

Revising: Digging for Details and Asking Questions

Instructions:

To begin, freewrite about the main ideas in your paper—your thesis, the support for your thesis, your main and supporting arguments, etc.

Now, find a partner.

Share your freewrite with your partner—you can either read the freewrite to your partner or you can talk through your ideas with your partner.

- While you are playing the role of the **author/sharer**, it is your job to talk with your partner about your freewrite.
- While you are playing the role of the **listener**, it is your job to write down a minimum of three questions you have about the author's freewrite. After the author finishes sharing, ask them the questions you wrote down. As the author answers the questions, take notes about the conversation—you will give a copy of the questions AND the notes you take about the conversation to the author.
- Repeat this process so the listener gets the opportunity to act as the author/sharer.

Take the notes your partner gave you back to your desk. Read over the questions and notes about the conversation and pick one new idea that you'd like to incorporate into your draft. Describe on the back of this handout the changes you need to make to your draft to incorporate the new idea.