

DOES YOUR WRITING SUFFER FROM, REDUNDANCIES, SUPERFLUITIES, VAGARIES, OR POMPOSITIVITY?

DIRECTIONS: IMPROVE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES IN THE SPACE PROVIDED, THEN COMPARE YOUR REVISIONS WITH THE SUGGESTED REVISIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE.

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Superfluous: It is absolutely necessary for us to get the actual facts in order for us to do some advance planning.

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Vague: After reading several *things* in the *area* of psychology-type subjects, I decided to put myself in a *situation* where I might change my major.

Better: After reading several psychology books, I decided to change my major.

Pompous: At this moment in time, students who are matriculating through high school should be empowered to participate in the voting process.

Better: High school students should have the right to vote.