

REVISION EXAMPLE

Game On! (Star Striker) by Mary Amato

After a rough draft is complete, the revision process begins. Read the draft of this scene. Notice how short it is. Then read the new material added in red ink. What improvements did the writer make? Why?



DRAFT

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FINAL DRAFT

Albert tried to shake off his anxiety and focus on the moment.

A rhythmic stomping from the Z-Tevs and Tevs in the stadium began as the ref let go of the ball. It floated into place at center field, and then the trumpet blew.

Vatria passed it quickly to a teammate, and, just like that, the second half was on.

The Zeenods came out hot, and both teams battled back and forth for possession for the first few minutes.

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