TO START...

- Print out your assignment
- Read your assignment out loud
  - Lookout for things that sound awkward
THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR . . .

- Improper or Repetitive Sentence Structure
- Misuse of Commas
- Vague/Unclear thoughts and ideas
Techniques

- Varying Sentence Structure:
  - Pay attention to how your sentences begin
  - Avoid repetitive beginnings
    - ex: “The book...” “He does not...”
  - Occasionally add prepositions
    - ex: “Despite multiple warnings, he does not...”
TECHNIQUES

- Take a sample of your writing:
  - Count how many words are in each sentence
  - If they are all similar in length try to add some variation
  - Look out for repetitive diction
    - CTRL+F can automate this on computer
Fixing Comma Errors:

Avoid Comma Splices

Commas cannot connect two independent clauses without a proper conjunction

ex: and, but, for, or, nor, so, yet
Avoiding Confusing/Unclear thoughts and arguments:

- Read your article with the perspective of an outsider

  - Ask yourself:
    - What am I arguing?
    - Does this all make sense?
    - If possible, ask a friend to do this too