

Editing Tool

It's often easier to edit if you focus on one element at a time, and that's where the Editing Tool comes in handy. It lets a student (or you) decide whether it's time to concentrate on spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or usage. If you pick spelling, then the child places the yellow highlighting stripe over the first line of writing, checks that, and then continues moving the tool and his focus one line at a time. Next, the child might use pink for punctuation, blue for capitalization, or green for grammar.

Younger writers can concentrate on using just one function of the tool until they succeed at that type of editing. When they are ready, they can add another step in the editing process by using another part of the tool.

