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- 2. Use facts and data to back up your point(s).
- 3. Have a friend(s) edit your writing and make suggestions. Be open to criticism.
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- 5. Call to verify (within 24 hours of submission, if possible) to make sure the newspaper received your letter and inquire about the publication date.

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