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Language Arts

Grade 5

W3 - Lesson 3: The Writing Process 3

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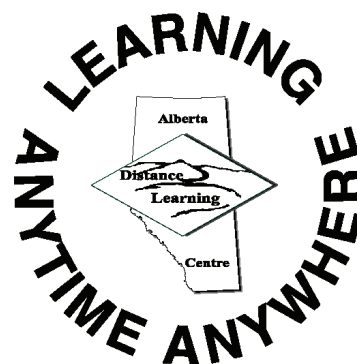
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***W3 - Lesson 3:
The Writing Process 3***

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this lesson, you should

- know tips for editing a first draft
- use the revising, proofreading, and publishing steps of the writing process to produce a final draft

GLOSSARY

editing - making changes to a first draft

proofreading - correcting errors of spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar in a piece of writing

publishing - the final step in the writing process in which items such as a title page and illustrations are added to a piece of writing

revising - making changes to the ideas and order in a first draft

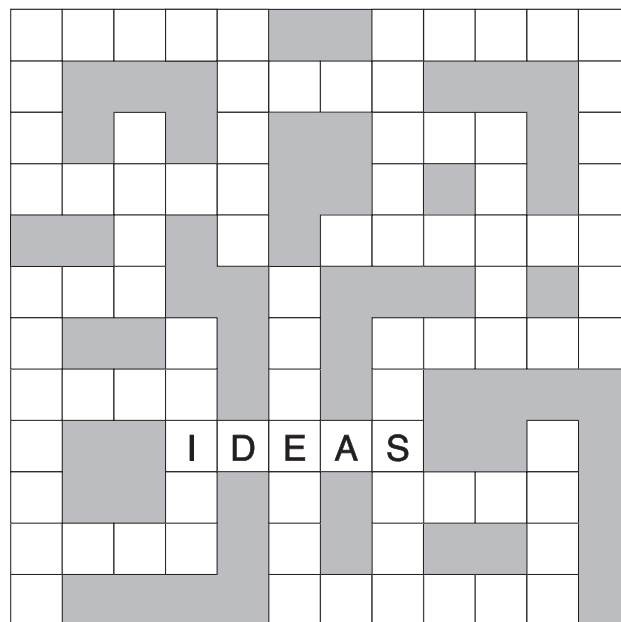
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How should I edit my first draft?

Editing your story means making changes and fixing the errors in your first draft. This includes correcting spelling and punctuation, reorganizing ideas, and even rewriting some parts.

Editing means you should complete two stages:

1. Revising
2. Proofreading



What is revising?

Revising means making changes to the content of your story. This is the stage where you can add ideas, remove ideas, and move ideas around.

To help you revise your story, read it aloud to yourself. Then, ask yourself the following questions.

Revising Questions

1. Is the beginning exciting?
2. Is every paragraph about only one idea or event? Do I start a new paragraph for every change of speaker, event, place, or time?
3. Are the events in the correct order?
4. Did I forget any important details?
5. Should I remove any ideas or events because they are not needed? Have I repeated any information?
6. Could I use more interesting descriptive words anywhere?
7. Does my ending make sense? Does it “wrap up” the story, or does it leave some questions unanswered?

Make any needed changes with a different colour ink, and then share your story with a friend. Read your story aloud to a partner, and then ask the **Revising Questions**. Listen to your partner’s suggestions, and make helpful changes in your story.

Do not be upset by any suggestions. Your partner is trying to help you. Even published authors have others read their stories and then make changes. Some authors rewrite a whole novel several times before it is ready for publishing. Be encouraged, not discouraged!

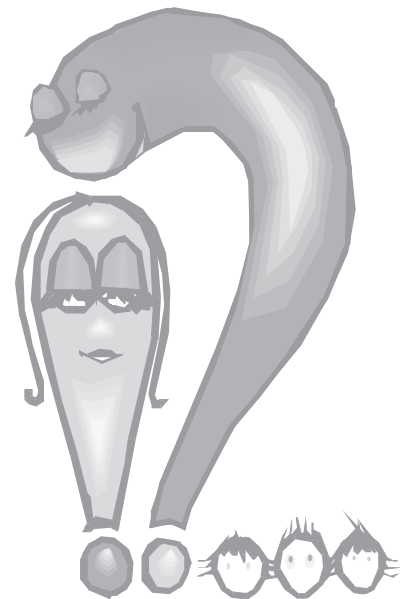
What does proofreading mean?

Proofreading means checking your story for spelling, punctuation, and capitalization errors, and correcting the errors.

How to check for spelling and capitalization errors:

Slowly read your story to yourself. When you find a word that does not look right, you can look it up in the dictionary or ask someone for the correct spelling. Make your corrections in a different colour ink so they can be easily seen.

Do not use the old excuse that you cannot look it up if you do not know how to spell it. Start with the beginning sound of the word. If you are looking up the word *better*, you aren't going to start in the *v*'s, are you? Of course not! Start with the *b*'s. Then move to the second sound. The sound *e* will most likely be spelled *e*, so go to the *be* section of the dictionary. Continue with this method until you find the whole word. If you are really stuck, get help with your search.



If you want to be very thorough in your proofreading, start at the end of your story and read the sentences backwards. Sound crazy? It may sound that way, but it is a proven way of catching more spelling errors. When you read your story forwards, you know what is coming and will tend to just skim over words. This means you will miss errors. You cannot read fast going backwards, so you can focus more on the words. Try it!

Be sure you have used the correct form of any homophones.

Check abbreviations for correct spelling. It is usually better to use the full words to avoid confusion.

Remember that all sentences and direct quotations begin with capital letters.

Be sure the proper names of people, places, and things are capitalized. For example: *Jamie and I went to Bob's Pizzeria on Saturday.*

How to check for punctuation errors:

Read your story aloud. Wherever you pause to take a breath is a likely place for a comma or a period. Remember, in order to use a period, you must be expressing a complete thought! A complete sentence must have both a subject and a predicate.

Check that every sentence ends with a period, an exclamation mark, or a question mark.

Be sure all conversation has quotation marks around the spoken words.

After you have proofread your story, have another person proofread it, if possible, to catch anything that you missed. Have this person make corrections right on your page, above the errors. (This is why you double spaced your story!)

Let's Try It!

Spend fifteen minutes alone revising and proofreading your first draft. Then find a partner, read your story aloud, and ask the Revising Questions. Then, return the favour by listening to your partner's story and answering his or her questions. Next, take another fifteen minutes to have your partner edit your work for spelling and punctuation errors. At the same time, you can edit your partner's story. Remember to use a dictionary!

What is a final draft?

When your first draft has been revised and edited, you are ready to begin your final draft.

This means that you rewrite your story with all the corrections and revisions that were made on the first draft. Easy, right?

Be sure you pay special attention to the comments in different colours of ink so that you do not miss anything!

How can I publish my story?

Yahoo! You've made it to the final stage. Congratulations!

Publishing means that you will take the final draft of your story and make it ready for your audience. This means that you will create a title page and perhaps some illustrations for your story. You might even want to have a page that tells about the author—YOU!

If you have access to a computer, you should type your final draft. If you do not, be sure to use your best printing or handwriting for the published draft.

If you are handwriting or printing, write on only one side of the paper and double space your story. Use only blue or black ink.

Your published draft should be the neatest and most correct work that you can produce.

After you have completed your story, share it with others. Here is a short list of a few ways to share it:

- Give it to someone as a gift.
- Send copies to your friends and relatives.
- Record your reading of it on a cassette recorder or computer.
- Bind it as a book and take it to your public library to share with others.

The possibilities are as endless as your imagination! You can even send it to a children's magazine or publish it on the Internet. The magazines listed below publish student stories and poems. Not everyone is picked, so do not be disappointed if your story is not chosen. Many famous authors are turned down many times before they are published. Be sure to send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your story so that the magazine can return it to you.

Chickadee Magazine
179 John Street, Suite 500,
Toronto, ON M5T 3G5

Kwil Kids Publishing
Box 29556
Maple Ridge, BC V2X 2V0

Highlights for Children
Children's Mail
803 Church Street
Honesdale, PA 18431
USA

Stone Soup
Box 83
Santa Cruz, CA 95063
USA

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or www.ncte.org/solutions/publishingresources.shtml
or www.edbydesign.com
or www.kidpub.org

Extra Practice

Share your first draft with your family at home. You can do this by reading it aloud to them. Practice your story by yourself first so that you can read with lots of expression! After sharing your story, have your family suggest changes you could make. Ask them what they liked best about your story and what they would change. Then, have your mom or dad proofread the story to check for any spelling or punctuation errors. Note all their suggestions, and make final changes to your first draft.



