
THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF EDITING

A manuscript goes through different stages in the editing process:

DEVELOPMENTAL/STRUCTURAL EDITING

Looking at the big picture

- Plot/story/structure
- Character
- Pacing
- Narrative viewpoint
- Voice
- Genre expectations

LINE EDITING

Sentence-level editing

- Flow
- How it sounds/feels
- Repetition
- Clarity

COPYEDITING

The smaller details

- Grammar
- Punctuation
- Spelling
- Internal consistency
- Clarity
- Styleguide adherence
- References & citations

STYLE-SHEET

PROOFREADING

Quality control & final checks

- Final check for errors
- Formatting and layout check

PROOFEDIT

A combination of (line editing,) copyediting and proofreading

- Often offered to indie authors

OFTEN COMBINED

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