

REDUCE WORDINESS/ CLUTTER

Do that and lots of other problems (punctuation, organization, clarity, etc.) clear up right away.

Try cutting the number of words in half from the following sentences which are taken from published sources:

From the National Park Service, stating its purpose: “To conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” (NPS Organic Act, August 25, 1916)

From a 1985 paper on reading comprehension among Navy recruits: “The inferential analysis on high school graduation status indicates that higher percentages of high school graduates are included among the recruits during and immediately following the periods of enlistment restrictions to primary high school graduates.”

From Frederick C. Bartlett’s Thinking: An Experimental and Social Study, (1958): “The extension of evidence in accord with that evidence so as to fill up gaps in the evidence: and this is done by moving through a succession of interconnected steps which may be stated in time, or left till later to be stated.”

Rewrite and redraw this traffic sign: “Bridge Freezes before Road.”