Name

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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.

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