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Chapter 1 Lesson 2 (pp. 16–17)

Eliminate Redundant and “Empty” Words



Activity A Read each wordy sentence below. Cross out the unnecessary words.

1. If you really, truly want to learn the piano, the fact of the matter is you just have to practice a lot.
2. The piano is definitely my favorite instrument of all, and I have the desire, drive, and instinct to learn it.
3. As you press a key on a piano, felt-covered hammers inside the piano strike steel plates that are located strategically inside the piano.
4. The truth is, the word *piano*, which we use today, comes from the old term *pianoforte*, which nowadays is rarely used.
5. It is true that a player of the piano is more often than not usually called a pianist.



Activity B Rewrite each sentence below to eliminate wordiness.

Tip

Make sure that your revised sentence has the same meaning as the original sentence.

1. Believe it or not, the trumpet, which is a popular musical instrument, is a part of the brass family of instruments.

2. It is very interesting to note the fact that the trumpet, which is shaped in an oblong-like shape, has six valves, which are three piston valves and three rotary valves.

3. Many different and various types of trumpets include the piccolo trumpet, the brass trumpet, and the slide trumpet.

4. By and large, the most famous and well-known trumpet player of all time is Louis Armstrong.
