

Good Reviewers Help Writers Develop Their Ideas and Better Communicate Them to Readers

Good peer reviewers help writers see their writing through the eyes of readers by writing thoughtful comments that address global concerns. They					
Paraphrase the meaning they have taken from writer's words	NY	OK	G	EX	
Focus first on the writer's claims, evidence, and organization	NY	OK	G	EX	
Make specific suggestions for change that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sharpen the writer's claims ● Clarify his or her thinking ● Elaborate or challenge evidence ● Lead to reworking entire sections of the paper 	NY	OK	G	EX	
Help a writer develop their thinking by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pointing out the implications of the writer's ideas ● Offer suggestions for extending or redirecting the writer's ideas ● Suggesting different evidence or different interpretations of evidence ● Indicating connections between the writer's ideas and those of other writers. ● Assessing the accuracy of a writer's summary or paraphrase of another writer's ideas ● Giving voice to potential counter-arguments 	NY	OK	G	EX	

Good reviewers do not act as proofreaders, but they do pay attention to local concerns that may limit the development of a writer's ideas or impede the reader's ability to understand the writer. They comment on

The implications of a writer's choice of words	NY	OK	G	EX	
The clarity and precision of individual sentences or sentence-clusters	NY	OK	G	EX	
Making clearer more explicit connections between linked sentences or ideas by using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pivotal words (transitions) • Repeated words and phrases • Pointing words 	NY	OK	G	EX	
Connecting related ideas using complex or compound sentence structures	NY	OK	G	EX	
Improving signaling of sources by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using signal phrases • Choosing expressive signal verbs • Marking shifts in voice • Embedding voice markers to indicate writer's view/use of source 	NY	OK	G	EX	
Stigmatizing grammatical errors that undermine a writer's credibility and authority	NY	OK	G	EX	
Whether the text meets formatting expectations	NY	OK	G	EX	