

REVISION GUIDE

From AI feedback to your own revision

Use feedback to make decisions you understand. This worked example shows how to accept, adapt, and reject suggestions without handing over authorship.

The learning goal and permission

The assignment assesses your evidence-based recommendation. The instructor permits critique of your own draft, but you must write the final argument. All campus details below are simulated teaching material.

Start with your own evidence and draft

Source packet: 46 of 80 voluntary survey respondents want later library hours. One quiet room had 18, 22, and 20 of 24 seats occupied at 8 p.m. on three evenings. Staffing costs \$40 per additional hour.

Your initial draft

"The library should stay open later every night because most students want it. Forty-six people said yes in the survey, and the quiet room was busy. Longer hours would improve grades, so the college should make the change now."

You already have a position and evidence to examine. Your draft also includes claims that go beyond what you have established.

Ask for critique with a boundary

Your request

"Identify weak reasoning or claims my source packet does not support. Ask questions that will help me revise. Do not rewrite the paragraph or add facts."

Examine the feedback rather than obeying it

- Suggestion A: Explain that the survey was voluntary and show the denominator.
- Suggestion B: Consider a short pilot before recommending a permanent change.
- Suggestion C: Add that most students work full time and that later hours improve grades.

A suggestion can sound useful and still introduce unsupported information. Return to the packet and decide which advice actually helps your argument.

Before continuing

Which suggestion would you reject? Which requires a judgment rather than a fact check? Decide first, then compare your reasoning with the next page.

Make and explain your revision decisions

Suggestion	Your decision and reason
A · Survey limits	Accept. The packet says 46 of 80 voluntary respondents, not most students across campus.
B · A short pilot	Adapt. A pilot is a reasonable proposal, not a finding in the sources. You must justify its scope and cost.
C · Jobs and grades	Reject. Neither employment status nor academic achievement appears in the source packet.

Write again from verified notes

Close the AI output. List the evidence and the decision you can defend. Then write a new paragraph using your own organization and reasoning.

Your revised paragraph

“The library should test two extra hours on three evenings before considering a permanent extension. In a voluntary survey, 46 of 80 respondents wanted later hours, and a quiet room was heavily used on three observed evenings. These limited observations suggest interest but do not show campus-wide demand. At \$40 per hour, the pilot would add \$240 in staffing costs. Recording use during the pilot would help the college decide whether to continue.”

Why this revision is stronger

- The survey’s denominator and voluntary participation are visible.
- The recommendation is separated from the observations that motivate it.
- The cost follows from 2 hours × 3 evenings × \$40.
- Claims about grades and employment were removed because the packet does not support them.

Keep the learning yours

Changing synonyms in an AI-written paragraph is not the same process. Here you checked evidence, selected a recommendation, rejected unsupported claims, and wrote the final reasoning yourself.

Retain your original attempt and a short revision rationale. Disclose the critique if required. Before submitting, explain why you chose a pilot and what additional evidence would change your recommendation.