



Be Concise (Practice)

Rewrite each sentence so that it is more concise. Write the revised sentences in the box provided. When you're finished, compare your answers with the sample answers.

A. The articles were published in the magazine by the student council.

Tip: Identify and remove the extra "to be" verb. Find the subject and main action (verb) in the sentence.

B. The students were at the rally to protest increasing tuition fees.

Tip: Sometimes extra "to be" verbs are used to soften action words or delay the main idea. Remove the "to be" verb and use the specific action verb.

C. There are several reasons why students should learn how to edit their writing.

Tip: Start by removing "There are" and begin the sentence with the subject.

D. During the time that students are at university, they often acquire a lot of debt.

Tip: First erase the empty phrase. Look at what is left and decide on the most direct way to state the idea.