

Revise with RADaR Strategy

Before submitting a written composition, use the RADaR strategy to focus the revision of your draft. RADaR is an effective tool for improving a draft and achieving better test results.

The letters R, A, D, and R will help you remember to:

- **Replace**
- **Add**
- **Delete**
and
- **Reorder**

This chart shows specific ways you can strengthen a composition by replacing, adding, deleting, and reordering text.

R	A	D and	R
Replace ... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Words that are not specific• Words that are overused• Sentences that are unclear <i>A thesaurus can be very helpful for this step.</i>	Add ... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New details• Descriptive adjectives and adverbs• Rhetorical and literary devices <i>A thesaurus can be very helpful for this step.</i>	Delete ... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unrelated ideas• Repeated ideas• Unnecessary ideas• Repeated words and phrases	Reorder ... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• So that your ideas are ordered effectively• So that the logical flow of your ideas is improved• So that details are connected to related main ideas

Examples:

Replace

Before:

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

After:

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

Add:

Before:

Shadows made the night seem scary.

After:

Ominous shadows made the dark night seem even more frightening.

Delete:

Before:

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

After:

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

Reorder:

Before:

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

After:

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