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DEV 110
SENTENCE SENSE EDITING EXERCISE

Make corrections in punctuation and capitalization as needed. Do not add or delete words; you may add or delete punctuation marks.

Although all experts agree that the writing process is made up of several stages. Not everyone agrees on what part is the most important. Some believe that prewriting is the key to producing a good paper, others think that revising is the most important step. My teachers emphasized all areas. Pointing out that prewriting techniques could be used at any time during the writing of a paper and showing me that revising also occurred constantly as I wrote my rough drafts. Coming up with a good idea to write about is almost always difficult, however, I find the revising stage to be the most challenging and rewarding part of the writing process. According to professional writers. There are many approaches to revising and I try to experiment to find the best method for me. Often; for example, I will write a rough draft and then put it away for a few days. Coming back to it when I am fresh and alert. If I am working on one section of a paper and become stuck; I will change and work on revising another section for awhile before returning to the difficult part. I also let other people read my drafts to get their reactions and opinions. I do not; however, make changes simply to suit others, I do consider their points of view very carefully and with an open mind. If I decide making changes will improve what I am writing. I do not hesitate to make the revisions. Another good strategy is pruning, pruning means reviewing a paper and deleting what is unnecessary. This works well for me. Because I tend to write more than I need to on my rough drafts, I hope what is left after I have pruned my draft is the very best support for my main idea.