

How to Revise

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Objectives

The purpose of this video is to:

- Explain the difference between revising and editing
- Describe the common global errors we commonly see in student essays
- Give you strategies to revise and edit your essay

Revising vs. Editing

Revising:

- Should happen before editing.
- Addresses "global" concerns like content and organization.
- Might include adding additional information, finding more sources, and making major changes.

Editing:

- Should happen after revising.
- Addresses sentence-level concerns like comma usage.
- Might make your essay more readable but doesn't change the content of your essay.

Common Global Issues and Solutions

Common Issue	Possible Solutions	Additional Resources
I have a lack of "flow."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure you have strong topic sentences. • Add transitional statements. 	Transitions How to Improve Flow
I need more pages!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think about dividing your paragraphs to develop additional points. • Expand your topic. • Include additional examples or source support. 	TC Library Tutorials
I feel like my essay is unfocused.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure each point connects back to your thesis statement/main idea. • Make sure each paragraph has only one point. • Try reverse outlining. 	Reverse Outlining
My essay seems vague.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure each paragraph has a specific example or illustration. • Ensure that each point connects back to your thesis statement. 	Paragraphs 101

Revising Strategies

- Highlight your thesis statement and each topic sentence and make sure they connect explicitly.
- Try [reverse outlining](#) to ensure you have a strong structure.
- Watch [this video](#) and revise for flow.

Editing Strategies

- Read your essay out loud from the end to the beginning to catch errors.
- Review our [Top 5 Grammar Errors](#) module and find these errors in your essay.
- Find additional editing strategies in our [Proofreading Handout](#).

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