1. Removed variable 'String temp' because it was redundant (i.e., unused/had the same declaration as 'CharSequence firstLetter'

2. The condition 'if(reader1 != null)' is always true. The if—else statement was removed (i.e., unnecessary)

3. Redundant declaration removed 'List<String> newSentence = null;' ——> 'List<String> newSentence;'. The null value is automatically assigned.

4. Redundant initializer of variable 'int howManyWords = 0' when on the next line, it is set equal to reader1.howManyWordsInFile();. I combined both of these.

5. String returnWord = new String();, the '= new String();' part is unnecessary and an empty string suffices, ""

6. 'new String();' is not doing anything useful. It is just a waste of a line of code as it is not setting any variable. I deleted this line.

7. 'return;' at the end of a void function is unnecessary. I deleted this line.