

Combat wordiness: avoid “in order to”

Avoid writing “in order to” as much as possible. Usually, “to” is fine by itself. It does not need to be “in order.” These extra words are just padding that make your sentence longer than it needs to be.

Examples

Instead of: Management requires this information in order to more effectively make decisions.

Write: Management requires this information to more effectively make decisions.

Instead of: Students must satisfactorily complete the online course requirements in order to participate in the laboratory workshop session.

Write: Students must satisfactorily complete the online course requirements to participate in the laboratory workshop session.



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