

# An Example of "Less is More"

## Limiting for fuller development

### The original paragraph

TS: We have more freedom of expression than our parents had.

- I. expression of media
  - A. our parents: newspapers
  - B. us: newspapers
- II means of expression
  - A. our parents: nothing
  - B. us: many means
    - 1. newspaper
    - 2. TV
    - 3. Internet
- III self-expression
  - A. our parents: control
  - B. us: no control

### Discussion

We talked a lot about providing more support for the second- and third-level points in the original paragraph (based on the outline above). We discovered that we would have too many details for one paragraph, so we gradually limited the central idea from "We have more freedom of expression than our parents had" to "Newspapers' when our parents were our age could express themselves less freely than they can now." freedom of expression

- > government and social control of expression
  - > government control of expression
    - > government control of media
      - > government control of newspapers
        - > newspaper freedom to criticize government.

### Limited and re-developed paragraph

Newspapers when our parents were our age could express themselves less freely than they can now. In those days, because newspapers were controlled by the government, they were not able to express everything they wanted to say. They could not censure the president, nor any trivial thing related to the government. If they did so, they were punished by the government. When, in a newspaper, a negative report was found, the reporter and the editor of the newspaper were violently warned, and sometimes were dismissed by the government. And, in more serious cases, they were imprisoned and even tortured. But these days newspapers are not controlled by the government. They can negatively say something about the government and severely censure the president. Two years ago, when there was an economic crisis in Korea, all newspapers blamed the president at that time for it. But no newspaper was punished. Of course, newspapers cannot censure a person groundlessly. Those cases are controlled by the law. Last year, a major newspaper blamed Prof. Choi Jang-jip, a consultant to the government, for admiring North Korea. Some time later, it was revealed as untrue and the newspaper was accused of defamation. Absolutely, in this case, a punishment is executed by the law. Consequently, the newspaper compensated him for it. Illegality like torture or dismissal is never used. So, we are controlled by the rule of law instead of the rule of political might.