**Avoid using vague references.**

**It seems most people agree with this.**

**Most people seem to agree with this philosophy.**

**Apparently, most people support this philosophy.**

**There’s always someone who won’t agree with you.**

**Someone always won’t agree with you.**

**Certainly, someone will disagree.**

**There are some people who seem to have all the luck.**

**Some people seemingly have all the luck.**

**Some people consistently scratch the winning lottery ticket, climb the corporate ladder, marry the homecoming queen, or discover the extra-long french fry at the bottom of the bag.**

**This is a tough subject for most students.**

**Most students struggle with this subject.**

**Calculus leaves most students scratching their heads.**

**There will be some questions about the new policy.**

**Questions about the new policy are inevitable.**

**Inevitably, people will pose questions about the new policy.**

Underline of, in, to, by, and who wherever they occur. Rewrite sentences to eliminate as many as possible.

**OF**

The captain of the dance team twisted her ankle.

The dance team captain twister her ankle.

The scent of the woman’s perfume was strong and gross.

The woman’s overwhelming perfume sickened me.

The new outlet that will sell sporting goods will be built in close proximity to three major routes of transportation.

The new sporting goods outlet will be built close to three major transportation routes.

**IN**

The boss said she would return in a short time and deal with the problem in production.

The boss said she would return shortly and deal with the production problem.

The humidity in the air makes my hair frizzy.

The humidity makes my hair frizzy.

In spite of the fact that I left my house twenty minutes early, I was still late.

Although I left my house twenty minutes early, I was still late.

The girl in the lead may break the record.

The leader may break the record.

We won’t have enough money to buy the car in the foreseeable future.

Our budget prohibits purchasing a car anytime soon.

**TO**

I wrote a letter to my grandmother to tell her about my trip.

Writing my grandmother a letter, I told her about my trip.

We were looking for ways to solve the problem

We were looking for a solution.

The boy is considered to be a genius by those who know him best.

The boy’s closest friends consider him a genius.

I made changes to my essay to make it less wordy.

Revising my essay, I reduced wordiness.

**BY**

The dog escaped by jumping over the gate.

Jumping over the gate, the dog escape.

You can avoid running out of gas by filling up more often.

Filling up more often, you can avoid running out of gas.

The company expanded their clientele by adding more items to their inventory.

Diversifying their inventory, the company expanded their clientele.

As anyone can see, most Americans have been affected by television in such a way that their appreciation of live theater has obviously become less and less.

Certainly, television has diminished most Americans’ appreciation of live theater.

After reviewing the evidence in your case that was presented by your lawyer to me, we realize that there is some justification and warrant for a new trial.

After review, the evidence justifies a new trial.

**WHO**

The student who wins the contest will receive $100.

The contest winner will receive $100.

There have been some complaints on the part of customers who made the statements that their orders were sent to wrong addresses.

Some customers complained we shipped their orders to wrong addresses.

There is evidence that children who have access to a lot of books will have strong literacy skills than those who don’t.

Evidence shows that access to books improves children’s literacy skills.

The woman who was running down the hall looked ridiculous.

The woman running down the hall looked ridiculous.

Running down the hall, the woman looked ridiculous.

People who want a good deal can shop in thrift stores.

People wanting a good deal can shop in thrift stores.