

# Red Pencil Strategies



## Strategy #1: Three Critical Thinking Questions

1. “What is wrong with this word, sentence, or paragraph?”
2. “How can I (help) fix it?”
3. “How can I avoid this mistake in the future?”

## Strategy #2: Five Levels to Work on

“**House**” Word choice = style.

“**Street**” Sentences. Structure & syntax. Tense & person consistency.

“**Neighborhood**” Paragraphs. Do paragraphs make sense?

“**City**” Check content. Is the author accomplishing his purpose?

“**State**” Check organization of entire piece.