# Analysis of Writing

*Draw this map on a clean sheet. Analyze your memoir (first four sentences only).*

*Copy the first four words in each sentence.*

*Count how many words are in each sentenc.*

*List every verb in each sentence.*

| | First four words | Number of words | Verbs |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sentence 1 | | | |
| Sentence 2 | | | |
| Sentence 3 | | | |
| Sentence 4 | | | |

Do most of the sentences begin the same way?
If yes, you need to add some variety to your sentence beginnings.

Are most of your sentences approximately the same length?
If yes, you need to vary the length of your sentences.
Do you have any sentences that are 20 words or longer?
Check to see if they are run-on's.
Do you have several sentences that are 6 words or less?
The writing is probably "choppy."

Do you have mostly linking verbs? (is, are, was...)
If so, you need to add strong verbs.
Do you have a verb in every sentence?
If not, you have a fragment.