

## Revise Your Writing

Cross-Curricular Focus: Writing Strategies



Do you like to tell stories? Do you like to write? Sometimes those questions have two different answers. Many children love to tell stories out loud. However, it can be hard to write them down on paper.

Writing is one of those skills that takes practice. Even professional writers do not write everything perfectly the first time. They have to **revise** their work. When you revise your writing, you look for ways to change it that will make it better. You check your spelling. You make sure that you have used capitals, periods and other punctuation marks in the best way. You look for words that can be taken out or traded for different, more exciting words. You make sure that your words help the reader get a picture in his mind when he reads them.

Revising your writing is important. The changes you make can turn boring words into exciting words. It can make your ideas come alive. Don't be afraid to make changes. The first time you write on a topic, you get your ideas down on paper. Revising your writing is cleaning it up. It's making it ready for readers to enjoy.

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Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

1) What does it mean to revise your writing?

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2) Do professional writers have to revise their writing? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) What are three things you can check or change when you revise your writing?

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