

Proof Read

When you finish any piece of written work you should spend time reading and checking it.

You should be checking for:

- **Spelling** – do any words *look* wrong? Check the words that you know you often spell incorrectly. Ask or use a dictionary to help if you're not sure. Check that you've used homophones correctly.
- **Punctuation** – have you used full stops and capital letters? Have you used a range of punctuation?
- **Clarity** of your work – does it read well? Avoid using informal chatty language like 'loads'.
- **Read** your work out loud – does it *sound right* when you read it through?
- **Presentation** of your work – is it neat, can your writing be easily read?
- Are you **proud** to hand this work in?
- Have you used one word a lot? Can you find synonyms for commonly used words? Use a thesaurus if you can.

Always consider...

What does this work say about you?



Have a go...

Proof read and make corrections to the writing below.

What would you identify as the primary SPaG target for each piece of work?

my mother drove me to the airport with the windows rolled down. it was seventy-five degrees in phoenix, the sky a perfect, cloudless blue. i was wearing my favourite shirt — sleeveless, white eyelet lace; I was wearing it as a farewell gesture. my carry-on item was a parka

in the olympic peninsula of northwest washington state, a small town named forks exists under a near-constant cover of clouds. it rains on this inconsequential town more than any other place in the united states of america. It was from this town and its gloomy, omnipresent shade that my mother escaped with me when i was only a few months old. it was in this town that i'd been compelled to spend a month every summer until I was fourteen. That was the year I finally put my foot down; these past three summers, my dad, charlie, vacationed with me in california for two weeks instead.

It was to forks that I now exiled myself— an action that i took with great horror. i detested forks.

To check your answer read Twilight by Stephanie Meyer. Chapter 1.

How does one discrib Artemis Fowl? varius psychiatrists have tryed and failed. The main problem is Artemis's own inteligenz. He bamboozles every test thrown at him. He has puzzled the gratest medikal minds and sent many of them gibbering to there own hospitals. There is no dowt that Artemis is a child prodigy. But why does someone of such briiliense dedicate himself to criminal activities? This is a question that can be ansered by only one person. And he delites in not talking. Perhaps the best way to create an acurat picture of Artemis is to tell the by now famus acount of his first villainous venchure. I have put together this report from first-hand interveus with the victims, and as the tale unfolds you will realize that this was not eezy. The story began several years ago, at the dawn of the twenty-first centry. Artemis Fowl had devized a plan to restore his family's fortune. A plan that could topple civilizations and plunje the planet into a cross-species war. He was twelve years old at the time ...

To check your answer read Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer. Chapter 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Dursley of number four Privet Drive were proud to say that they were perfectly normal thank you very much they were the last people you'd expect to be involved in anything strange or mysterious because they just didn't hold with such nonsense

To check your answers read Harry Potter and the Philiosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling. Chapter 1.