5 Steps of the Writing Process

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| Step | Description | Strategies |
| Prewriting | An activity that causes the writer to think about a subject. The writer organizes his thoughts before he begins to write. | Drawing  Talking  Brainstorming  Graphic organizers  Research  Listing  Journaling |
| Drafting | The process of putting ideas down on paper. The focus is on content not mechanics | Taking notes,  Organizing thoughts,  Writing a first draft,  Writing another draft |
| Revising | The process of refining writing. This is crafting. The writer adds and cuts a writing piece, keeping his audience in mind. The writer shares his work and gets input from peers or teacher, as well. | Peer editing  Conferencing  Workshop  Sharing  Pointing  Speaking/Performing  Analysis/Criticism |
| Editing | Mechanical, grammatical and spelling errors are fixed in the writing piece. | Checklists  Rubrics  Editing Checklists  Proofreading |
| Publishing | The piece is prepared in final form. The writer shares his writing with others. | Reading performance  Work Displayed Publication  Web publishing |