

REVISING- Time to make big changes to improve your writing.

Let it sit. After you've written your rough draft, let it sit for a while. Read some other fables or look at example pop-up books to get some ideas. Then reread the work you did- read it aloud or use a whisper phone. Take some time to experiment with your writing- try new things to make it better- maybe a way to begin your writing or maybe reorganize some sentences so it makes more sense.

Use this checklist to help you revise.

- Does my writing make sense?
- Are my details put together in a way that makes sense?
- Did I replace "weak" nouns and verbs with stronger ones?
- Is the passage interesting to read?
- Did I use a variety of sentence kinds?
- Are too many of sentences short and choppy?
- Are any sentences too long and confusing?

EDIT

Use the editing checklist to find and correct mistakes in your second draft. You look at it first, after ask a friend for some editing suggestions and then take it a step further and ask an adult (parent, teacher, aunt, uncle etc.)

_____ Did I write clear and complete sentences?

_____ Did I write sentences of different lengths?

_____ Did I begin my sentences different ways?

_____ Does each sentence end with an end punctuation mark?

_____ Did I use commas in a series?

_____ Did I place commas before conjunctions (and, but, so) in compound sentences?

_____ Did I punctuate dialogue correctly

_____ Did I start all my sentences with capital letters?

_____ Did I capitalize all proper nouns?

_____ Did I use powerful verbs, specific nouns and colorful adjectives?

_____ Did I spell homophones and unforgettable correctly?

_____ Did I check for spelling?

