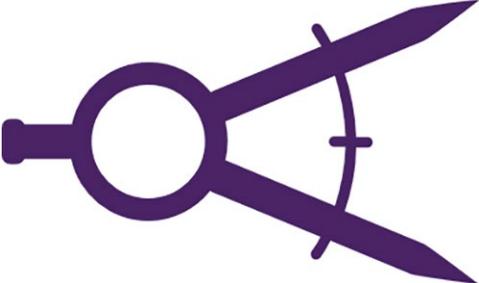


Stages and Techniques for the Writing Process

As you progress in writing, you move through different stages from roughly sketching out your ideas to ultimately attending to the final details.

<p>Race Car Driver</p> 	<p>Speedily release your creative ideas by forgetting sentence structures and grammar using the racecar driver technique.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insert the main points from your outline on your paper with spaces in between. (Tip: Ensure main points reflect assignment directions and rubric.)• Give yourself a time limit for writing your draft. Get ready and go!• Go for quantity!• Don't stop to design, build, or judge your content• Write quickly!• Start on any main point.• Keep going!• Take a break from the writing process.
<p>Architect</p> 	<p>Design content by selecting and organizing chunks of information using the architect technique.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delete irrelevant information• Arrange information in cohesive paragraphs:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insert the main idea in the first sentence of the paragraph.• Relate all content in the paragraph to the main idea.• Design the introduction to reflect a funnel-shaped format:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show general background statement(s).• Narrow the topic to the thesis statement.• State the purpose/intent of the paper.• Include a summary of the main points and thesis statement in the concluding paragraph.• Take a break from the writing process.
<p>Carpenter</p> 	<p>Nail the sentence structure to ensure continuity and flow using the carpenter technique.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review each sentence to ensure it reflects conciseness and clarity, leads to the next sentence, and contributes to the overall paper.• Read the paper aloud, and listen to how well the sentences flow.• Take a break from the writing process.
<p>Judge</p> 	<p>Examine the details of your content using the judge technique.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspect spelling. Spelling should conform to the Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary per APA guidelines.• Read aloud and listen to the grammar and tone of your paper.• Check punctuation using the APA Manual, 7th edition.• Check the APA format using the 7th edition.• Ask yourself—if the audience is unfamiliar with the topic, have I demonstrated clarity and depth so that the audience will easily understand the content?