**Lesson: 01 Wordiness**

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**Wordiness.**

**Wordiness:** is the useof too many wordsto express an idea . Technical writing must be clear and concise, but wordiness makes writing weak and vague .There are two common forms of wordiness:

1. **Indirect construction** :

are primarily sentences beginning with “**it”** or “**there**”. Sentences beginning with the unstressed form of “**there”** are common in English which tells us that something exists. Such sentences are only wordy if they are immediately followed by a sentence or clause that states what exists .in this case, the two should be combined.

**Incorrec**t

* Ex: There are three forms of water; they are solid, liquid and gaseous phases. **( 14 words)**
* Ex :It is with the indirect construction that this lesson is concerned. **( 11 words)**
* Ex: Reports stated that there were more than 100.000 people were killed by covid 19virus(**13 words)**

**Correct**

* The three forms of water are the solid, liquid and gaseous phases. **( 12 words).**
* The lesson concerned the indirect construction. **( 6 words)**
* Reports stated more than 100.000 people were killed by Covid 19 virus. **(10 words).**

1. **Weak verbs**

A verb is weakened when it is made into a noun phrase, thus requiring the addition of another verb. Such a structure is considered to be wordy because it uses more words to say the same thing.

Ex: the doctor performed an examination to the patient. ← Incorrect

The weak verb “ **performed”** has been added because the verb **“ examine”** was made into the noun **examination .**

To correct this sentence we remove the additional verb and change the noun back into its original verb form.

→ The doctor examined the patient.

Ex: The graduate students carried out experiment on white rates. ( **9 words**) ← Incorrect

Ex: Analysis were made of each sample. ( **6 words**) ←Incorrect

To correct the above sentences:

→ The graduate students experimented on white rates. (7 **words) ← Correct**

→ Each sample was analyzed **(4 words)** ← **Correct**

Another form of weak verb wordiness is when a strong verb has been weakened by making it into an infinitive or a verb +ing form, requiring the addition of another verb or an adjective.

Ex: A thermometer is used to measure temperature. ← Incorrect

→A thermometer measures temperature. ← Correct

Ex : The student succeeded in getting the highest mark in the English subject . ← InCorrect

→ The student gets the highest mark in English subject. ← Correct