

Eliminate Wordiness Worksheet

Directions:

Read each sentence: Rewrite the ones that seem too wordy. If a sentence is correct, write "Correct."

Example: The cold, frigid, barren terrain of the Arctic is home to a surprising number of animals that utilize multiple techniques to survive in such a harsh environment.

Revision: Many animals survive the harsh Arctic conditions using multiple survival techniques.

1. My neighbor who lives in the house to the right of me is going to host a garden party during the warm summer months.
2. The ice cream was donated by the parents of the fourth-grade class.
3. The eye-rolling Jill practiced whenever her boss was giving directions caused everyone she worked with to avoid having conversations with her.
4. Metallurgy is an engineering course offered by the University.
5. The secretary asked that all the directions be typed and emailed so there is no confusion and a document of instruction.
6. She was surprised that her apartment neighbor that lived down the hall was only a few years older than her and graduated from the same University she did.
7. Yesterday, when I went to the skating rink, my friend, whose name is Anna, went with me and we went shopping afterward.
8. The horse was shared by the girls who were sisters.
9. Due to the fact that the weather is horrible, the boat will not leave the port.
10. In the course of his studies, Tom found that his strengths in writing were underrated, and he now edits for a newspaper.

Key

Answers may vary

1. My neighbor to the right is hosting a garden party during the summer.
2. The 4th-grade parents' donated the ice cream.
3. Jill's eye-rolling when her boss gave directions caused discomfort among her co-workers, and they avoided her.
4. Correct
5. The secretary asked that all directions be emailed to avoid confusion and create documentation.
6. Surprisingly, her apartment neighbor was close in age and graduated from the same University.
7. Yesterday Anna and I went with me to the skating rink and shopping.
8. The sisters shared the horse.
9. Due to bad weather, the boat will not leave the port.
10. Tom discovered his strengths in writing during his studies and now edits for a newspaper.