

Student says:

I am now ready to begin my editing process. You will notice I have finished revisions, and I have begun my efforts to polish my paper. I cannot show you my entire editing process for my whole paper in this short video, so I chose to focus on just the first paragraph.

The first thing I am going to do is run the spell check and grammar check, as this is an important part of the editing process. Of course, it is important to remember that spell checkers and grammar checkers do not catch everything, so what I have done is I have highlighted some errors that I know are errors in this paragraph that I saw from my own editing. I am going to see if the spell check and the grammar check pick up on them.

I notice that the first thing it picks up on is I have a misspelled word, so that's a very good catch. I'm talking about a school principal, so I'll make this change.

<selects correct word>

Okay, and that is all that it caught. So I know there are some things that it missed. I am going to have to go back through and look at those things carefully.

The first thing I notice is that there is an error here with "no Child Left Behind."
<points to "no"> This should, of course, be capitalized since that's the name of the act.

I also notice that I am missing a comma here between "that" and "if" <points to this area in the paper> because "if she wants to move ahead to the next grade" is extra information that should be set off with commas.

Also, down here, I realize I have a verb tense shift. <points to "realized"> I have been writing in present tense, and, suddenly, I change to past tense. So I will make that change.

Finally, here is an error I make a lot. <points to "defiantly"> A lot of times when I am typing, I mean to type "definitely," but the spell check changes it to "defiantly." This is something I need to be very much aware of, and I need to make this change here because that *definitely* changes the meaning of my sentence.

So, those are the things that I caught. I will now continue editing. Of course, it is important to remember that editing takes more than one pass, and it does take a lot of time and patience.