

Pick-A-Polish

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Name of the activity. The main activity was *Polish #3 Paramedic Method*, while *Polish #2 Style and Tone* was also used.

URL to the draft you revised. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Nz6st6c9dCeufQMAFIgsX_hN54gAioKmU5PnWddoNyg/edit?usp=sharing

Reflection. I revised my draft mainly with the paramedic method. It required a very different mindset from writing the draft. When I wrote a draft, my priority was to populate the page with ideas and words, laying out details that I thought were important. However, when I revised the draft, I had to decide whether the details were truly necessary and whether they were placed in the right position so that the audience could understand them and agree with my inclusion. One pattern I noticed in my writing was that I tended to try to be precise with a claim, sacrificing the structure of the sentence who was delivering the claim. I had to then add a follow-up sentence to clarify, making the claim less effective. (Exactly like the above two sentences, but I will keep them for demonstration since this reflection is not formal writing.)

The paramedic method was very helpful. Consciously analysing the purpose and the structure of each sentence made me realise how some ideas can be delivered more effectively, and how some ideas are not necessary at all. The method also helped me reevaluate the structure of the entire paragraphs. I moved sentences around, broke them into smaller ones, and deleted others to make each sentence as simple as necessary and the subjects clear, while making sure each sentence was connected to the next.

I was very satisfied seeing the two annotations I revised a lot shorter, and I hope they are more effective now.