

PQP for Peer Editing: Praise, Question, Polish

Directions: Recruit a peer to provide you with feedback on your first draft. To assist your peer reviewer, you will want to share the Praise, Question, Polish (PQP) technique of editing. This is a very succinct method of editing, allowing you to direct your reviewer to focus on the areas you feel you need the most help. Also see the Appendix for the **2.7b Exemplar: Kade's PQP Press for Tehya's CRT**.

Praise

Find at least one thing (and preferably more) that you think is good about the paper. Here are some possible areas for discussion:

- Was it logical and on topic?
- Did you use specific word choices and vivid verbs?
- I like the part where. . .
- I'd like to know more about . . .
- You used some powerful words, like . . .
- I like the order you used in your writing because . . .

Question

These are questions that the writer has for the reviewer(s). Reviewers are to answer these questions with as much detail as possible.

- What do you think is the strongest part of my writing?
- Where should I provide more information, detail, or evidence?
- What part doesn't make sense to you?
- How can I make my writing clearer?
- Did I use some "tired" words that I should change? (e.g., awesome, nice, bad, super, good, and so on.)
- Would you recommend I find some synonyms for the key words?

Polish

Point out at least one thing that could make the paper better. Be positive but still give some specific examples of how you think the paper could be improved. Below are some possible areas of discussion:

- What is your favorite part?
- Did I "grab" your attention?
- Do I need a more effective conclusion?
- You confused me when . . .
- Where can I add more details?
- Where have I provided too much summary?
- Where could I have made more effective word choices?
- Are each of my body paragraphs focused on one topic?
- Are my paragraphs in the most effective order?
- Have I used effective transitions from one idea to the next, one paragraph to the next?
- Have I used a variety of sentence types and beginnings?