Writing Process Step 4 – Editing your work

1. What to edit

Is each of my verbs in the correct tense?	
Is each of my verbs in the correct form?	
Have I used correct word order?	
Have I used the correct preposition?	
Have I used the articles correctly?	
Have I used the spellcheck?	
Have I also checked the spellings myself?	
Have I correctly punctuated my sentences?	
Have I capitalized words correctly?	

2. How to edit

- Run the spellcheck.
- Read your writing aloud quite slowly, making sure you say every word you have written. (Ambitious students read the sentences from last to first.)
- Check each verb in each clause for the correct tense and form.
- Concentrate next on the mistakes you personally make most often.
- Use Google to check grammar and usage for ambitious students.
- Run the grammar check and ask your teacher if you don't know what is wrong.

Ask your teacher!