

9. CHECK FOR MAIN IDEA OR TOPIC SENTENCE

- Check to make sure your main idea is clearly stated.

10. DEVELOP MAIN IDEA WITH SUPPORTING DETAILS

- Check to make sure your sentences tell about or relate to the main idea.
- Develop (or tell more about) details instead of listing them.
- Carefully choose details so that they are relevant or meaningful to the topic.

11. ADD SIMILES, METAPHORS, OR ANECDOTES

- *Similes* - A figure of speech that compares two things using the word like or as.

Example: The frosting on the wedding cake was as white as snow.

The runner jumped the hurdles like a gazelle in Africa.

- *Metaphors* - A figure of speech that compares two things without using the word like or as.

Example: Grandma's chicken soup was the best medicine for my cold.

- *Anecdotes* - A brief story used to illustrate or make a point.

Example: Thomas Edison once said that genius is "1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration."

12. ADD TRANSITION WORDS

- Use transition words (Transition words help with the organization of a writing piece.)

EDITING STRATEGIES

1. CIRCLE WORDS YOU THINK ARE MISSPELLED

- Use a dictionary to correct any words that you think are misspelled

2. CAPITAL LETTERS

- Check the first word in each sentence to be sure it has a capital letter
- Check to make sure all proper nouns are capitalized

3. PUNCTUATION

- Check the end of each sentence for punctuation
- If using dialogue, check for quotation marks and commas
- Check for all other punctuation

4. SUBJECT/ VERB AGREEMENT

- Check the subject and verb in each sentence for agreement