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Tautology

Tautology means saying the same thing twice using different words. You should try to avoid tautologies in your writing because they make it wordier than it needs to be. Sometimes they can also make you seem foolish.

DIRECTIONS: Each sentence below contains a tautology. Rewrite it without the tautology.

1. We agree to meet at 4 p.m. in the afternoon.
2. The boy stood in close proximity to me in line.
3. I hope Laura's predictions about the future all come true.
4. We decided to have submarine sandwiches for lunch.
5. Our teacher asked us to write a short summary of the movie.
6. On our tour, we visited some dilapidated ruins.
7. Tina has suffered a lot of sad misfortune this year.