



WRITING PROCESS

What Is the Writing Process?

The writing process is a set of steps that help you develop and organize your ideas. Writing is not a one-step activity! It involves planning, drafting, and revising.

Step 1: Prewriting (Planning)

Before writing, think about your topic.

- Brainstorm ideas
- Ask questions
- Gather information

Step 2: Outlining (Organizing Your Ideas)

After you brainstorm, you can create an outline to organize your ideas before writing your essay.

An outline is a simple plan that shows what each part of your essay will include. It helps you arrange your ideas in a clear order and makes drafting easier.

In your outline, you can:

- list your main points
- organize body paragraphs
- connect ideas to your thesis

Tip: If you are not sure what your thesis is yet, you can create a basic outline with your ideas first. You can revise your outline after drafting once your main idea becomes clearer.

Step 3: Drafting

Write your first draft. Focus on getting your ideas down. Don't worry about "sounding smart" and perfect grammar: just get your ideas on the page!

Tip: You can start with your body paragraphs. This can help you explore your ideas before writing your thesis.

Step 4: Discover Your Main Idea

After drafting, look at your writing and reflect:

- What are your main points?
- What is your overall idea?

Use this reflection to create or revise your thesis.

Step 5: Revising

Improve your writing:

- Make ideas clearer
- Organize paragraphs logically
- Strengthen your thesis

Step 6: Editing and Proofreading

Check for grammar and formatting:

- grammar errors
- punctuation
- spelling
- missing, incorrect, or double words

Step 7: Final Draft

Make final changes and submit your work.

Common Writing Process Strategy

1. Brainstorm
2. Write body paragraphs
3. Identify your main idea
4. Write or revise your thesis
5. Write introduction
6. Write conclusion

7. Revise and edit

Tips for Success

Remember:

- Writing is a process. Don't expect perfection in your first draft
- It is okay to change your ideas as you write
- Revising is one of the most important steps
- Give yourself time to improve your work

Final Takeaway

Strong writing develops over time. When you follow a clear process, your ideas will become more organized and your writing will improve.