

Editing Marks Poster

Congratulations on your purchase of the Really Good Stuff® **Editing Marks Poster**—a useful student reference for common editing marks to use when editing writing.

Included in this Really Good Stuff® set you'll find:

- Editing Marks Poster, 19" by 24"
- This Really Good Activity Guide™

Editing Marks Poster Activities

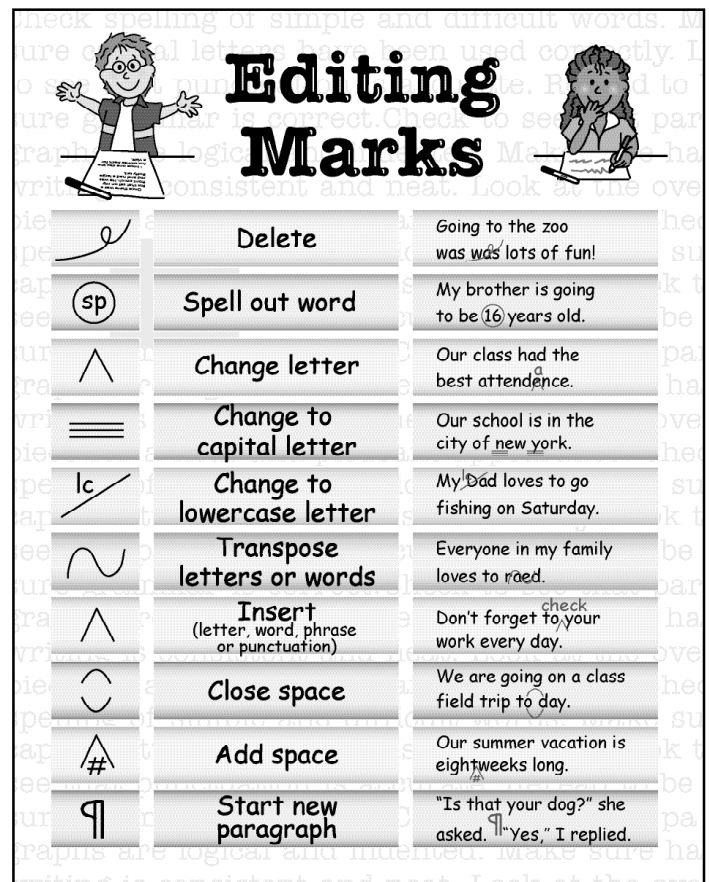
Share the poster with students. Explain to them that editing is a way of getting things right in their writing. It means correcting the spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. It also means making sure the grammar is correct. Editing marks are ways of indicating what needs to be fixed as the writing is rewritten for publication and sharing. Point to each mark on the poster, and have a student read the example. As you review each mark, have students practice making the mark on paper.

Editing Marks Reference

Make a copy of the **Editing Marks** reference reproducible found in this guide. Three-hole punch the sheets and give one to each student. Have them put the sheets in their writing notebooks or folders as quick reference for common editing marks. If desired, make a second copy for each student to take home to use with homework assignments.

Practice Makes Perfect

Give your students some practice using all of the editing marks in a challenging activity. Make a copy of the **Practice Makes Perfect** reproducible found in this guide on overhead acetate. Make paper copies for them. Have



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	Change letter	Our class had the best attendance.
	Change to capital letter	Our school is in the city of <u>new</u> york.
	Change to lowercase letter	My <u>D</u> ad loves to go fishing on Saturday.
	Transpose letters or words	Everyone in my family loves to <u>raed</u> .
	Insert (letter, word, phrase or punctuation)	Don't forget to ^{check} your work every day.
	Close space	We are going on a class field trip to day.
	Add space	Our summer vacation is eight <u>w</u> eeks long.
	Start new paragraph	"Is that your dog?" she asked. ¶ "Yes," I replied.

them read the text and use the editing marks to indicate where corrections need to be made. Tell them that the paragraphs contain enough mistakes that they will use all of the marks from the poster two times each. After they are finished, have them share the corrections they found and the editing marks they used, by marking them on the overhead acetate copy.

Editing Marks Hall of Fame

Recognize your students for good use of editing marks on their writing drafts. Choose an area to display their work and create a header titled *The Editing Marks Hall of Fame*. Display their edited papers under the heading, and recognize students each week who correctly use the editing marks in their writing.



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Gretchen, The Fisherman

I've had a cat for as long as I can remember. Her name is Gretchen, she's 12 years old, and she loves to sit in front of my aquarium and watch the fish. This never really bothered me until today. What was different about Today you ask?

Well, today, she decided she was going to catch 1 of the fish in my aquarium. I caught her on top of the tank reaching down with one little paw and trying to snag one of prize fish. Let me tell you...those fish were going Crazy! But that didn't bother Gretchen. She was swinging that little arm and chasing after any fish that got near. I'll bet you're wondering what I did next. After getting over my initial shock of seeing my cat fishing in my aquarium, I grabbed her up and took her straight onto the bath room to get a towel. Have you ever tried to dry a wet cat? It was like trying to dry a tornado. And when I was finished, she didn't come around me for a long time. but the best part is...I never found her fishing in my again aquarium.