

Student says:

Thankfully, I did a pretty good job following the steps in the research writing process because I was able to take a few days off from my work before I began revision. This allowed me to go back and see some issues I was having in my writing.

Revision is an easy step to skip, as I know, in the past, once I drafted, I would generally just move ahead to editing. But I learned from the online writing lab that I need to think about revising my content before I edit if I want to have a stronger paper.

As I worked on revision I looked for issues related to organization, clarity, development, and focus. I also looked at my tone to make sure I was appropriate since that was one of the issues I thought I might have.

I found some issues, which I have highlighted for you.

<walks through revisions highlighted>

The first issue I noticed was in my introduction. I was making a transition from talking about teachers to going back to talking about the student I had mentioned early on. But, I do not provide a very solid transition, so this is something that I will need to change.

I also notice here my tone is too informal. This is something I was worried about, so I paid close attention to it. And, that is something that will need to be changed because that tone is not really formal enough for an academic paper.

As I scroll, I noticed that I also marked some citation issues, which are related more to editing. But I noticed them while I was revising, so I went ahead and made the notes.

But, then, here in the middle, I have another sentence that is just too informal. This is something, again, that will need to be revised.

Of course, once I make these changes, I will want to go back and read my paper again to see if there are other revision issues I need to address before I begin editing.