




Editing Checklist Grades 5 - 8

	
	Capitalization Do all sentences begin with a capital letter? Do all proper nouns begin with a capital letter?
	Punctuation Do all sentences have ending punctuation? Do I use commas correctly in my sentences? Do I punctuate direct quotations properly?
	Spelling Did I check my words for correct spelling?
	Sentence Structure Do I use a variety of sentences? Do I have a combination of simple and complex sentences? Does each sentence have a subject and predicate and express a complete thought? Did I check for run-on sentences?
	Wording Do I use vivid verbs to show rather than tell? Do I use strong adjectives to paint a picture with words? Do I include figurative language (simile, metaphor, personification) when appropriate? Do I use a variety of time order and transition words? Do I use a consistent verb tense throughout my writing?
	Organization Did I indent my paragraphs? Does each paragraph have a topic sentence? Does my sentence order make sense? Do all my sentences relate to the topic of my paragraph and support my position? Does my composition have a closing that summarizes the main points?