



STAR Strategy

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S	T	A	R
Substitute	Take Things Out	Add	Rearrange
Replace: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• overused words• weak verbs with strong verbs• weak adjectives with strong adjectives• common nouns with proper nouns• “dead” words	Take out: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• unnecessary repetitions• unimportant information• parts that might belong other places	Add: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• detail• description• new information• figurative language• develop plots, characters, scenes• clarify meaning• expand ideas	Rearrange: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the sequence to produce the desired effect• the order for a more logical flow.