

## Revising for Wordiness

### Exercise and Tips from the Holt Handbook

Replace a phrase with one word.

1. As a result of the fact that there was a delay, travelers were camped out all over the airport.
2. In a state of excitement, Jane called her mother to tell her the news.
3. In spite of the fact that Sandra had the time, she did not want to go to a movie
4. At the time at which that show begins, will you let me know?

Take out “who is” or “which is”

1. My presentation will be on King Tut, who was the topic of my research project.
2. King Tut, who was a young pharaoh of Egypt, remains a popular subject.
3. His tomb, which was one of the great finds of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, contained many wonderful objects.
4. You have probably seen his gold mask, which is only one of the magnificent treasures of the tomb.

Take out a whole group of unnecessary words.

1. Mr. Ash can repair any kind of appliance that you can imagine.
2. The Guitarist played a folk song from the country of Brazil.
3. Unfortunately, the game has been canceled due to the fact of rain.
4. Did the Wright brothers make the first airplane flight ever to be made by anyone in history?