

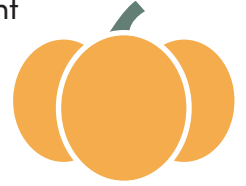
Name _____

Date _____ ANSWER KEY

REMOVE THE UNNECESSARY WORD OR PHRASE

Redundant or unnecessary words and phrases repeat information in a sentence without adding additional meaning. Removing redundant words or phrases can improve the clarity of your writing.

Directions: Read each sentence and cross out the words or phrases that are redundant and can be eliminated without changing the meaning of the text. *There may be multiple correct answers for each question.*



1. The judges will weigh each pumpkin to determine which one is the largest ~~in size~~.
2. Nate's most recent sculptures from his visual art class were massive ~~and colossal~~.
3. My brother and I collaborated ~~together~~ on an enormous jigsaw puzzle of the Empire State Building.
4. Historically ~~in the past~~, women were not allowed to compete in the Olympic Games.
5. Maria's speech for class president was brief ~~in duration~~ but full of enthusiasm!
6. The cat's long, silky fur seemed to shine as she napped in the radiant, ~~luminous~~ patch of sunlight.
7. On Samuel's morning hike, he was surrounded ~~on all sides~~ by huge trees.
8. My newest library book is a compelling biography ~~of the life~~ of Marie Curie.
9. Jude packed only the most ~~important~~ essential items for his trip to rock climbing camp.
10. I had to postpone my birthday party ~~until later~~ due to a massive snow storm.
11. The soccer players are not currently allowed to use the field ~~right now~~.
12. ~~Every year~~, Fairfield County hosts an annual picnic with food vendors, games, and prizes.