Revise It Once / Revise It Again Activity: Paper Towel Lab Reflection Sheet

Take a look at the following sample reflection statement. How does it improve from one revision to the next? Decide which reflection statements resemble the kinds of statements you included in your final product. Then, find one statement in your conclusion that you can improve and improve it through revision.

Original Statement	Revise It Once	Revise It Again
Our hypothesis wasn't correct, because folding a paper towel didn't make it more absorbent.	Our group thought that folding a paper towel would make it more absorbent because a folded paper towel has more layers than a flat paper towel. Our results showed, however, that folded paper towels do not absorb more water than flat paper towels.	After learning that a flat paper towel can absorb 23 mL of water, our group made a prediction that a folded paper towel could absorb at least 30 mL of water. Our thinking was that by making extra layers, we could help our towel to hold extra water. In all three of our trials, that didn't happen. In fact, the average amount of water the folded towels absorbed was 21 mL—almost the same as the 23 mL that the flat paper towels absorbed.
Expensive paper towels are not that much more absorbent than cheap paper towels.	Sometimes, people buy expensive products because they think they are better than cheaper products. With paper towels, that's not always true. Expensive paper towels absorbed more water than cheaper paper towels by only a little.	If I were going to recommend a brand of paper towels to people, I would recommend Bounty. I would recommend Bounty because it absorbed an average of 23 mL per sheet. While our most expensive paper towel, Viva, did absorb more water per sheet (24 mL), it also costs close to one cent more per sheet. That probably isn't worth the extra money.

What kinds of changes did you make from revision to revision? Do those changes improve the statement? Why or why not? If you had to draw a conclusion about a simple way to improve your reflection statements, what would it be?

One simple way to improve my reflection statements is to:

This improves my final product because:

Your Turn

Your Original Reflection Statement	Revise It Once	Revise It Again