

The Writing Process

"There is no good writing--only good rewriting!"

| Prewriting | 1st Draft | 2nd Draft | Final Draft |
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| <p>Ideas are the most important thing. Don't worry about grammar, spelling, organization, punctuation, etc. Examples of prewriting:</p> | <p>Pay attention to ideas and organization. <i>For this class</i>, don't worry about grammar, spelling, punctuation too much in your first draft.</p> | <p>Pay attention to ideas, organization, grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.</p> | <p>Pay attention to ideas, organization, grammar, spelling, punctuation, clarity, format etc. (Be sure to save your work on disk).</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get ideas • Brainstorm • Draw a picture • Talk to someone • Make a word web • Free write • Make a plan • Write an outline • Think about your topic • Do research • Native language okay | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group similar ideas together • Write a topic sentence • Write supporting details • Write a conclusion • Write a good title • Ask a friend for suggestions on <i>ideas</i> and <i>organization</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add to and change your 1st draft • Make sure your ideas are clear • Be careful about spelling, grammar, etc. • If possible, ask a native English speaker or a teacher for suggestions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fix any mistakes in your 2nd draft • Type your paper on the computer • Spell-check your paper • Grammar-check your paper • Try to get a native speaker or teacher to check your paper |

How do good native English-speaking writers write? They follow this chart. Each language has a different writing style and sometimes a different writing process. When you write in English, follow this writing process. (Write as many drafts as necessary until your paper is excellent). For timed essay tests, quickly pre-write. Then write a draft and revise it.