

## Creating a Children's Book Student Worksheet 4: Revision and Editing

## **Revision Checklist**

When you are finished your first rough draft, use the revision checklist below to measure the quality of your writing.

	Yes	No
Content		
Have we included <b>everything we want</b> to write about?		
Have we put in <b>enough detail</b> to make the story <b>interesting</b> ?		
Have we taken out everything that is <b>not needed</b> ?		
Think about the questions a reader might ask us about our story.		
Have all the <b>questions been answered</b> by the end of the story?		
Is everything written as <b>clearly</b> as we want?		
Style		
Will our opening grab the readers' attention?		
Will the readers <b>feel</b> the way we want them to feel?		
Have we used the <b>best words</b> to create the effect/mood we want?		
Have we checked to make sure we haven't used <b>too many</b>		
"ands" and "thens"?		
Are there places where we could have used <b>direct speech</b>		
(dialogue)?		
Have we used a <b>variety of sentence types</b> ?		
Does the <b>conclusion</b> finish the story well?		
Organization		
Are our <b>ideas</b> communicated in a <b>sensible and understandable order</b> ?		
Have we included things that <b>go together well</b> on one page?		
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If you answered NO to any of these questions, go back and revise your work.

## **Editing Checklist**

- 1. **Exchange your work** with another writer for editing. You will now be in the role of editor.
  - a. Have we used the correct punctuation?
  - b. Are there any words we need to check for correct spelling?
  - c. Is our use of grammar accurate?
  - d. Is our sentence structure accurate?
  - e. Have we found three different people (peer, teacher, other adult) to proofread with us regarding questions *a* to *d*?
- 2. Make any necessary changes to your own work. When you are finished, copy it again. This is your second draft.