

5 QUESTIONS

TO ASK ABOUT YOUR EDITOR

to make sure they're a good fit

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF AN EDITOR IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

A good relationship with your editor makes your writing better, and your life easier. But how do you know if you've found the right editor? Obviously, skills and experience count, but here are some other questions to ask when you're checking someone out.

- ARE THEY FLEXIBLE?
 - Does the editor offer different options depending on what the writer needs? Can they do line-by-line edits and proofreads, as well as structural editing? Can they coach writers who are starting out? Do they work with writers to do the job in the most efficient and effective way possible, saving them time and you money?
- Does the editor explain clearly to the writer why they make edits and suggestions?
- Do they charge fair prices, meet deadlines and do good quality work, always communicating with the client?
- DO THEY HAVE A HISTORY OF HAPPY CLIENTS?

 Are there testimonials from previous clients and satisfied writers you can read on their website?
- Is the editor on *your* team? Is their intention to help make your writing the very best it can be? Will they send it back to you if they think it needs rewriting, or if it's not ready? Are they able to coach, or point you to additional resources if required? Or will they happily take your money but leave you with a result that still isn't the best it could be?

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