| Revision Process                          |   |
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| Revision<br>Stage                         | Goal  |
| Drafting:<br>Clarifying<br>Intent         | A draft that makes enough sense to allow structural revision  Strategies:  Blocking out regular times during drafting to clarify intent Using a for-your-eyes-only font to narrate ongoing concerns   |
| First Draft:<br>Tackling<br>Structure     | A coherent draft  Strategies: Working with a full draft Letting time elapse Using reverse outlines  |
| Next Draft:<br>Tackling<br>Sentences      | A coherent draft + effective sentences  Strategies: Engaging physically with your text Checking the beginnings of sentences Highlighting sentence structure Thinking about little words Lessening attachment Recognizing your own patterns  |
| Next Draft:<br>Tackling<br>Movement       | A coherent draft + effective sentences + good flow  Strategies: Checking for the orienting- informing pattern  Evaluating the presentation of lists  Balancing long and short sentences Assessing signposting  Creating topic sentence paragraphs   |
| Next Draft:<br>Tackling<br>Technicalities | A coherent draft + effective sentences + good flow + overall consistency Strategies:  Distinguishing between revision and proofreading  Finding ways to focus on technicalities: letting time elapse; reading aloud; treating material out of order; stopping at the end of every paragraph; using a ruler; searching for one element at a time  Consulting your document- specific style sheet |
| Final Draft:<br>Letting<br>Go             | A submitted piece of writing  Strategies: Accepting the anxiety associated with sharing writing Being aware of diminishing returns Embracing the risks and rewards of making your work public   |