is no reason their changes should be the same the real purpose is to have students saying positive things about themselves).

Variation: In stead of giving the students strips of paper with one sentence, enlarge the sentences. Put each one in a different part of the room. Students run to their sentence, read and remember it, then come back and dictate it to their partners. This builds memory.

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| I like to learn new things.     |
| I have interesting ideas.       |
| I can be successful in English. |
| I am a good person.             |

| Extra copies for copying:       |
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