

REFINING YOUR QUESTION

⇒ State the question that is the focus for your inquiry.

1. Take a pen and highlight or underline every meaningful word or key phrase in the sentence.

2. Write the highlighted words in the blanks on the left. Beside each word, write out the thoughts that come to mind when you think of this word. Use the following questions to help you: When you're using this word, what specifically do you mean? What does this word really mean to you?

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3. Now, have your partner re-rewrite your question for you, trying to incorporate the more specific terms and phrases into your sentence.