Grade 9

English Home Language

Redundancy and Malapropism

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Redundancy	When a word is redundant, it means you don't need to
	use it as the meaning is already clear, implied or said.
	E.g. Are you absolutely sure?
	To be sure already means you are 100 percent certain.
	Therefore, the word "absolutely" should be removed.
Malapropism	Is an incorrect word that is used which sounds similar
	to the correct.
	E.g. You have to preserve.
	The word preserve is used incorrectly, it should have
	been <i>persevere</i> .

ACTIVITY

1. Find and eliminate the redundant words. Rewrite the paragraph after you have removed the redundancy.

I give you advance warning that it is absolutely essential that you turn this situation around. We will collaborate together as fellow colleagues and put future plans in place with immediate effect starting now so that the end result is that the problem has been completely eradicated.

- 2. Find and correct the Malapropism within the sentences below.
 - a) Dad says the monster is just a pigment of my imagination.
 - b) Flying saucers are just an optical conclusion.
 - c) Good punctuation means not to be late.
 - d) I remember because I have photogenic memory.
 - e) "He was a man of great statue." Thomas Menino, mayor of Boston.