

Prompts for editing phase and obtaining feedback

1. Feedback

1. You are a teacher whose job is to give feedback on a student's essay. To be the best teacher you can be, comment on this text constructively. How could it be improved? Simply praising the student will not help them. Start by giving feedback on your overall impression.
2. Are there any parts of my text that are difficult to understand? If so, could you please suggest corrections?
3. Will the reader be surprised at some point, i.e., will they need more background information or connections between things?
4. Are there any contradictory points in the text?
5. Does the text have a clear beginning, body, and ending? Do the beginning and ending fit together? Does the text cover everything promised in the introduction?
6. What could be added or removed?
7. Give an example of a point you would summarize.
8. Is there enough meta text in the text? Where would you add it? Or is there too much?
9. Is the text cohesive? Where would you add cohesion, e.g., linking words or pronoun references?
10. I have a peer feedback session on essays next week. What kind of feedback could I ask my classmates to give me on my text?

2. Understanding the text as a whole

1. What do you think is the main message and perspective of the text?
2. Can you summarize my text in 300 words?
3. The assignment was to write a 3-page essay related to academic writing. The essay must include at least 3 academic sources. Does my essay meet the assignment requirements, and what grade would you give it on a scale of 1-5?
4. We have edited our text based on your suggestions. Could you please review the text again? [edited text attached]

3. Condensing the text

1. Our text now has 1,338 words (4.5 pages). The target would be a maximum of 1,000 words (approx. 3.5 pages). Could you tell us where we could condense the text and how, without compromising the content?