In this section of your Toolbox for Active Learners, you’ve been introduced to 28 strategies for becoming an effective writer. Here’s an opportunity to experiment with one of them. First, review the strategies. Identify those you marked because they could help with one of your writing challenges. Now pick the one strategy you think would best help you improve your writing skills.

Below, write the strategy with which you will experiment. Write just the number of the strategy and the one-sentence description of it that is in bold print. (For example, **“27. Keep an error log.”**) Then track yourself for one week, noting each day that you practice this strategy. Your goal is to do it every day. After seven days, evaluate your results. If your writing skills improve, you’ll have a learning tool you can use for the rest of your life.

**1. Record your commitment for writing here (again, just the number of the strategy and the one-sentence description of it in bold). Which days of the week did you keep your commitment?**

2. During your seven-day experiment, what happened?

3. As a result of what happened, what did you learn or relearn?

4. Complete this sentence: As a result of what you learned or relearned, I will…