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If you think proofreading equals editing, then you're wrong! Editing is a lot more than just scrutinizing your manuscript for misspelled words or missing punctuation marks.

As a whole:

Edit only **after** you've written the **whole** piece. If you stop to edit after every paragraph or sentence, you will disrupt the flow of your thoughts.

It is better to take a break before starting to edit a long manuscript so you'll have a fresh perspective.

Revise only **hard copy** especially if your manuscript is quite long. Revising from a monitor is confusing.

Verify the spelling of names, figures, dates, and addresses. These are the most murdered items in manuscripts!

Be sure of what you put between those quotation marks! Otherwise, rephrase the line and omit the quotation marks.

Did you follow the writer guidelines? e.g., number of words required, font/font size specified, spacing, margins...

Edit your content:

Be sure that you did not stray from your topic. Are your paragraphs coherent?

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Did you fulfill your purpose for writing that piece? Is your entertainment feature article entertaining enough? Did your personality sketch bring out your subject's unique and distinct qualities?

If necessary, did you provide enough supporting data (graphs, charts, figures) for your piece?

If applicable, did your article answer the 5 Ws and H? Who, what, why, where, when and how.

Edit for tightness:

Remove redundant and useless words.

What about diction? Did you use the right word to express what you mean? For example, "He stared at her" is more intense than "He looked at her." "Devour" is not the same as "eat."

Did you vary the length of your sentences? Combining long with short sentences makes your article

easier and more natural to read.

Did you check that the body of your article is longer than the introduction (lead)? Some writers get carried away. They focus on an effective lead to hook the readers but neglect the body of the article!

What about tone and style?

Does your work reflect your writing style or does it sound like a copied work?

Did you use the active voice? Are you consistent with the point of view you used?

Do your title and the words you used match the tone of your piece?

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When Are Spells Performed?

By Preston Houer

The presentation of magic entails use of words (such as spells or charms) and symbolic numbers that

are considered to possess a natural power and ritual actions presented by the magician or other accomplice. A spell or incantation is thought to draw power from mystical interventions to achieve magic.

Spells are words spoken in a series of procedure with magical objective. The accurate performance, often with supplementary actions, is believed to set free paranormal power.

When are Spells Performed?

While rituals will sometimes have required timings, spells typically have them. Timing is significant in both African–American as well as European–American spells. However, not every spell includes timing. Here are some of the examples:

- The Position of the Sun. Voodoo practices include some moon–lore, but also places particular emphasis on the position of the sun such as dawn. These spells require the work to be done early in the morning and must be done precisely at dawn.
- The Phase of the Moon. Magical traditions also emphasize the importance of the phase of the moon in timing a spell. A clear example would be chanting during a full moon.
- Use of the Calendar. Folk magic occasionally includes the dates of the calendar as part of a spell. For instance, there is a group of spells applied by women to catch sight of their husbands–to–be and these spells (like sleeping with certain objects under the pillow) are often said to be effective only when performed on a certain calendar date (e.g. February 14, which is Valentine's Day)

Whether your concern is white magic spells or black magic spells or how to take off jinxes and crossed conditions, spells can be timed in various ways.

Here is an example of a Magic Spell:

- Love Spell. - it is used to attract the person you love. You need a pink candle and a small amount of your preferred scent.

First, use a toothpick to engrave your candle with a shape of a heart in it. Place the candle on a window and make sure it can receive moonlight. Chanting the spell during a full moon is the best time for it to be effective. Then, place the perfume bottle in front of the candle and chant, "Venus, bestow unto me the love that I need; let this scent, attract my mate!" Once the candle burns out naturally, carry the perfume with you and spray little every time you go out to meet people. To intensify the strength of the spell, repeat the chant as you spray on the perfume.

Preston Houer has been involved with the art of illusion and sleight of hand for over 30 years. Let

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