

# Publishing Checklist

Before you submit, run through this checklist to make sure you've polished the final details.

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## POEM CHECKLIST:

- Does your poem have a strong opening?
- Do your line breaks add meaning or rhythm to your poem?
- Does your poem have specific nouns?
- Does your poem have active verbs?
- Will your poem make pictures in a reader's mind?
- Have you made specific choices about the rhythm of your poem?
- Does your poem have a satisfying ending?

## STORY CHECKLIST:

- Does your story have a beginning, middle and end?
- Have you included descriptive detail that appeals to all five senses?
- Have you created a main character who is unique in some way?
- Does your main character have at least one flaw?
- Does your main character solve the story's problem?
- Is the problem of the story highly important to your main character?
- Is your solution believable?

## FINAL DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION:

- Have you checked your spelling and grammar?
- Have you double-spaced your story or poem and used a legible font in 12 pt size?
- Have you read your story out loud to a friend to get constructive criticism?
- Is this your best possible work?

## CONGRATULATIONS!

*If you've answered yes to all these questions, you're ready to send in your writing!*