



Creating a Children's Book

Student Worksheet 4: Revision and Editing

Revision Checklist

When you are finished your first rough draft, use the revision checklist below to measure the quality of your writing.

	Yes	No
Content		
Have we included everything we want to write about?		
Have we put in enough detail to make the story interesting ?		
Have we taken out everything that is not needed ?		
Think about the questions a reader might ask us about our story. Have all the questions been answered by the end of the story?		
Is everything written as clearly as we want?		
Style		
Will our opening grab the readers' attention ?		
Will the readers feel the way we want them to feel?		
Have we used the best words to create the effect/mood we want?		
Have we checked to make sure we haven't used too many "ands" and "thens" ?		
Are there places where we could have used direct speech (dialogue)?		
Have we used a variety of sentence types ?		
Does the conclusion finish the story well?		
Organization		
Are our ideas communicated in a sensible and understandable order ?		
Have we included things that go together well on one page?		

If you answered NO to any of these questions, go back and revise your work.



Editing Checklist

1. **Exchange your work** with another writer for editing. You will now be in the role of editor.
 - a. Have we used the correct punctuation?
 - b. Are there any words we need to check for correct spelling?
 - c. Is our use of grammar accurate?
 - d. Is our sentence structure accurate?
 - e. Have we found three different people (peer, teacher, other adult) to proofread with us regarding questions *a* to *d*?

2. Make any necessary changes to your own work. When you are finished, copy it again. This is your second draft.