



## Change Media

### How It Works

A quick revision technique asks students to print a hard copy of their work and revise with pen or pencil. Students revising on paper write notes to themselves in the margins, underline words or phrases that aren't sufficiently clear, note areas that could benefit from more development, ask themselves questions, draw arrows to reorganize, and check to see that the argument remains consistent throughout.

### Why It Works

Many students are accustomed to the ease of typing, but seeing the work in a new physical form can increase self-awareness, helping writers notice logical and organizational issues.

It also lessens pressure and self-judgment by moving students away from the screen, enabling them to focus on the words and ideas rather than envisioning critical readers.

Revising on paper also adds a helpful revision step because students will transfer their revisions back to the screen and make additional changes as they do so.

Although students may resist this extra step because they believe that editing on the screen is equally effective, they will feel freer to mark a paper version. Requiring students to experiment with a change in media can demonstrate the difference it makes, and they will often choose to use this technique in the future.