

Revising Your Writing

Revision Questions

Read over your draft. Use these questions to help you focus your revision.

Do I sound truly interested in my topic?	Yes	No
Would I enjoy this piece as a reader?	Yes	No
Are all my ideas clearly and sufficiently explained?	Yes	No
Is every main idea supported by details/examples?	Yes	No
Does the beginning draw the reader into the writing?	Yes	No
Have I used transitions to connect ideas?	Yes	No
Is my style right for my audience?	Yes	No
Is my purpose clear?	Yes	No
Do I need to rearrange my work?	Yes	No
Should I cut anything from this piece?	Yes	No
Do I need to add anything?	Yes	No
Have I creatively and uniquely expressed my ideas?	Yes	No
Does this piece of writing reflect me and my personality?	Yes	No
Have I used figurative language and strong word choice?	Yes	No

A Few Helpful Revision Strategies

- Support:** Place a check mark in the margin for every specific example or piece of evidence you have. Check to see that you have fully explained each piece of evidence.
- Transitions:** Circle transition words and phrases. Transitions should make your paper flow smoothly from one idea to the next.
- Sentence Beginnings:** Highlight the first word in each sentence; make sure there is variety.
- Sentence Length and Structure:** Check sentence length and structure by highlighting sentences in alternating colors. Make sure that you have varied your sentences in both length and structure.
- Verbs:** Highlight the verbs in each sentence. Make sure that you have avoided “be” verbs and used strong, active verbs. Also, make sure your verb tense is consistent.