

Draft Detective

Find revision choices in a community-event draft.

8.10.C “revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two repeated or vague words or phrases, circle one unclear reference, and number two adjacent sentences that could be combined or changed for better sentence variety. These marks show places where the draft needs clearer, stronger revision.

Draft: School Repair Café

- ① Next Saturday, our school library will host a repair café, a place where people bring small broken items and try to fix them with volunteer help. The event will happen from 10 a.m. to noon. It will be good for the community. Families may bring lamps, toys, or loose backpack straps, but they should not bring items with damaged batteries or exposed wires. The library has tables. The library has tools. The library has volunteers who know how to sew, tighten screws, and replace simple parts.
- ② First, visitors will check in at the front desk and describe the problem. A volunteer will look at the item, and then they will decide what to do. This is important because it keeps things moving. At the sewing table, people can patch a torn pocket or reattach a button. At another table, volunteers can show visitors how to clean a sticky zipper with a soft brush. The volunteers will explain safety rules. They will explain the rules before anyone uses a tool. The event is also a chance to learn.
- ③ Repair cafés began in Amsterdam in 2009, and similar events now operate in many places. Our event needs more people. Students who want to volunteer can sign up in the library by Thursday. They can help greet visitors, sort donated buttons, or write labels for tool bins. If you cannot attend, you can still help by donating clean jars for storing screws. Bring a friend. Bring a curious mind. Together, the repair café can keep useful items out of the trash and teach practical skills.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 The word good in paragraph 1 is vague. What two benefits named elsewhere in the draft could replace that vague claim?

2 In paragraph 2, what does the word This most likely refer to? Rewrite the sentence so the idea is clear.

3 Which two adjacent sentences in paragraph 2 repeat the same idea? Combine them into one clearer sentence.

4 Which sentence from paragraph 3 would fit better near the beginning of the draft? Explain why moving it would improve organization.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Rewrite the repair café announcement in 90 to 110 words, using the draft's ideas in your own words. Include the event's purpose, safety information, volunteer sign-up details, a transition, precise language, one short sentence, and one compound sentence.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two repeated or vague words or phrases, circle one unclear reference, and number two adjacent sentences that could be combined or changed for better sentence variety. These marks show places where the draft needs clearer, stronger revision. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	The word good in paragraph 1 is vague. What two benefits named elsewhere in the draft could replace that vague claim?	The repair café can keep useful items out of the trash and teach practical skills.
2	In paragraph 2, what does the word This most likely refer to? Rewrite the sentence so the idea is clear.	It refers to the check-in process. Sample revision: "The check-in process is important because it keeps the repair café moving."
3	Which two adjacent sentences in paragraph 2 repeat the same idea? Combine them into one clearer sentence.	"The volunteers will explain safety rules" and "They will explain the rules before anyone uses a tool." Sample revision: "Before anyone uses a tool, volunteers will explain the safety rules."
4	Which sentence from paragraph 3 would fit better near the beginning of the draft? Explain why moving it would improve organization.	"Repair cafés began in Amsterdam in 2009, and similar events now operate in many places." It would fit after the opening definition because it gives background before the event details and sign-up information.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, the school library will hold a repair café, where families can work with volunteers to mend small household items. Bring toys, lamps, or backpacks with loose straps, but leave items with exposed wires or damaged batteries at home. First, check in at the front desk and describe the problem. Then choose a station to sew a button, patch fabric, or clean a zipper. Learn useful skills. Students may volunteer by signing up in the library by Thursday, and they can greet visitors, organize buttons, or label tool bins. The event reduces waste while building practical repair skills.

Accept equivalent revisions that clarify vague or unclear language, preserve the draft's meaning, and improve organization or sentence variety. For Part 3, check that the response is 90 to 110 words and includes every required announcement detail and sentence feature.