

Become the Reader

Editing is all about the reader. As writers, we are often too familiar with our own thinking and too wedded to our own words to see what needs to be changed. Put some distance between your writing and your editing. Let the work sit for an extra day. Don't have time? Then take a short break. Get up and walk around the office. Work on something else for a few minutes. Make a phone call. Check your email. Get a coffee, tea, or cold drink. Now come back. You've made the shift from writer to reader. You are ready to begin editing in layers.