



A Useful Tool—6+1 Trait® Writing: Topic 1

Help! I Can't Afford an Editor—A Series to Help You Self-Edit

Sentence Fluency

Sentence fluency is what makes writing sound good. There are many possible ways to write a sentence correctly. Typically, one or two possibilities will sound better than others.

To evaluate your **sentence fluency**, ask yourself:

- Does my writing sound smooth when I read it aloud?
 - Can my writing be easily read?
 - Does the writing flow seamlessly from sentence to sentence?
- Does my writing have a sense of rhythm?
 - Do I use sentences of varying lengths (some long, some short)?
 - If my sentences are choppy, how can I revise to make them more eloquent?
- Do I use well-chosen beginnings?
 - Do my sentences begin in different ways?
- Do I use well-timed transitions?