

# More Revisions?!?

Working on the beginning, middle, and end of your story, writing dialogue, and getting an idea where page turns will come has probably made a big difference already to what you wrote in your first draft. You might even be thinking about doing a “good copy” now.

But wait. There’s still more you can do to make your story as good as it can be.

If the idea of doing any more work on this story makes you wish you’d never started it, put it away for a while. Go play soccer, help cook supper, or read a picture book some other writer has finished struggling with – *Amazing Grace* or *The Stinky Cheese Man*, *The Orchestra* or *Jumanji*. Come back to your story when you feel fresh and have the energy to work on it again.

If your paper is getting so messy with all the changes you’ve made that you can hardly read it, copy it out if you want to, but don’t let yourself think you’re finished. Not yet. If parts of your book are still confusing or dull, most people won’t feel like finishing it.

Go through the checklist on the next two pages to see how you can make your good story even better.

