# The Ort of Revision



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## **Quick outline**

- 1. The stages of writing
- 2. Revision, editing and proofreading: how are they different?
- 3. Quick tips on revising essays
- 4. Common editing issues

### **Pre-drafting**

### Drafting

### Proofreading

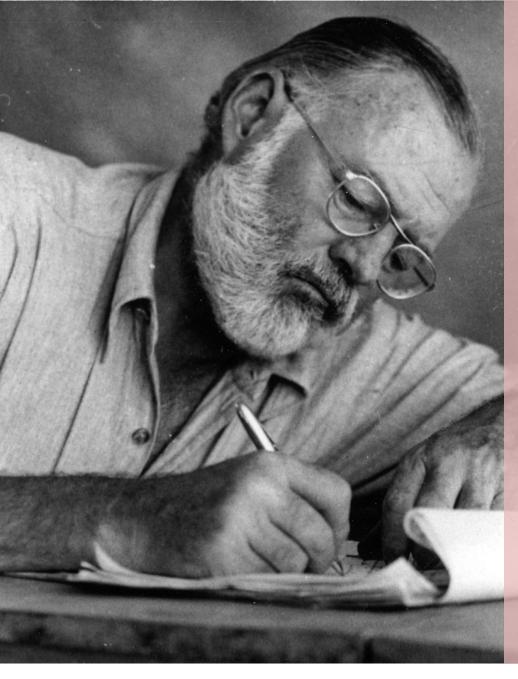
### **Revision**

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The

**Process** 

Writing

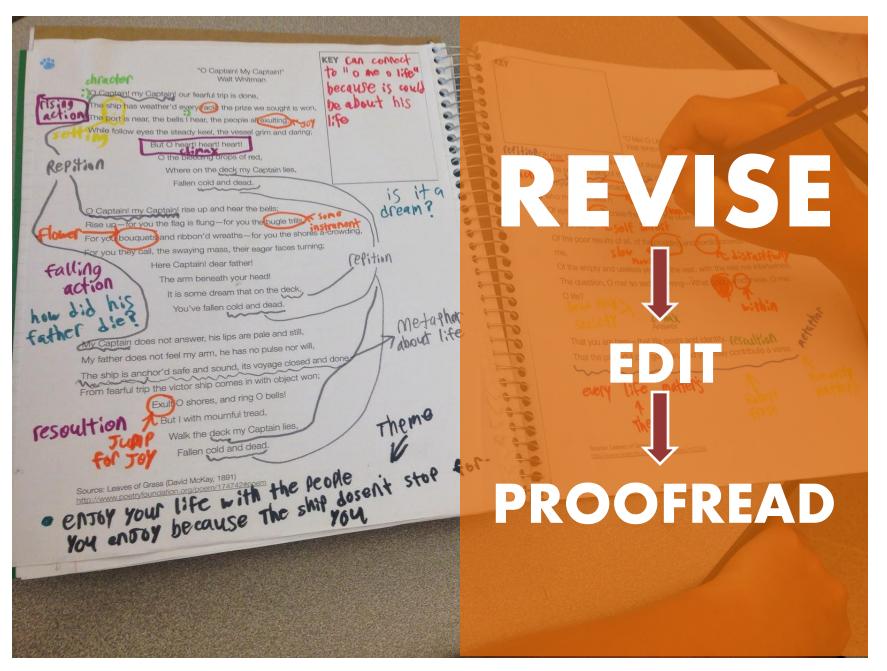


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## Check what you want to say

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#### to see your work again, as if you are seeing it for the first time

# Keep distance and time Read aloud

### **Get Feedback**

### Create a **reverse** outline

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### **Cohesion:** arranging main points

#### Stay up-todate

### Socialize

Improve the quality of education in Armenia

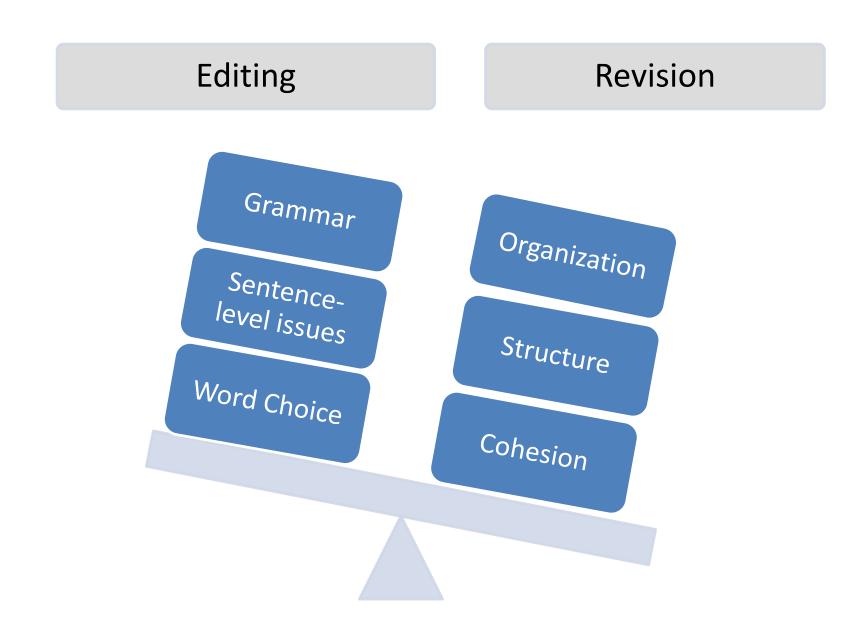
## Revision:

Editing:

## Check What you want to say

## Check **HOW** you are saying it

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### **Common editing and proofreading issues**

- *There is* and *It is* openers (It is essential that we act immediately. We <u>must act</u> immediately)
- weak verbs (Jenny is the owner of the house. Jenny <u>owns</u> the house)
- Redundancy (We have completely deleted...)
- to be constructions (I consider him to be an honest person)
- needless phrases and qualifiers (the handbook we will be using in summer summer handbook)

### **Useful websites**

Purdue Online Writing Lab www.owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/ Thesaurus.com (synonyms, antonyms) Grammarly.com (editing and proofreading) Oxford Online dictionaries http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/

Lingvo-online.ru (dictionary with examples and phrases)

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The Companion Website for The Little, Brown Handbook. (Exercises, video tutorials, checklists and much more related to writing). <u>http://wps.ablongman.com/</u>

COCA. (The website allows you to search for exact words or phrases, wildcards, lemmas, part of speech, or any combinations of these). <u>www.corpus.byu.edu/coca/</u>

## Checklists

for writing, editing and proofreading your essays

The Companion Website for The Little, Brown Handbook

http://wps.ablongman.com/long\_fowler\_lbh\_11/204/523 18/13393605.cw/index.html



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