

Revision and Editing Chart – adapted from Anna Jordan

Sample Student Text

I like pizza because it is delicious. I like it with bubbling cheese, hot pepperoni, and not too much sauce. It is really good after a long day of school. When I hear my Mom ordering pizza, I start drooling. Not only is it my favorite food, I cannot live without it. Pizza is like a wheel of heaven.

Looking Closely at Your Own Writing

- Directions:
1. Clearly number the sentences in your essay.
 2. Highlight the first four words in each sentence.
 3. Complete the chart with the required information.
 4. What patterns appear in your writing?

Sentence #	1 st Letter	First Four Words	Weak Verbs	Strong Verbs	Descriptive Word/Phrases (Attributes) Comparisons, Figurative Language	# Words/Sentence	End Marks
1.	I	I like pizza because	like, is		delicious	7	.
2.	I	I like it with	like		bubbling cheese, hot pepperoni, and not too much sauce.	12	.
3.	I	It is really good	is		long day of school	10	.
4.	W	When I hear my	hear	order, start drooling	start drooling	10	.
5.	N	Not only is it	is	cannot live	cannot live without it	12	.
6.	P	Pizza is like a	is		like a wheel of heaven	7	.
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Things to Think About

Did you start the sentence with <i>a – and – the</i> ? If you have 5/15 sentences beginning with <i>a – and – the</i> , that is too many.	Did you start the sentence with a pronoun? You should have less than 5/15 sentences beginning with a pronoun.	Write the first sentence 3 different ways. 1. I like pizza. 2. Pizza is one of my favorite foods. 3. Italian deep-dish pizza is to die for.	Your shortest sentence should be more than 5 words, but if your longest sentence is 20 words, you are too wordy.
Your topic sentence is shorter: your support is longer. Long sentences are c N hen describing sensory detail.	Verbs <i>drive</i> a piece of writing. Focus on strong verbs in your writing.	Check your use of adverbs. Half of your sentences should have adverbs. Do not use <i>very</i> , rather search for a more precise word. • very tired - exhausted	Use your Portable Vocabulary Chart to your writing. Experiment with new words.

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