

ALTERNATIVES

Read through the examples below and consider alternatives for where words have been repeated or punctuation is, to improve the syntax of the paragraphs. These are all real examples that we have worked through with other writers over the years.

On May 14th, children from St. Joseph's school in Burnley went to the local park for their school trip. The trip was the first for the children in over two years because of Covid and the trip was extremely enjoyable.

(Children is used twice, and trip is used three times – encourage your team to try and find alternative words.)

One of the key things that stands out in the film is the actor, Tom Hardy who is an incredible actor and has starred in loads of incredible films and who really stands out.

(In this example, both synonyms and punctuation need to be altered.)

The school football team played in the County School Tournament last week, winning the tournament by beating the five other teams in their group. The top goal scorer was Year 11 student Matthew Brown who scored an amazing six goals in total, a huge help for the school football team to bring home the silver they deserved to win.

(In this example there are a number of things that could be done differently and it will be interesting to see which your team point out. It could be the sentence structure, it could be alternative words or punctuation. Part of the editing process is making the words of others sound the best that they can be without taking away from the story they are telling.)