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Eliminate Redundancy

Definition

Redundancy occurs when writers use unnecessary repetition or extra words that don't add meaning to a sentence. **Eliminating redundancy** involves removing words, phrases, or ideas that repeat information already expressed elsewhere in the writing.

Example

Redundant Phrase	Why It's Redundant	Improved Version
"She repeated again what she said before."	"Again" is unnecessary with "repeated"	"She repeated what she said before."
"The basic fundamentals are important."	"Basic" is implied in "fundamentals"	"The fundamentals are important."
"They collaborated together on the project."	"Together" is implied in "collaborated"	"They collaborated on the project."
"It's a true fact that water freezes at 32°F."	Facts are true by definition	"It's a fact that water freezes at 32°F."
"Return back to your seats."	"Back" is implied in "return"	"Return to your seats."

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PART 1: Identifying Redundancy

Circle the redundant words or phrases in each sentence about the Terracotta Warriors.

1. The historians generally all agree that the Terracotta Army was first originally discovered by local farmers in 1974.
2. Each individual warrior statue was uniquely different in facial features and expressions.
3. The craftsmen artisans collaboratively worked together to create the thousands of clay soldiers.
4. The basic fundamentals of the molding process involved creating hollow empty centers to prevent cracking.

PART 2: Editing for Redundancy

Choose the revised sentence that best eliminates redundancy while maintaining the same meaning.

1. When archaeologists first discovered the warriors, they were completely amazed by the unexpected surprise of finding such detailed statues.

- a) When archaeologists discovered the warriors, they were amazed by the surprise of finding such detailed statues.
- b) When archaeologists first discovered the warriors, they were amazed by finding such detailed statues.
- c) When archaeologists discovered the warriors, they were amazed by the detailed statues.
- d) When archaeologists first discovered the warriors, they were completely amazed by such detailed statues.

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2. Emperor Qin Shi Huang personally himself ordered the creation of the massive clay army to protect him in the afterlife after death.

- a) Emperor Qin Shi Huang ordered the creation of the massive clay army to protect him in the afterlife.
- b) Emperor Qin Shi Huang personally ordered the creation of the massive clay army for the afterlife.
- c) Emperor Qin Shi Huang himself ordered the creation of the clay army to protect him after death.
- d) Emperor Qin Shi Huang ordered the massive clay army for protection in the afterlife.

3. The craftsmen assembled and joined together separate clay pieces to form complete warrior figures.

- a) The craftsmen assembled separate clay pieces to form warrior figures.
- b) The craftsmen joined together clay pieces to form complete warrior figures.
- c) The craftsmen assembled separate clay pieces to form complete warrior figures.
- d) The craftsmen assembled and joined clay pieces together to form warriors.

4. The warriors were carefully hand-painted with bright colorful pigments that have faded away over time with age.

- a) The warriors were hand-painted with bright pigments that have faded with age.
- b) The warriors were carefully painted with colorful pigments that have faded over time.
- c) The warriors were hand-painted with bright colorful pigments that have faded.
- d) The warriors were carefully painted with pigments that have faded away over time.

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PART 3: Rewrite to Eliminate Redundancy

Rewrite each sentence to eliminate redundancy while maintaining the same meaning.

1. The exact precise measurements of each warrior were carefully recorded by the archaeological team.
2. The researchers completely finished the full restoration of the warriors' original color pigments.
3. The warriors were positioned and arranged in specific military formations.
4. Modern tourists who visit the site can see and observe the warriors in their excavated pits.
5. Each and every weapon was individually crafted with careful attention to small minor details.

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PART 4: Multiple Choice - Identifying Unnecessary Words
Choose the word or phrase that creates redundancy and should be eliminated.

1. The terracotta statues were created as eternal (guardians/protectors) to accompany the emperor in his (eternal/final) resting place.

- a) guardians
- b) protectors
- c) eternal
- d) final

2. The artisans (first/initially) created the basic body forms before adding (individual/unique) details to each figure.

- a) first
- b) initially
- c) individual
- d) unique

3. The (entire/complete) manufacturing process required specialized skills and advanced techniques.

- a) entire
- b) complete
- c) specialized
- d) advanced

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PART 5: Create Concise Sentences

Combine each pair of sentences into one concise sentence without redundancy.

1. The craftsmen used molds to create body parts. The molds were made of clay. The clay was fired in kilns.
2. The warriors have different uniforms. The uniforms indicate their military rank. Their military rank shows their importance in the army.
3. The excavation site is enormous in size. The site covers multiple acres of land. Visitors can tour the site.
4. The warriors' faces were painted. The painting included flesh tones. The flesh tones made them appear lifelike.
5. Researchers study the production methods. The production methods were efficient. The methods allowed thousands of warriors to be created.

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Eliminate Redundancy – Answer Key

PART 1: Identifying Redundancy

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PART 2: Editing for Redundancy

1. c) When archaeologists discovered the warriors, they were amazed by the detailed statues.
2. a) Emperor Qin Shi Huang ordered the creation of the massive clay army to protect him in the afterlife.
3. c) The craftsmen assembled separate clay pieces to form complete warrior figures.
4. a) The warriors were hand-painted with bright pigments that have faded with age.

PART 3: Rewrite to Eliminate Redundancy

1. The exact measurements of each warrior were recorded by the archaeological team.
2. The researchers completed the restoration of the warriors' original colors.
3. The warriors were arranged in specific military formations.
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5. Each weapon was crafted with attention to small details.

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PART 4: Multiple Choice - Identifying Unnecessary Words

1. c) eternal
2. b) initially
3. b) complete
4. d) intentionally
5. a) past

PART 5: Create Concise Sentences

1. The craftsmen used clay molds fired in kilns to create body parts.
2. The warriors' uniforms indicate their military rank and importance in the army.
3. Visitors can tour the enormous excavation site covering multiple acres.
4. The warriors' faces were painted with flesh tones to appear lifelike.
5. Researchers study the efficient production methods that allowed for creating thousands of warriors.