



Peer Reviews

There are a few types of feedback to consider that will help facilitate a successful peer review session.

Global vs. Local Feedback

- Global feedback focuses on:
 - paper flow
 - organization of paragraphs
 - support of main points/thesis
- Local feedback focuses on:
 - grammar
 - punctuation
 - sentence structure

It is ideal to focus on global feedback and then move to local feedback.

Rubric-Based Feedback

- Have the rubric in front of you, either printed or electronically
- Ask questions when reviewing. For example:
 - Does this claim support the intentions of the paper?
 - Is my peer meeting the requirements of the paper?
 - How will the feedback I give help my peer with this paper?
- Consult with the professor if you have questions about the rubric

Positive vs. Constructive Feedback

When giving feedback to your peers, it's important to have a balance between positive and constructive feedback. Try to aim for a blend of positive and constructive feedback that is targeted and specific.

- What not to do:
 - Example: "I like how you explain your ideas."
 - Example: "You have some spelling errors."
- What to do:
 - Example: "You do a great job of explaining why the dystopian elements of this novel are significant to its larger themes."
 - Example: "You misspelled 'judgment' in the third line of your second paragraph."

Explain why your suggestions would strengthen your peer's paper.

- What not to do:
 - Example: "You should swap your second and third paragraph."
 - Example: "I don't think you have enough examples."
- What to do:
 - Example: "If you swap your second and third paragraph, I think it would help the flow of your paper."
 - Example: "I think if you added more examples to your fourth paragraph, it would strengthen your overall claim."

When doing a peer review, ask yourself: "If this was my paper, what would be helpful for me?"

For more information on peer reviews, make an appointment with a [writing tutor](#). Appointments are available in person at the [Student Success Center](#) or online.