

# Editing

After revising your narrative, edit your paper for common convention errors (like punctuation, spelling, capitalization, and grammar).

## Editing for Conventions

*The grammar and punctuation are correct, and the copy is free of spelling errors.*

1. Has the writer punctuated dialogue correctly?
2. Has the writer used pronouns correctly?

## Editing Checklist

### Punctuation

1. Does the writer use end punctuation after all the sentences?
2. Does the writer use commas after longer introductory word groups?
3. Does the writer use commas correctly in compound and complex sentences?
4. Does the writer punctuate all dialogue correctly?
5. Does the writer use apostrophes to show possession?

### Capitalization

6. Does the writer start all the sentences with capital letters?
7. Does the writer capitalize all proper nouns?

### Spelling

8. Has the writer spelled all words correctly?
9. Has the writer double checked the words the spell checker may have missed?

### Grammar

10. Does the writer use correct forms of verbs (*had gone*, not *had went*)?
11. Do the pronouns agree with their antecedents?
12. Does the writer use the right words (*to, too, two; their, there, they're*)?

***Don't forget to add a clever title to your narrative!***