

Revising a Dialogue

Most of writing is rewriting. When rewriting a dialogue paper, here is a checklist of what to review to improve your rough draft. I have separated these into two groups. Focus on the first group on your first rewrite of the dialogue, and the second group when you're writing your final draft.



Review 1

- _____ The characters' identities are clear.
- _____ It's clear what the topic is.
- _____ The characters discuss the topic in an interesting way.
- _____ The discussion reveals something about each of the characters.
- _____ The characters speak in a way that is appropriate to who they are.

There is a variety of sentence types including (you need not have all three):

- _____ Questions
- _____ Commands
- _____ Exclamations

Review 2

- _____ All capitalization is correct.
- _____ All punctuation is correct.
- _____ Pay special attention to the formatting and grammar rules for dialogue.
- _____ Any other grammar rules you know are followed correctly.