

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a person's hand holding a pen and writing on a spiral-bound notebook. The notebook is open, showing lined pages. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white. The overall tone is calm and focused.

The Writing Process

Paragraphs

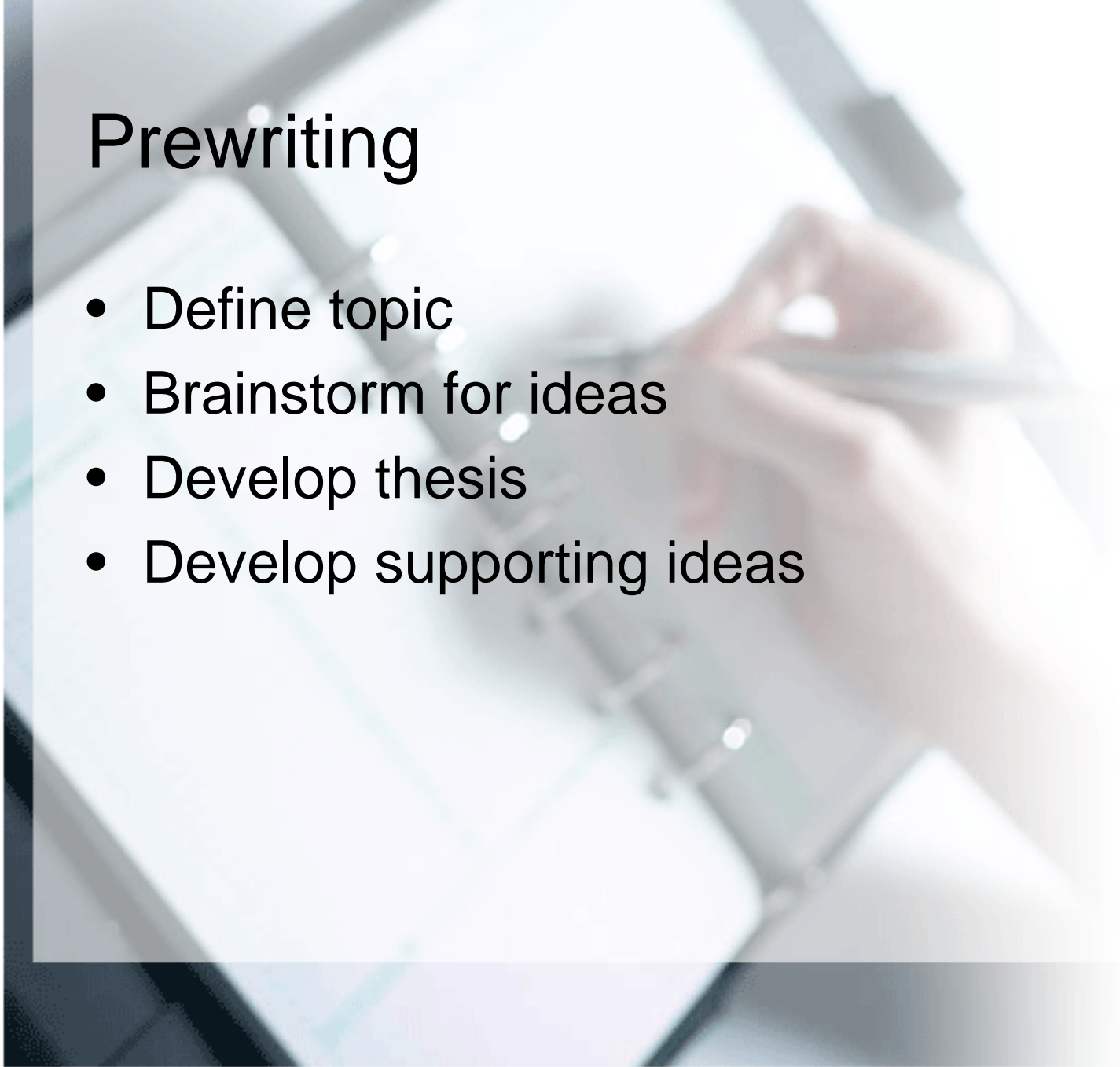
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Process



Prewriting

- Define topic
- Brainstorm for ideas
- Develop thesis
- Develop supporting ideas



Planning

- Consider audience
- Consider purpose when selecting materials
- Organize ideas from most important to least important

Writing

- Write without stopping
 - Topic sentence
 - At least two major support sentences
 - At least one minor support sentence for each major support
- Set work aside

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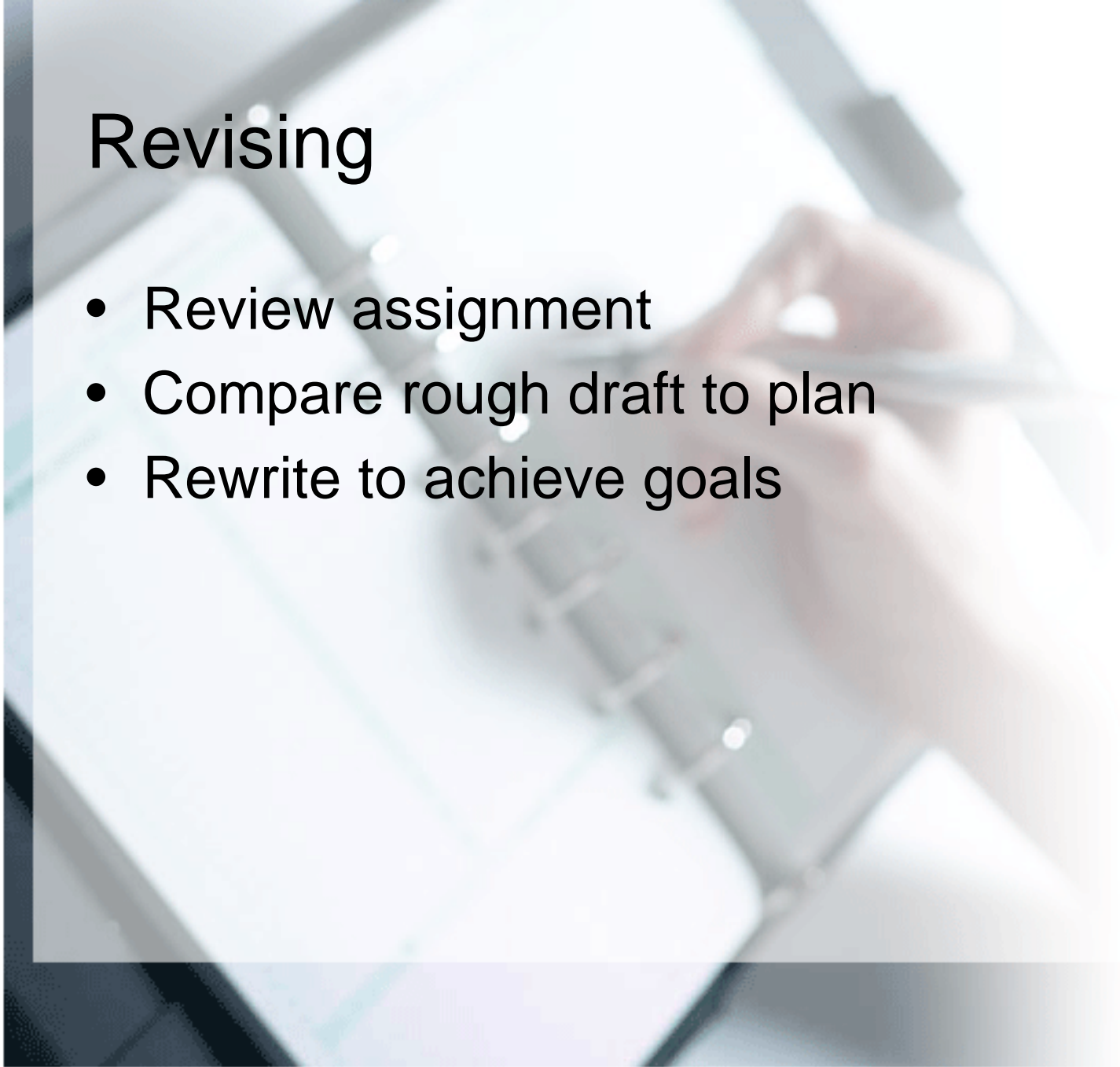
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- Topic sentence (specific topic + verb indicating rhetorical pattern + list number of categories/aspects or name categories/aspects)
- At least two major support sentences, introduced in the order of importance
- Add minor detail sentences

Forming three easy habits is the trick guaranteed to lead to higher college grades. The first – and most important – is studying for tests as soon as they are announced rather than waiting until the night before. This allows more time to “absorb” the material that will be on tests. Another effective habit is taking notes during class. Professors’ lectures usually emphasize what is important and what will be on exams. Armed with this information will make it easier for students to study for exams. Finally, students who take the time to read assigned class materials will see their grades soar. They are able to come away with better comprehension of the subject because are able to understand professors’ lectures and ask questions about material they do not understand. In short, getting good grades in college is not an accident; instead, it is the result of forming three habits.

Revising

- Review assignment
- Compare rough draft to plan
- Rewrite to achieve goals



Editing

- Check spelling
- Check grammar
- Check punctuation
- Check word choice
- **Read paragraph aloud**