

**EXERCISE W2-2 Wordy sentences** Before working this exercise, read section W2 in *A Writer's Reference*, Fifth Edition.

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Tighten the following sentences by eliminating redundancies, unnecessary repetition, and empty phrases. The number in parentheses at the end of each sentence is a suggested maximum number of words for your revision. You may have fewer than that number, but try not to exceed it. Example:

~~It is a fact that~~ Adam Smith wanted to find a theory <sup>to</sup> ~~that would~~ explain how the economic world functions. (14)

1. It seems that after many years of study and then years of writing, he published a book that was called *The Wealth of Nations*. (16)
2. This lengthy, protracted book had in the neighborhood of a thousand pages, and those pages included a sixty-three-page index. (12)
3. The full and complete title of his book indicates the comprehensive, all-inclusive scope of the book: *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*. (20. Do not shorten the twelve-word title.)
4. Smith believed that there were certain basic, essential economic laws in existence and that these laws would work to the benefit of everyone if people would “let the market alone.” (19)
5. He believed that something along the lines of an “invisible hand” guided economics. (10)