



Revising Checklist for Ideas

- I chose a writing topic I like and I'm excited about it. OR . . .
- I want to change my topic to _____.
- I have all the information I need to make writing easy. OR . . .
- I could get more information from _____.
- My main idea is focused and manageable. OR . . .
- I'm going to shrink it down to this: _____.
- Details expand my discussion or story for readers. OR . . .
- I need to include details that answer these readers' questions:
 - _____?
 - _____?
 - _____?
- I crossed out any filler (unneeded information that interrupts the main message). OR . . .
- I didn't have any!
- My title hints at the main idea without telling *too* much.
- _____ rated my writing for Ideas:

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Note Don't use this checklist just to compliment yourself—even if your writing is terrific! Use it to plan revisions or additions. Try to see your writing the way a reader who doesn't know you would see it.