

The Paramedic Method

1. Circle the prepositions
2. Circle the "is" forms
3. Find the real action (who is kicking whom)
4. Put the action in simple (not compound) active verbs (dump nominalizations)
5. Get the sentence moving fast (dump expletives)
6. Write out each sentence and mark the rhythmic units
7. Mark off the sentence lengths
8. Read the prose aloud and with feeling