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Avoiding Redundancy

Redundant writing contains more words than necessary. Apply these strategies regarding redundancy for writing that is clear, crisp, and concise!

TIP #1: Identify repetitious phrases.

Directions: Underline the redundant words in each of the following sentences, then rewrite the corrected sentence without these words on the line below.

1. Let's meet at 12 noon.

2. Jared wrote an autobiography of his life.

3. The suitcase is filled to capacity.

TIP #2: Check for needless adjectives.

Some of the adjectives in the following sentences modify nouns that already have the quality that is described.

Directions: Underline the unnecessary adjectives in each, then rewrite the corrected sentence on the line below.

4. I learned a lot from the past experience.

5. What an unexpected surprise!

6. We follow a regular routine at every practice.

TIP #3: Avoid using acronyms repetitiously.

Directions: In the following sentences, cross out words that are already part of the acronym, then rewrite the corrected sentence on the line below.

7. Before we go to the movies, I need to stop at an ATM machine.

8. Set your alarm for 7 a.m. in the morning

9. Let's meet after school to study for the SAT test.
