

# Dos and Don'ts for Providing Feedback



## Limit focus

- ◆ Patterns of error
- ◆ Global concerns
- ◆ Learning Objectives

## Identify everything to revise

- ◆ Overwhelming to the student
- ◆ Don't proofread or copy edit

## Encourage problem solving

- ◆ "How could you clarify...?"
- ◆ "What's another way to...?"

## Solve the problem for them

- ◆ "You should..."
- ◆ "You need to..."

## Focus on the task

- ◆ "This is a smart introduction..."
- ◆ "Refer to your handbook for help with..."

## Focus on student ability

- ◆ "You're so good at..."
- ◆ "You don't understand how to..."

## Be specific

- ◆ "Excellent use of evidence..."
- ◆ "What do you mean in this part..."

## Be vague

- ◆ "Good work"
- ◆ "Awk"

## Provide timely, ongoing feedback

- ◆ Peer and Self Assessment
- ◆ Teacher Conferences
- ◆ Digital Resources

## Use one method

- ◆ Feedback does not have to come only from the instructor