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Tautology

Acronyms and Tautology

Tautology means saying the same thing twice using different words. People commonly use tautologies when using many common acronyms, because they typically say the last word of the acronym after using the acronym.

EXAMPLE: DVD disc (DVD stands for Digital Versatile Disc)

DIRECTIONS: Explain why each phrase below contains a tautology.

1. ATM machine
2. GPS system
3. Please R.S.V.P.
4. HIV virus
5. PIN number
6. UPC code
7. SARS syndrome
8. VIN number

