



*There was an objection on the part of parents toward the suggestion of the principal to increase class size.*

*Parents objected to the principal's suggestion to increase class size.*

(Note also that phrases like "suggestion of the principal" can be edited: "the principal's suggestion.")

*There was vehement opposition from the representatives of the labor union regarding the policy changes made by the CEO of the company.*

*Labor representatives vehemently opposed the CEO's policy changes.*

#### 4. AVOID WORD INFLATION!

<b>INFLATED</b>	→	<b>CONCISE</b>
Along the lines of	→	like
At this point in time	→	now
By means of	→	by
Due to the fact that	→	because
For the purpose of	→	for
For the reason that	→	because
In order to	→	to
In spite of the fact that	→	although, though
Speak out in favor of	→	support
Speak out against	→	oppose, criticize

#### 5. AVOID REDUNDANCY

*The colors of the reproductions were precisely exact.*

*The Department of Redundancy Department is closed all week, including Friday.*

***The quilt that was** the highlight of her collection was a quilt dating from 1889.*

#### ON A LIGHTER NOTE...

**After he was asked to write a memo instructing federal workers what to do during an air raid, Former President Roosevelt's aid wrote:**

*"Such preparations shall be made as will completely obscure all Federal and non-Federal buildings occupied by the Federal Government during an air raid for any period of time from visibility by reason of internal or external illumination. Such obscuration may be obtained either by black-out construction or by termination of the illumination."*

"Tell them," Roosevelt told the writer, "that in buildings where they have to keep the work going to put something over the windows; and, in buildings where they can let the work stop for a while, turn out the lights" (Florida's *St. Petersburg Times*, 15 January, 2003).