Economic (“Tight”) Writing

Resource: <https://www.plainenglish.co.uk/>

The Plain English Campaign.

Avoid using extra words for describing something implicit.

Example 2.18-1

He vowed to carry out an investigation of the criminal gang’s activities.

Revision: 1

He vowed to investigate the criminal gang’s activities.

Revision: 2

He vowed to investigate the criminal gang.

Example 2.17-2

The room was quite dark and dimly lit.

Revision: 1

The room was dimly lit.

Revision: 2

The four pebbles in his left hand and the two in his right added up to six stones.

Example 2.17-3

Nokia continues to maintain a close watch on regulatory developments.

Revision: 1

Nokia maintains a close watch on regulatory developments.

Revision: 2

Nokia continues to watch regulatory developments.