**Practice about Wordiness**

**Exercise 01: Read each sentence: Rewrite the ones that seem too wordy.**

*Example:* The beautiful, majestic, breath-taking city of Rome was visited by many tourists from America during the hot summer.

***Revision:* Many American tourists visited the beautiful city of Rome in the summer.**

1. Our neighbour who lives in the house next door has been the recipient of an invitation to the governor’s ball.

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2. The pies were baked by the parents of the second graders.

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3. The sarcastic remarks that Linda delivered had the effect of causing everyone to become very angry.

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4. Aluminium is a metal that is very light in weight.

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5. The office manager wanted all the memos to be typed. She wanted all the memos to be typed so that they would be easy to read.

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6. He found his neighbour who lived next door and was thirty years old to be attractive in appearance.

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7. One time when I went to the park, my friend, whose name is Jake, went with me and we had fun.

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8. The dog was walked by the girls who were sisters.

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9. There are many national issues that interest college students.

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**Exercise 02:** **Eliminate wordiness in the following:**

1. It is supposed that children are ready to read by age five.

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1. This room is used for study purposes by the students.

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1. Due to the fact that some of the guests that we invited to the meeting have not yet arrived at this time, we will be delaying the start of the meeting till 7:30 p.m., at which time the meeting will commence.

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1. Our reason for not being on time for the meeting today was basically that a traffic problem was encountered during the times that we were attempting to get here.

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1. A decision was reached this morning by Mr. Wishywashy to go ahead with his plan to redecorate his office.

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1. I am writing this letter to let you know of an alteration in my plan to lunch with you on Friday in view of the fact that air transportation to your city has become unattainable as a result of the airline strike that is in progress at this time.

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1. If I do not receive satisfaction in the answer that I am given by the assistant manager, I will, shall we say, attempt to get a more satisfactory answer through a visit to the manager.

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**Exercice 03:**

1. At 8:30 p.m. in the evening, a car that was red in colour was seen by me in collision with a truck that was blue in colour.

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1. He lives in the vicinity of Toronto, Ontario.

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1. They spoke to him in regard to his grades.

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1. Due to the fact that he turned his term paper in late, he failed the course.

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1. The only thing I can think of is that he is unlucky in love.

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1. It is probable that Michael Jordan is the best professional basketball player.

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1. 2. It is necessary for middle-income people to save all year for a one-week vacation.

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1. There are many repairs to be made on that house.

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