

Gentle Grammar & Writing Checklist – Grade 7

A guide for parents to review writing together with encouragement and grace.

Seventh grade writers are developing maturity, depth, and critical thinking. Support them with feedback that builds their confidence and strengthens their ability to communicate with purpose.

Basic Review:

- Read the piece together and ask, “Does this clearly express the main idea?”
- Check paragraph structure—each one should support a single idea.
- Look for variety in sentence length and structure.
- Review transitions and logical flow between ideas.
- Check mechanics—spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar.
- Identify any shifts in tense, tone, or point of view.

Gentle Growth Ideas:

- Encourage precise language and thoughtful word choice.
- Point out weak areas with “I wonder if...” or “Could you explain more here?”
- Offer feedback on organization: clear opening, connected body, and strong conclusion.
- Support them in learning to self-edit and revise with confidence.
- Acknowledge how far they’ve come in expressing deeper thoughts through writing.

 **Grade 7 is about polishing writing with depth, voice, and purpose—while still celebrating creativity and growth.**