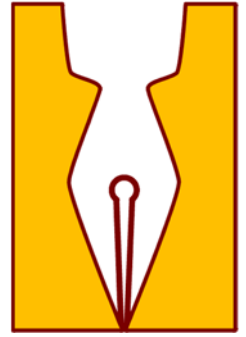


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Pleonasm

The word pleonasm comes from the Greek word *pleonasmos*, which means "excessive." Pleonasm is a literary device that means using too many words to convey an intended message or idea. A pleonasm can be used intentionally, for emphasis or to add dramatic effect.

DIRECTIONS: Underline the pleonasm in each sentence. Explain the emphasis or dramatic effect. Identify the type of pleonasm.

1. "From that day mortal, and this happie State
Shalt loose, expell'd from hence into a World
Of woe and sorrow..." [from *Paradise Lost* by John Milton]

Type of pleonasm: _____

2. "He was a man, take him for all in all, I shall not look upon his like
again..." [from *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare]

Type of pleonasm: _____