

## Redundant Categories

Specific words imply their general categories, so we usually don't have to state both. We know that a period is a segment of time, that pink is a color, that shiny is an appearance. In each of the following phrases, the general category term can be dropped, leaving just the specific descriptive word:

large in size  
often times  
of a bright color  
heavy in weight  
period in time  
round in shape  
at an early time  
economics field

of cheap quality  
honest in character  
of an uncertain condition  
in a confused state  
unusual in nature  
extreme in degree  
of a strange type

### **Wordy**

During that time period, many car buyers preferred cars that were pink in color and shiny in appearance.

The microscope revealed a group of organisms that were round in shape and peculiar in nature.

### **More Concise**

During that period, many car buyers preferred pink, shiny cars.

The microscope revealed a group of peculiar, round organisms.