

## Revision RADaR Strategy

The Revision RADaR strategy is a tool that can help you conduct a focused revision of your work.

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<b>Replace . . .</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Words that are not specific</li><li>• Words that are overused</li><li>• Sentences that are unclear</li></ul>	<b>Add . . .</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New information</li><li>• Descriptive adjectives and adverbs</li><li>• Rhetorical or literary devices</li></ul>	<b>Delete . . .</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unrelated ideas</li><li>• Sentences that sound good, but do not make sense</li><li>• Repeated words or phrases</li><li>• Unnecessary details</li></ul>	<b>Reorder . . .</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• So most important points are last</li><li>• To make better sense or to flow better</li><li>• So details support main ideas</li></ul>

**Replace** – What words could I replace?

*As I ran to the finish line, my heart was beating.*



*As I sprinted to the finish line, my heart was pounding in my chest.*

How did the writer replace the overused verb *ran*? What other replacements do you see? How did they improve the text?

**Add** – What words could I add?

*Shadows made the night seem scary.*



*Ominous shadows made the dark night seem even more sinister.*

How did the second sentence make you feel, compared with the first?

**Delete** – What words might I delete?

*The candidates talked about the issues, and many of the issues were issues that had been on voters' minds.*



*The candidates talked about the issues, many of which had been on voters' minds.*

Describe the revision you see. How did taking out unnecessary repetition of the word *issues* help the sentence flow more naturally?

**Reorder** – Should I reorder anything?

*Put the sunflower seeds over the strawberries, which are on top of the pineapple in a bowl. You'll have a delicious fruit salad!*



*To make a delicious fruit salad, cut pineapple into a bowl. Add strawberries and then sprinkle a few sunflower seeds over the top.*

Which of the models flows more logically? Why?