

Module 6: Writing a Research Paper

Topic 4 Content: Revising Your Research Paper

Introduction

Revising Your Research Paper

- Read
- Rework
- Refine
- Rewrite

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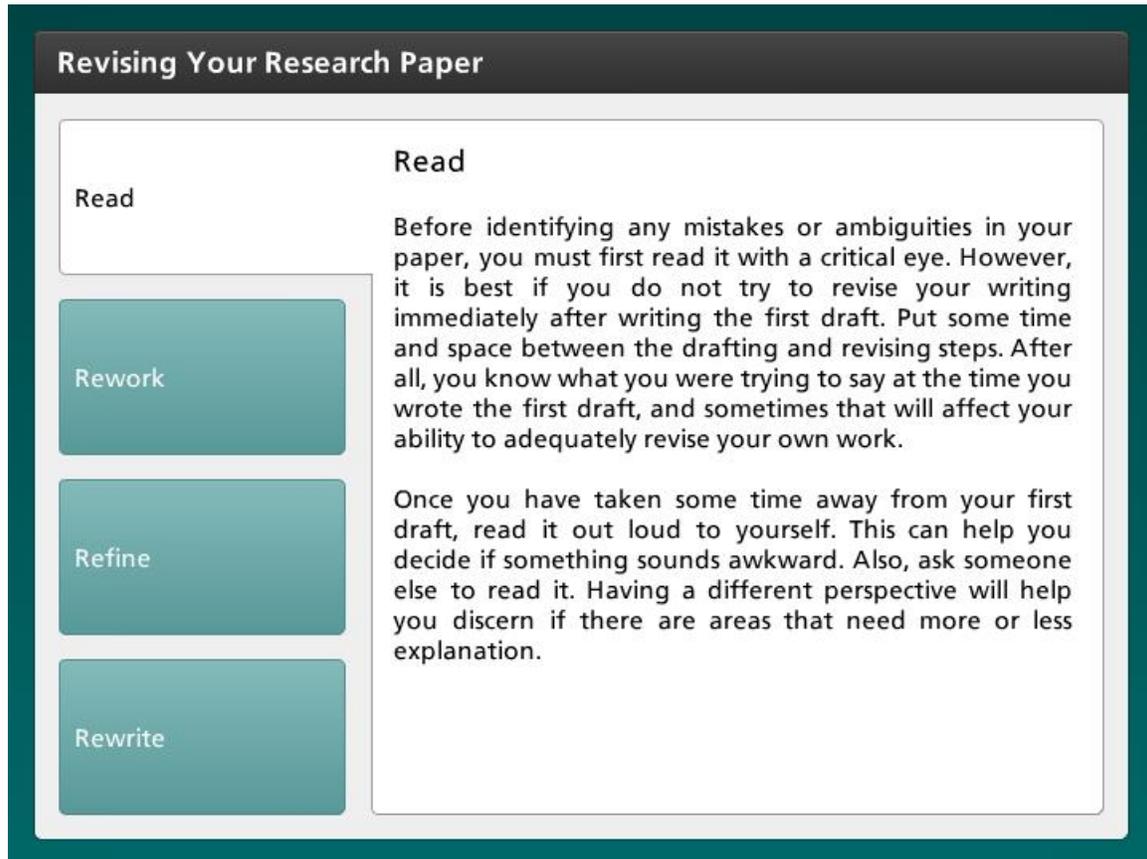


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Read



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Read

Before identifying any mistakes or ambiguities in your paper, you must first read it with a critical eye. However, it is best if you do not try to revise your writing immediately after writing the first draft. Put some time and space between the drafting and revising steps. After all, you know what you were trying to say at the time you wrote the first draft, and sometimes that will affect your ability to adequately revise your own work.

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3. Does each paragraph work with the one before and after it?
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As you refine your first draft, pay attention to the voice of your writing. Although a research paper should be formal, you can also add your own style into your writing so that your unique voice is coming through. Can you hear yourself saying these words aloud? Does it sound like it is coming from *you*? Ask yourself the following questions to help you refine your writing.

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