

Wordiness (Practice)

Activity: Eliminate any unnecessary words in the following sentences. Rephrase if necessary.

1. I really love my daughter very much from the bottom of my heart.
2. In my essay paper, I wrote about my absolute hopes and desires.
3. There are possibly only three reasons why she could have done what she did.
4. Water polo is basically a water sport that involves a multitude of players struggling to compete against one another in successfully capturing the ball in the respective goal.
5. After that fight that we had, our amicable friendship is basically ancient history.
6. The honest truth is that I really do not like shrimp very much.
7. About the email you sent me last week on July 3rd about your vacation, I wanted to talk to you in person before responding.
8. If the two groups cooperate together, there will definitely be positive benefits for both.
9. There are some people who think that the metric system is basically un-American.

Key answers

1. I love my daughter.
2. In my essay, I wrote about my desires.
3. There are three reasons she could have done that.
4. Water polo is a multiplayer sport in which the objective is to get the ball in the goal.
5. After that fight, our friendship is history.
6. I dislike shrimp.
7. I want to speak in-person before replying to the email you sent on July 3rd.
8. If the two groups cooperate, both will benefit.
9. Some people think the metric system is un-American.