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 – 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.*

Adapted from *Writing Coach: Writing and Grammar for the 21st Century* by R. Hurtado
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?