

THE LAZY EDITOR: "Why Is That Guy in the Trash?" • SKILL: Avoiding Redundancy

The Worksheet on Redundancy Worksheet

To keep your writing clear and effective, it is important to avoid *redundancy*, or unnecessary repetition. (Just check out the title of this worksheet!) For example:

Incorrect: In my opinion, I think the Cardinals are the best team.

Correct Option 1: In my opinion, the Cardinals are the best team.

Correct Option 2: I think the Cardinals are the best team.

In the first sentence, *In my opinion* and *I think* mean the same thing. It is not necessary to use both.

Directions: Rewrite the following sentences so that they are no longer redundant.

1. Shayur's alarm was set for 7 a.m. in the morning.

2. The burglar returned back to the scene of the crime.

3. At the end of the concert, the crowd rose to its feet and gave the musicians a standing ovation.

4. We all need to cooperate together, or we will never make any progress.

5. For most people, riding in a hot-air balloon is a unique, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

6. The troops advanced forward toward the village.

7. Have you ever at any time spilled cranberry juice on a white carpet?

8. Many famous celebrities attended the Grammy Awards.

9. Mrs. O'Connor asked Tanya to circulate the sign-up sheet around to all the students in the classroom.
