TRACKING AN ERROR IN YOUR OWN WORDS

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You have just worked with your tutor on finding and fixing a pattern of error in your writing. You have a sheet of paper that you and your tutor created together to help you spot that error in your future writing. However, sometimes it's difficult to remember what the notes mean when you try to use them after some time has passed.

It is often useful to record a conversation in your own words to remember what was said and to make it more meaningful to you. You can use this exercise as an opportunity to help yourself remember what was decided about this error today.

Take a few minutes to "talk on paper" about the pattern of error you have just learned to find and fix. The following questions may help; adding your own or changing them to fit your situation may also be useful. Use the back of the sheet to add any questions of your own.

1. What is the error you have worked on with your tutor?

2. What tips do you have to help find it?

3. How do you go about fixing it?

4. Give a few examples from your paper of the error and its correction. Try to come up with at least one new example on your own.