

paramedic method: resuscitating sentences.

1. One can easily see that an interactive romantic relationship is currently being fulfilled between Bill and Marge.
2. A romantic relationship is ongoing between Bill and Marge.
3. Bill loves Marge.

THE METHOD

- Highlight the prepositions. (*at, in, on, to, of, for, etc.*)
- Highlight the forms of “to be” verbs. (*was, were, are, is*)
- Ask, “Where is the action? “Who’s kicking whom?”
- Put this “kicking action” in a simple active verb.
- Put the “who” in the subject spot.
- Start fast; no slow wind-ups.

In response **to** the issue **of** equality **for** educational and occupational mobility, it is my belief that a system **of** gender inequality exists **in** the school system.

Locate the dormant action of the sentence: “It is my belief”

Change the *to be* form to produce an active verb and true action: “I believe”

Eliminate all unnecessary prepositional phrases.

Recast the sentence.

I believe that gender inequality exists in the schools.

The point I wish to make is that the employees working **at** this company are in need **of** a much better manager **of** their money.

This company’s employees need a better money manager.

It is widely known that the engineers at Sandia Labs have become active participants in the Search and Rescue operations in most recent years.

Recently, engineers at Sandi Labs have participated in the Search and Rescue operations.

After reviewing the results of your previous research, and in light of the relevant information found within the context of the study, there is ample evidence for making important, significant changes to our operating procedures.

After reviewing the results of your research within the context of the study, we support significant changes to our operating procedures.

Common Prepositions

about	beyond	outside	according to
above	by	over	as well as
across	down	past	because of
after	during	regarding	by way of
against	except	since	due to
along	for	through	except for
among	from	throughout	in addition to
around	in	till	in front of
as	inside	to	in place of
at	into	toward	in regard to
before	like	under	in spite of
behind	near	until	instead of
below	of	up	next to
beneath	off	upon	on account of
beside	on	with	out of
besides	onto	without	with regard to
between	out		