


Four bases for Revising Essays



- Aims of Today's Lesson:
Learn how to revise an essay for
 1. Unity
 2. Support
 3. Coherence
 4. Sentence Skills

Four Steps 	Four Bases
1. If your essay has a single point and sticks to that point,	Your paper will have unity.
2. If you support the point with specific evidence,	Your paper will have support.
3. If you organize and connect the specific evidence,	Your paper will have coherence.
4. If you write clear, error-free sentences,	Your paper will show effective sentence skills.

Base 1: Unity



- To achieve unity is to have ALL the details in your essay related to your thesis.
- Also, the details in each body paragraph must support the topic sentence of that particular paragraph.
- Each time you think of a sentence to put in your essay, ask yourself: is it related to my thesis and supporting points (controlling ideas)?

Base 2: Support



- An essay is more effective when there are lots of specific examples.
 - The reader wants to *see* vivid examples and details.
- Activity 4, p. 147.

3. Coherence



- The sentences in your essay must be organized clearly and logically.
- Effective ways of connecting and organizing information in an essay include: emphatic order, time order, transitions and connecting words as well as repeating key words.

4. Sentence Skills



- Sentence skills include:
 - Using the correct capitalization.
 - Subject-Verb agreement.
 - Using appropriate tenses.
 - Using the correct punctuation and avoiding run-on sentences.
 - Using correct sentence structures.
 - Writing with correct spelling.
 - Using the correct form of the word (part of speech).