

# 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.

<b>R</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b> and	<b>R</b>
<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> <i>A thesaurus can be very helpful for this step.</i>	<b>Add ...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New details</li><li>• Descriptive adjectives and adverbs</li><li>• Rhetorical and literary devices</li></ul> <i>A thesaurus can be very helpful for this step.</i>	<b>Delete ...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unrelated ideas</li><li>• Repeated ideas</li><li>• Unnecessary ideas</li><li>• Repeated words and phrases</li></ul>	<b>Reorder ...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• So that your ideas are ordered effectively</li><li>• So that the logical flow of your ideas is improved</li><li>• So that details are connected to related main ideas</li></ul>

## 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.