

# Revise Your **Sentence** through the **VECTOR**® Method!

🔑 KEY for blue sentences: **Bolded words** will undergo a VECTOR stage. Underlined words just underwent a VECTOR stage. 🔑

1) **V**aporize redundant ideas:

[space for notes]

The boy slept **soundly and peacefully**.

becomes

The boy slept soundly.

2) **E**vict ideas that detract from your sentence's function:

[space for notes]

The **woman, whose accent suggested an Irish heritage, was** singing while she hung clothes.

becomes

The woman was singing while she hung clothes.

*[This sentence is from a hypothetical story in which the woman's being Irish adds nothing to the plot, so we should remove that superfluous detail.]*

3) **C**onsolidate multiple weaker words that represent one idea into fewer stronger words:

[space for notes]

The woman **was singing** while she hung clothes.

becomes

The woman sang while she hung clothes.

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The girl **walked quickly** to the store.

[space for notes]

becomes

The girl hustled to the store.

4) **T**idy ideas based on grammar and mechanics:

**With his palms pressed to his ears, the birds' squawking** infuriated the man.

[space for notes]

becomes

With his palms pressed to his ears, the man raged over the birds' squawking.

*[The reason we made these changes is because "With his palms pressed to his ears" should modify "the man," not "the birds' squawking."]*

5) **O**verhaul ideas so your sentence's form better matches its function:

*[In other words, balance the sentence's ease of reading with its intended influence on the reader's focus, feelings, assumptions, etc.]*

**The tiger, without any hesitation, pounced** onto the back of the deer.

[space for notes]

becomes

Without any hesitation, the tiger pounced onto the back of the deer.

*[Though the first sentence is technically correct, positioning "tiger" next to "pounced" helps emphasize the tiger's swiftness!]*

6) **R**efine your sentence so it conveys its ideas more accurately, pleasingly, and memorably:

*[Note that this is the most subjective and nuanced stage of the sentence-revision process.]*

**Although our first-date picnic started with promise, at midday, insects began buzzing so loudly that we couldn't hear one another.**

[space for notes]

might transform into

Our first date held promise until noon gored our picnic with cicada shrieks.

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# Advanced, Single-Sentence VECTOR<sup>®</sup> Method Example

 KEY for blue sentences: **Bolded words** will undergo a VECTOR stage. Underlined words just underwent a VECTOR stage. Many words on this page meet both criteria. 

[Regular Sentence] Critics of **vague, nebulous** troubles, say the wise, have sharp cures that are pled for only by fools that beg on their knees.

- 1) **V**aporize redundant ideas.....  
**Critics of vague troubles, say the wise, have sharp cures that are pled for only by fools that beg on their knees.**
- 2) **E**vict ideas that detract from your sentence's function.....  
Vague troubles, say the wise, have sharp cures that are pled for only by fools that beg on their knees.
- 3) **C**onsolidate multiple weaker words that represent one idea into fewer stronger words.....  
**Vague troubles, say the wise, have sharp cures that are pled for only by fools on their knees.**
- 4) **T**idy ideas based on grammar and mechanics.....  
Vague troubles, as the wise know, have sharp cures that are pled for only by fools on their knees.
- 5) **O**verhaul ideas so your sentence's form better matches its function.....  
The wise know a vague pain has a sharp cure that is pled for only by fools on their knees.
- 6) **R**efine your sentence so it conveys its ideas more accurately, pleasingly, and memorably.....  
[VECTOR Sentence] The wise know a vague pain cloaks a pointed cure to be thrust only to'rd fools on their knees.

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