

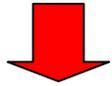
Revision RADaR Strategy

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

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

Replace – What words could I replace?

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

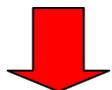


As I sprinted to the finish line, my heart was pounding in my chest.

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?

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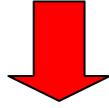


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Describe the revision you see. How did taking out unnecessary repetition of the word *issues* help the sentence flow more naturally?

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?