

Rewriting a Descriptive Paper

Most of writing is rewriting. When rewriting a descriptive paper, here is a checklist of what to review to improve your rough draft. I have given you two checklists. Do the first in one rewriting session; do the second when writing your final draft.



Review 1

- _____ The description addresses multiple senses (sight, sound, touch, taste, smell).
- _____ The language is vivid and specific.
- _____ There is a variety of short, medium, and long sentences.
- _____ There is a variety of simple, compound, and complex sentences.
- _____ Word order within sentences is strong (i.e., the stronger words are at the end or beginning of the sentences when possible).

Review 2

- _____ All capitalization is correct.
- _____ All punctuation is correct.
- _____ Any other grammar rules you know are followed correctly.