SKILL: Redundancy

The Worksheet on Redundancy Worksheet

To keep your writing clear and effective, it is important to avoid redundancy. (Just check out the title!)

Example: Incorrect: I found your repetitious use of the word “therefore” to be redundant.
Correct: I found your use of the word “therefore” to be repetitious.

In this sentence, repetitious and redundant say the same thing. It isn’t necessary to use both words.

Directions: Rewrite the following sentences so that they are no longer redundant.

1. Carlos gets up at 6:00 a.m. in the morning.

2. The paper clip attached the papers together.

3. Tamika used the fly swatter to kill the fly dead.

4. Kelly Clarkson is a modern singer of today.

5. Never before has a movie had as big an opening as The Dark Knight.

6. Many students protested against the new dress code.

7. The opposing team had us surrounded on all sides.

8. Eric split the cookie into two halves.

9. Spilling the milk was an unintentional mistake.

10. Janice asked her mom for cash money to take to the mall.

11. When Lesley joined the bank, she received a free gift.

12. It was so cold last night that the sidewalk was covered in frozen ice.