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Avoiding Wordiness and Redundancy

Wordiness is when a writer uses more words than necessary to get his or her point across. For example, a writer may say "In this day and age, teenagers are too reliant on cell phones." Instead, a writer should say "Now, teenagers are too reliant on cell phones." This second sentence cuts 4 words and says exactly the same thing.

Redundancy is when a writer repeats him or herself. For example, a writer might say "I'm going to ask a question about redundancy." The word "asking" implies that you are going to pose a question. That writer should instead say "I'm going to ask about redundancy."

Directions: Rewrite each sentence to eliminate wordiness or redundancy.

Example: Due to the fact that she was running early, she was able to stop at Dunkin' Donuts before school.

Because she was running early, she was able to stop at Dunkin' Donuts before school.

1. In the month of April, the professional baseball season will start.

Type the revised sentence in the box:

2. I bought a bag of chips because I was starving and hungry.

Type the revised sentence in the box:

3. Apples can take the place of candy to replace a craving for a sugary snack and be healthy.

Type the revised sentence in the box:

4. The purpose of this paper is to inform you of my opinion that all family pets should be spayed or neutered.

Type the revised sentence in the box: