

Editing and Revising Checklist - NARRATIVE

Revising and Editing (**START BY READING YOUR WRITING ALOUD**)

- ___ 1. I remembered to indent all of my paragraphs and dialogue, to double-space and to print neatly against the margin.
- ___ 2. The sentences “make sense”.
- ___ 3. The tense is kept the same throughout my writing.
- ___ 4. I have replaced the boring and jail words with strong verbs and juicy adjectives.
- ___ 5. I wrote against the red margin.
- ___ 6. All of my sentences start with a capital letter.
- ___ 7. I used capital letters on proper nouns.
- ___ 8. I have punctuation at the end of each sentence. (. ! ?)
- ___ 9. I checked my words for correct spelling.
- ___ 10. Every paragraph has at least 6 sentences, with a topic sentence and a concluding sentence included.
- ___ 11. I have used dialogue format (indents, punctuation, etc.) for speakers.





Transition Words

It all started when

First

At first

In the beginning

Next

Then

Later on

After that

Suddenly

All of a sudden

The next thing that happened was

Later in the day

After a while

Quickly

A short while later

Last

Finally

My day ended when

It all ended when



STRONG VERBS

Move Slowly

slink march waddle tip-toe
stomp tramp clomp stroll
wander saunter amble
meander ramble swagger
strut scuttle retreat wobble
stagger struggle limp hobble
lurch plod trudge lag
dawdle straggle lumber
shuffle stumble trample
dance pirouette stalk creep
slither crawl slouch wiggle
wiggle plow sidle pace
loiter linger depart

Move Quickly

stride zoom race streak
scuttle skip romp frolic
boogie dance dodge prance
hurry skid lunge whip bolt
pounce erupt explode burst
rocket stampede scatter
scurry scrabble scramble
dart dash scoot chase rush
launch flash dodge veer
swerve careen whirl spin
clamber scamper gallop
sprint thunder whisk bound
skedaddle flee escape

Other Movement Words

droop wrinkle flood cascade
tap rattle bob roil churn
stir gush stretch flex quiver
quaver twitch flicker shiver
tremble palpitate pulsate
throb sway shudder squirm
tilt swivel shake retreat
descend somersault muffle
slide glide skate clamber
grimace wring paddle clatter
hunch push toil clench
collide quake emerge shatter
penetrate jounce shed

Stop

hesitate pause falter halt

Jump

leap bound hop hurdle
launch catapult spring
pounce leap-frog

Ely

swoosh whip swoop rocket
sky-rocket plunge plummet
drift float flit skim flap
glide swish soar sail flutter
spiral wheel bank flash
cruise dive launch zoom