

EDITING VS. *Revision*

Editing is what we do when we fix mechanical errors like incorrect punctuation, misspelled words, and other minor grammatical issues.

Revision is when we go back through our papers and elaborate and flush out our sentences. This is when we clarify ideas and/or make the work sound more professional.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Sometimes to practice revision, you must look at someone else's work.

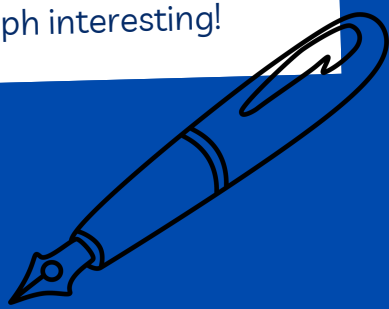
- Use an unelaborated paragraph (no grammatical errors, but very little detail)
- Add your own voice and details to the bare sentences
- Use that knowledge when going through your own sentences!

UNELABORATED PARAGRAPH

Jane went to a friend's. The friend needed help. Jane helped. Then they played. Then they ate.

Ask yourself: Who was the friend?
What did the friend need help with?
How did Jane help?
What did they play?
What did they eat?

Add some details on your own and make the paragraph interesting!



WHY PRACTICE REVISION?

- Practicing allows for a writer to learn new writing strategies through scaffolding
- Allows the writer to practice revision techniques with no bias to the work
- Creates a deeper understanding of general content



WHY REVISE?

- Revision helps make your writing clearer and more put together
- It provides you with strategies for writing sentences in longer pieces of writing
- Gives writers a way to make large changes to their writing rather than small mechanical changes
- Allows writers to make smooth transitions



INFORMATION SOURCES

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