

Writing Workshop #8: Revising “There are...”, “It is...” sentences

Sentences that start with “There is...” or “There are...” are unnecessarily wordy and meandering. Get to the point in your sentence!

Improve your writing by:

- 1) Eliminating the indirect demonstrative or pronoun (*there, that, it*) and the weak verb of being (*is, are, was, were*);
- 2) Making the object of the original indirect sentence the subject of your new and improved sentence; and
- 3) Using an active verb



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Original: It turns out there is a weaker form of quantum state encryption, where only slightly more than $\log d$ bits of key are used.

One Solution: A weaker form of quantum state encryption is possible using only slightly more than $\log d$ key bits.

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Original: It is important to note that although there is an accumulation of fluid in advance of the resonator, this effect significantly reduces species transport to the electromagnetic hot spot.

One Solution: Although fluid **accumulates** in **front** of the resonator, this effect significantly reduces species transport to the electromagnetic hot spot.

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Original: However, after an initial steep rise in S , there is a slower linear increase with energies that are an order of magnitude above the saturation level.

One Solution: However, after an initial steep rise, S exhibits both a slower linear increase and energies that are an order of magnitude above the saturation level.