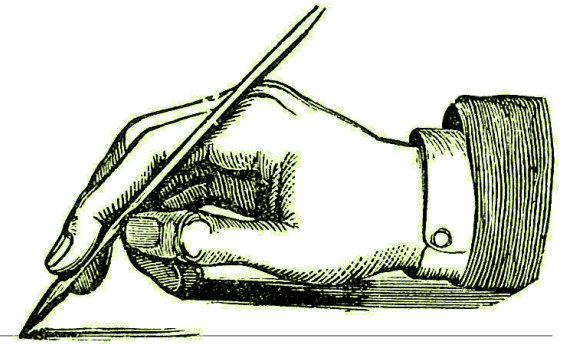


The Writing Process

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The Writing Process is a series of steps we follow when we develop a piece of writing. Each step has its own function, but they all work together to make your writing better!

The Five Steps:

1. Prewriting
2. Drafting
3. Revising
4. Editing
5. Publishing

Prewriting

Prewriting is very important. In prewriting, you brainstorm ideas about a topic and write them down.

Prewriting helps you organize your ideas. It also keeps you focused on the topic.

Your prewriting will help you throughout the whole writing process!



Drafting



Drafting is creating a rough copy of your writing. When you begin to draft your piece of writing, your main focus is to get your ideas down on paper.

A draft is called a rough draft because it is unpolished. The following steps of the writing process will help in fixing errors and organization.

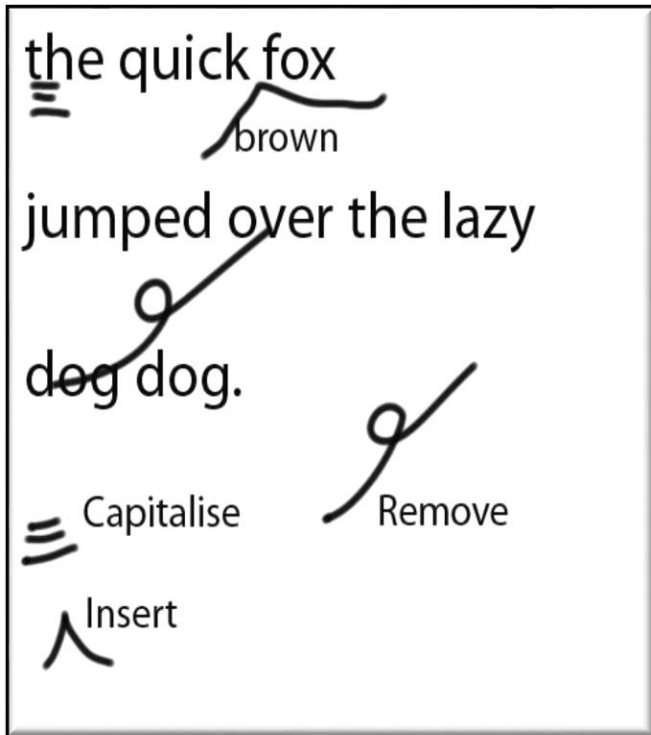
Revising

Revising your paper is improving your paper. Revising is not editing. Revising focuses on organization, sentence structure, word usage, and writing techniques.

Look for opportunities to use figurative language, quotes or dialogue, and transition words.



Editing



Editing is proofreading your piece of writing for grammatical mistakes, correct spelling, and meaning.

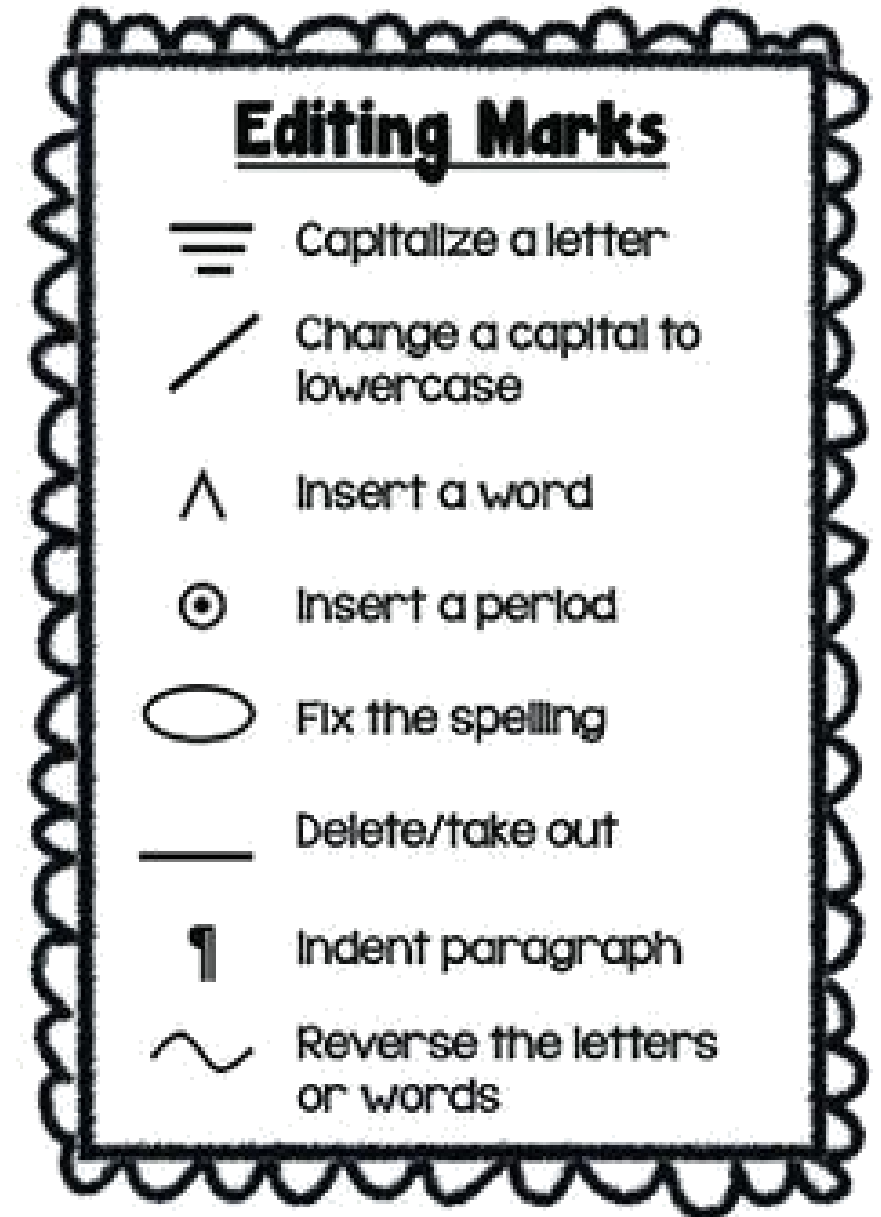
Make sure your sentences make sense!

It is often helpful to read your writing out loud to catch mistakes.

Peer-editing is also very helpful.

Common Editing Marks

These marks are commonly used in editing. Each mark is accompanied by what it represents.





Yay!
I did it!

Publishing

The final step of the writing process is publishing. Publishing your work is very important. It is the goal of the whole writing process!

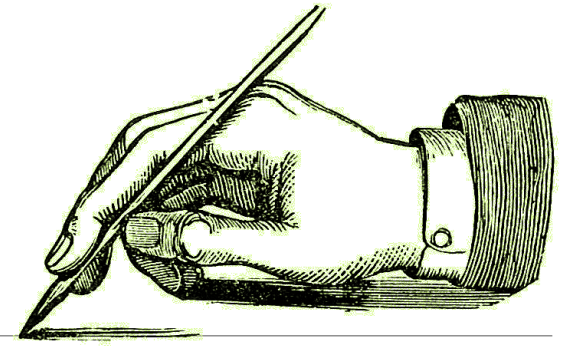
Publishing



When you publish your piece of writing, you create a final, polished copy. This means your writing has been drafted, revised, edited, and finalized.

Be very careful to make sure your work is ready to be published. Your final draft should be a completed, error free piece of writing that clearly and cleverly expresses an idea or topic.

Why use the Writing Process?



The writing process helps with every stage of writing. It provides you with an organized approach to developing your masterpiece!

The writing process helps point out mistakes and errors in your writing that otherwise could go undetected. It also makes your writing much stronger.

Take time to follow the writing process. Your writing will reflect your effort.

