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Does each of your paragraphs have a clear topic sentence?		
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Do all of your sentences make sense?		
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Are you consistent in your use of tenses?		
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