
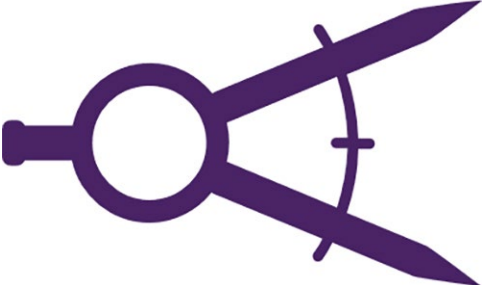




## Stages and Techniques for the Writing Process

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