

Aggie Grammar Guide: Concision

Answer Key

The following revisions show one way to practice concision. In reality, many options exist. The key is to cut and clarify while maintaining meaning.

Intermediate Practice

- 1) Tough **uses that quote to transition** from Vanessa's story to the **article's** main topic. (14 words)
- 2) Students who carry (or "Students carrying") such negative thoughts often drop out instead of **seeking help**. (12 or 13 words)
- 3) Feeling alone makes students vulnerable and **less likely to try** as hard. (12 words)
- 4) **Corn** is one of the most **common** ingredients in the **Mexican diet**. (12 words)
- 5) For example, **in high school I heard that** Christopher Columbus **did not discover** the United States. (16 words)
- 6) Knowing history from the oppressors' and the oppressed's perspectives, I **understand** how the U.S. has **become** the racially and economically unequal country that it is today. (26 words)
- 7) I went to school **and learned to read** and write in English, **yet I feel I am not** entirely entitled to be an American. (24 words)
- 8) Moreover, **a parallel hybrid car uses** an internal combustion and electrical engine. (12 words)

Advanced Practice

- 1) **When** students experience **them, these thoughts negatively impact their lives**. (10 words)
- 2) The program is **designed** to help those students **attain** a higher level of education **and provide extra help without revealing** the real reason, **which positively impacts students' lives**. (28 words)
- 3) "Pre-med" students **who ace all** their classes think **they are better and far smarter than other students**. (17 words)
- 4) **It seems like technology** has taken over. **Increased innovative** technology has **led to reading on** e-readers and tablets instead of physical books. Although **reading physical books** is helpful, using e-readers and tablets **is more effective**. (35 words)
- 5) **Later, I learned** that Santiago and her siblings were racially targeted, **despite** the white male **she imagines within her who fights for justice and her place** in American society. (28 words)