Novel Editing

Dialogue Tags

What are they: basically what comes after the quote to designate who is saying it. It is a part of the quotation sentence.

Avoid -ing'ing

ATQ: Action To Quote. "I am going to my sleep." He shut the bedroom door.

Fancy-free: avoid complicated adjectives and adverbs in dialogue tags.

KISS: Keep it said simple. Examples: Asked, Whispered, Yelled, Mumbled, Voiced.

Less-ly: he said pleadingly vs he said. Convey the pleading differently.

Reviewing

1. Make a summary outline of each chapter.