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Word Economy

Testing Your Knowledge & Understanding

What Is "word economy"?

Why does word economy matter?

Below are two boxes. In the box on the left is an example argument. In the box on the right, re-write that argument to get the same point across in less words.

Nuclear weapons decrease conventional warfare. This is because they lower the likelihood that a country will want to start a war with another country, for fear that the war may escalate. Because war can quickly heighten and intensify, countries are hesitant to even fight at all as to not risk an escalated nuclear scenario. This means that nuclear weapons reduce the probability of a conventional war.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border and a folded-top-right corner, intended for the student to re-write the example argument in fewer words.