

Reports

Revising and Proofreading

To revise a research paper, check that it establishes a central thesis and develops it coherently with concrete details and accurate, well-documented information.

Revise this section of a research paper. Begin by answering the questions that follow. Then use proofreading marks to correct errors in grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Finally, rewrite the corrected passage on a separate sheet of paper.

(1) The factory worker of the future may not never need a lunchbreak. (2) It's job may well be to build other workers like itself. (3) Bio-engineering, computerized medicine, and robot factory workers—all may be part of our not-so-distant future.

(4) Robots has a long history in books, movies and the human-imagination. (5) They have moved out of the realm of fiction. (6) In america, robotics is a 2 billion industry. (7) Robots builds cars and handles radioactive materials. (8) In Japan, robotics is even more advanced, and robots are widely used in the auto industry. (9) Robots operated the voyager spacecraft that sends back pictures of jupiter. (10) According to one estimate, 11 million Japanese robots will be at work by the year 2,000 and will be very active in the Japanese auto industry ("Robotics" 179). (11) Says James Albus a robot specialist, at the national bureau of standards "We're heading into a postindustrial society, in which there will be no need for human beings to engage in the manufacture of basic goods."—Solomon 44.

1. Add a new sentence before Sentence 3, naming and defining the subject of the paper. _____

2. Revise Sentence 5 to make a smoother transition from Sentence 4. _____

3. Which sentences should be transposed to make the paper better organized? _____
4. Revise Sentence 10, eliminating redundant information. _____
