



Style Strategies Quiz

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Why Bother Considering Style?

- Engage your readers better
- Sound more sophisticated
- Control the pace of your writing for emphasis or de-emphasis
- Gain rhetorical control of your message
- All of the Above

T/F Getting rid of “to be” verbs adds action to your sentences.

T/F Participial phrases add descriptions to nouns and pronouns in your writing because they function as adjectives even though they resemble actions.

T/F The absolute construction resembles the participial phrase and includes a verb.

T/F An appositive phrase adds details to other adjectives.

T/F The difference between an appositive phrase and a participial phrase is that an appositive also functions as a noun; therefore, an appositive phrase frequently begins with “a, an, or the.”

T/F Adjectives, the most common form of description for beginning writers, describe nouns and pronouns.

T/F Participial phrases and absolute phrases function as adjectives, though in form they differ.

T/F In English, adjectives usually come before nouns.

T/F When using an introductory element, you do not need to set it off with commas.

T/F If you are interrupting a sentence, as adjectives shifted out of order will inherently do, remember to set off the interruption with commas.

T/F As with any technique, overuse can kill the variety you looked for to begin with, so use discretion when applying your new brushstrokes to your next assignment.



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Underline the redundant phrases in these sentences.

1. This team is equally as good as that one.
2. We used two different kinds of paper.
3. It is my considered opinion that you are wrong.
5. In the modern world of today, we are surrounded by technological advance.
6. Make the report full and complete; use only true facts, and give them your best thought and consideration.
7. It is right and proper for each and every one of you to be sincere and earnest with your friends.

8. The old car still remains parked in that field.
9. The end result of her laziness was a failing grade.
10. If you have any questions, refer back to Chapter Two.
11. The basic fundamentals of baseball come easily to many children.
12. Each individual person is unique.
13. My personal opinion is that we need more room.
14. This recipe says to take the two mixtures, combine into one, bake for one hour.
15. I cannot eat shrimp in any way, shape or form.
16. Marcia's little sister is very polite and courteous.
17. Her twin brothers are exactly identical.
18. Each and every child in the family is well behaved.
19. If and when they are rude, Mrs. Smith is quick to correct them.
20. Any and all overdue books should be returned today.