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Finding a freelance copy editor for your ebook - ten tips

How do you know whether a freelance copywriter is any good? Here's ten tips to help you find a good freelance copywriter who will buff your ebook to a high sheen!

1. Find a freelance copywriter who has at least five years' experience, preferably more.
2. Make sure they've done plenty of editing before.
3. Ask for a free sample first so you can see how they'll treat your ebook. A page should be enough for you to make a sensible decision.
4. Ask them to include brief details of their reasoning /rationale with your sample so you can see why they've done what they've done.
5. Get a firm quote up front and make sure there are no hidden extras. If you let them see the whole thing they'll be able to give you a truly accurate quote.
6. It's a good sign if they send you confirmation of everything in writing by email without being asked.
7. It's a good sign if they reply within 24 hours.
8. Make sure they're prepared to agree a timescale before you begin, including:

the date you'll send the manuscript to your copywriter
when you'll get the first draft back
when you'll send your comments and amendments
the date you'll get draft 2 back
your final deadline

9. Make sure they'll be happy to hand over the first chapter so you can iron out any issues early on.
10. Don't pay anything up front. A good freelance copywriter and editor will invoice you at the end of the project once you're 100% happy.

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