

Tips On Editing A Dissertation

hello this is dr. Dave Maass like talking to you about reciprocity calm the e is written with a three and in this particular video I actually want to talk to you about editing a dissertation and give you some tips for editing a dissertation so I'm actually a professor of animation strategy and entrepreneurship and I've seen I did my own dissertation I've seen other people's [finance dissertation topics](#) now and I just thought I'd be as helpful as I possibly can for those of you that are interested in writing your own dissertation you're a PhD or graduate student or if you are an editor or a writer that is proofreading and editing somebody else's dissertation along the way I just wanted to be as helpful as I possibly can so this is part of my Monday write series where I talk about things that are relevant and interesting for anybody that's doing academic writing so what should you look for when you're editing somebody else's work or editing your own work as you know you could do some self editing as well and we all do that so I have a couple of tips that you should probably look at before you jump into editing somebody's dissertation or editing their thesis it all just depends on where they're at in terms of what they call it I think in in the US there's a tendency to call a graduate a graduate bulk of work whatever they're working on and call that a thesis and then in Canada and UK I'm originally my PhD in Canada there is a tendency to be a little bit more formal so in the UK in Canada and Europe there's definitely a tendency to be a lot more formal and call it a dissertation there's really no difference between them and you know in general in the U in the u.s. they're gonna write it as it did it's going to be called the dissertation on the on you know on the on the package but in general we kind of use that interchangeably here this one i notice so here are some important tips in terms of editing a dissertation so the first thing that you should always look for is look to see if the constructs the new things that they're interested in that they're talking about or whatever they're talking about are defined relatively early so within the first page or two of any dissertation or any thesis they should talk about these new things that they are talking about immediately in the paper or in the dissertation this is really important and it should be really wild explained in it should be in plain English yeah and it's be as simple as it's possibly should be that's that's incredibly important with any dissertation or any thesis you need to know what they're talking about as soon as you jump into the thing that you're doing and any academic work has to discuss that you know a second thing that's really important and I can cut out so when I write something my personally myself I will start off with about a 50 page document and I can cut that down to about 30 pages by doing the next thing so what you're trying to do is look for redundant sections in redundant material or redundant phrases this is the beaten any kind of things that seem redundant or boring so if it's redundant if it's a redundant section make sure that you just simply make note of it for the person that's writing the dissertation or if it's your own you could delete that material it doesn't matter it's not going to help or aid what you're doing now there is some redundancy sometimes in in material because you'll write in an introduction for example the introduction will generally be a little bit redundant you know describe what's going on in the material following that in in that's okay but in general sections that are just kind of going all over the place and they don't seem to have a lot of point you can remove some of that stuff or you can tell them to remove some of that stuff now with phrases you can look for so the third thing that's important is look for redundant extra phrases you can cut down material and make sentences a lot more shorter if you just look for things that seem to be redundant in there and they just don't add a lot of value and you can cut out a lot of that stuff and there is a lot of material like that and written work and you will start looking you'll start seeing it immediately once you start going through that you have an act of eye for it just start cutting out that material it doesn't matter and it's not gonna add anything and you the the shorter short generally the shorter of the sentence is the better the easier it is to read people are gonna make it and they're they're just gonna get to the point a lot quicker and that's really what you're trying to do with the dissertation just just get to the point really quick and that is ok the other thing so fourth thing that you should do is go to the University wherever they are doing their their dissertation and and you as well and if you're writing your own dissertation go and get the guidelines every single University has their own distinct guidelines and what they're expecting what they're doing maybe get if you're a PhD student go and get the somebody else's dissertation that has done it just before you from the the previous year and use their dissertation as a guideline right you normally