**LESSON TWO: GRAMMAR AND THE THREE C’S**

CONCISE--**What does it mean to be concise?**

**DEFINE:**

[**REDUNDANCY**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihseFI5LfjQ)

[**CONCISE**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFK3C04BZTI)

**If you don’t need it, CUT IT!** An answer choice that says the same thing as the underlined portion, but in fewer words, is the better choice. An answer choice that gives LESS information in fewer words is NOT the better choice.

For example:

I proceeded to endeavor to the retail location premise that goes by the name of Wal-Mart, and there I managed to make a purchase of a t-shirt of the green variety.

This sentence would be much more CONCISE if it were written like this:

I bought a green t-shirt at Wal-Mart.

However, this sentence is NOT more concise:

I bought a green t-shirt.

Why?

Work through the following examples using this strategy:

We tried to steady ourselves with our walking sticks but slipped and stumbled because of the jumbled rocks we were slipping on.

1. NO CHANGE
2. even though we used our walking sticks.
3. despite any efforts to remain steady.
4. with each step.

MacCallum showed Quezada’s pots to art dealers in the United States, the places in which art galleries were soon offering Quezada thousands of dollars for them.

1. NO CHANGE
2. and it would happen there that
3. where
4. DELETE the underlined portion.

Above the windows and frieze, an exterior balcony spans the width of the gray building.

1. NO CHANGE
2. Gray limestone
3. Limestone
4. DELETE the underlined portion.