

Wordiness Worksheet

Tips to help you stay **concise**:

1. Replace several vague words with more powerful and specific words.
2. Interrogate every word in a sentence.
3. Combine Sentences.

1. **(14)** The politician talked about several of the merits of after-school programs in his speech. (8)
2. **(20)** Our website has made available many of the things you can use for making a decision on the best dentist. (9)
3. **(19)** Working as a pupil under someone who develops photos was an experience that really helped me learn a lot. (10)
4. **(22)** The teacher demonstrated some of the various ways and methods for cutting words from my essay that I had written for class. (10)
5. **(66)** Eric Clapton and Steve Winwood formed a new band of musicians together in 1969, giving it the ironic name of Blind Faith because early speculation that was spreading everywhere about the band suggested that the new musical group would be good enough to rival the earlier bands that both men had been in, Cream and Traffic, which people had really liked and had been very popular. (32)
6. **(67)** Many have made the wise observation that when a stone is in motion rolling down a hill or incline that that moving stone is not as likely to be covered all over with the kind of thick green moss that grows on stationary unmoving things and becomes a nuisance and suggests that those things haven't moved in a long time and probably won't move any time soon. (?)
7. **(18)** Ludwig's castles are an astounding marriage of beauty and madness. By his death, he had commissioned three castles. (11)
8. **(24)** The supposed crash of a UFO in Roswell, New Mexico aroused interest in extraterrestrial life. This crash is rumored to have occurred in 1947. (16)
9. **(26)** For all intents and purposes, American industrial productivity generally depends on certain factors that are really more psychological in kind than of any given technological aspect. (11)
10. **(27)** Our branch office currently employs five tellers. These tellers do an excellent job Monday through Thursday but cannot keep up with the rush on Friday and Saturday. (20)