Tips on how to proofread your own writing



- 1. Leave it alone for a little while and then come back to it.
- 2. Don't rely on spellcheck.
- 3. Go through your writing in different stages. For example, you can:
 - a. check spellings
 - b. check grammar
 - check punctuation.
- 4. Print it out.
- 5. Read it backwards.
- 6. Read it out loud.
- 7. Make sure you are consistent with names, spellings and certain types of punctuation such as quote marks.
- 8. Ask a professional proofreader for help. A second pair of eyes is always beneficial. A professional proofreader will find the mistakes and make sure your writing is consistent in style.