Revision
Some Things to Revise For

EXAMPLES

Smoking is bad for your health. **It causes damage to nearly every organ in the body and is directly responsible for a number of diseases.**

IDEAS AND DEVELOPMENT
Elaboration — expand and develop ideas more fully; add details, examples, reasons, and evidence

SENTENCE VARIETY
Different sentence beginnings

Alliteration

In the moonlight, the **surface of the sea sparkles.**

When she climbs the stairs, her brown curls bounce up and down.

IDEAS AND DEVELOPMENT
Snapshots — "sketch" a person, place, or thing; describe with sensory details

SENTENCE VARIETY
Different sentence lengths and structures

The sun set. However, the moon loomed on the horizon. As the moon rose, the temperature dropped, and the stars lit up the sky.

ORGANIZATION
Transitions — connect ideas with transition words and phrases

The car sped around the truck.

The **Ferrari flew** past the **pick-up truck**.

The trail was walked on by the boy in athletic shoes.

The boy in **Air Jordans blazed** down the trail.

She went home. → She **wandered** home.

WORD CHOICE
Specific Nouns — more precise names for people, places, and things such as:
- dog → lapdog → Chihuahua
- pants → jeans → Wranglers

WORD CHOICE
Action Verbs — vivid verbs that show action in active voice (Avoid passive voice whenever possible.)

IDEAS AND DEVELOPMENT

SENTENCE VARIETY

Participial Phrases — *-ing* and *–ed* verb phrases that add details

Appositive Phrases — noun phrases that rename another noun and add details

Creaking in the wind, the old house — **a dilapidated log cabin** — **begged for attention** as smoke puffed from its chimney **like an SOS signal.**

WORD CHOICE
Figurative Language:
- **Personification** — gives human characteristics to something nonhuman
- **Similes** — compares two different things in an interesting way using *like* or *as*

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