

What we know about the Revision Process

- Revision always makes a work better
 - Learning happens when we revise
 - Good revision always involves critiques that are honest (but kind), helpful, and specific.
 - Good revision happens when we build time for critique and revision in the writing process.
 - Good revision always involves critiques that focus on one writing aspect at a time.
 - Revision requires a growth mindset and commitment to deliberate practice.
 - Revision means changing the substance of what we are writing, not correcting errors.
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But what are we actually revising when we revise?

Austin's revision involved changing the . . .	Paper revision involves changing . . .
Shape	Organization
Pattern	Evidence
Balance	Analysis
Color	Language



RADaR Revision (from *Write Like This* by Kelly Gallagher)

Put your paper under the radar to determine what and how to revise.

Revision: “re” means again; “vision” means to see. Thus, revision means to see a paper again. When placed side-by-side, the versions of your paper will look different. Revision does not mean getting rid of a comma. Those kinds of changes are called editing a paper. Revision means changing the substance and sound of your paper.

Replace	Add	Delete And	Reorder
Replace... ...words that are not specific. ...words that are overused. ...sentences that are unclear.	Add... ...new information. ...descriptive adjectives and adverbs. ...rhetorical or literary devices.	Delete... ...unrelated ideas. ...sentences that sound good but create unity problems. ...unwanted repetition. ...unnecessary details.	Reorder... ...to make better sense or to flow better. ...so details support main ideas. ...to avoid “bed-to-bed” writing.

Correcting the punctuation, agreement, and usage errors in the paragraph below would be editing it. We want to make the **substance** of the paragraph better by making RADaR changes. Then we can edit.

Words have the power to help people. In thank you ma’am this kid tried to steal this woman’s purse so he can buy some suede shoes. He was a bad influenced kid, and she took him in and gave him some discipline. Not by hitting him but by teaching him right from wrong and giving him food and talking to him instead of taking him to jail or calling the police. “I have done things too, which I would not tell you, son neither god if he didn’t already know.” She gave him insight on how everyone does bad things but you have to choose the right choice. Her words helped him become a better person.