

3 Revising

After checking the first draft, it is time to write the second draft. Read the tip boxes carefully. They will give you much help on writing up the second draft!

Second Draft

I

Make the title more **attractive**.

Romeo and Juliet: A Story with Little Love

S

Fill in a relative pronoun to **avoid repetition**.

Almost everyone knows Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, ~~*Romeo and Juliet*~~ which is commonly regarded as the greatest love story of all times. Recently, I have watched a drama with the same title presented by the Panda Drama

S

Use a correct **connective** to replace 'so'.

Society, ~~so~~ but I am not that impressed by it.

W

Can you use a more **dramatic expression** to describe the ending?

The drama is largely adapted from the original version: Romeo meets Juliet at a party and they fall in love at first sight, but they later realise that they come from two rival families. They secretly get married, yet Juliet's father intends to marry her to Paris, who is rich and noble. After a few conflicts, finally an unexpected tragedy happens—both Romeo and Juliet ~~die~~ choose to end their lives.

W

Use another **adjective** to replace 'good' to make the meaning more **precise**.

Intending to bring the audience a different feeling, the drama puts the plot in a modern setting. However, I do not think this is a ~~good~~ wise decision. To take the party scene as an example, the guests dance with funky moves to loud hip-hop music, which does not match the romantic mood when Romeo and Juliet meet each other.

I was disappointed with the acting skills of the actors as well. In my view, the two main actors who played Romeo and Juliet were not carefully chosen and there was almost no chemistry between them. I could not feel that they really loved each other deeply at first sight.

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What could you not feel because of this?

In addition, the actors seemed nervous and their delivery was unclear. Worse still, Romeo even forgot the lines when reciting a poem to Juliet under the balcony, which made this well-known scene unromantic.

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Give an **example** as evidence.

They should have memorised their lines well and had more practice before going on stage.

O
Add a **topic sentence** about the area of design and effects.

I quite liked the design and effects of the drama though.

The modern costumes of the characters were fashionable. Besides, in the garden scene, the big full moon and the swing ~~were also good~~ created a romantic atmosphere.

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What kind of **atmosphere** was created?

But the lighting effects were a bit disappointing. Many times the spotlight failed to shine on the characters, so the audience could not see the actors clearly.

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Give an example as evidence.

Overall, this version of *Romeo and Juliet* fails to capture the hearts of the audience because you ~~must not~~ cannot find the love that moves you to tears. ~~You should not watch it as you will find it really a waste of time to do so.~~

W
Use another **modal** to avoid being too definite.

If I were you, I would go for a better version of the Shakespeare classic.

V
Rewrite the comment in an **advisory and gentle tone**.