

Fiction Proofreading Checklist



Content:

- Does the paper covers all aspects of the assignment?
- Is your story believable with the constructs of its own structure? Even if what is happening in the story is not possible in the real world, does everything within the story hold together?

Organization:

- Does the events follow in a logical order?
- Does each sentence flow from one to the next?
- Does each paragraph flow from one to the next?

Grammar and Mechanics:

- Proper capitalization?
- Correct spelling?
- Correct use of words? (their, there and they're)
- Commas and apostrophes in appropriate places?
- Is dialogue properly punctuated?
- Check for sentence fragments, or run-on sentences. (You don't want any of these)
- Be sure there are no paragraphs shorter than three/four sentences.
- Be sure that your sentence lengths are varied. (short, medium, long)
- Be sure there are not overly repeated words. (For instance if you start many sentences with the same word, or unneccsarily repeat a word over and over.)

Characters:

- Are your characters fully developed?
- Have you given enough information and details to make them understood and believable?

Conflict:

- Is there an identifiable conflict?
- Does the conflict reach a climax?
- Is there a resolution to the conflict?