COMMON ISSUES IN YOUR FIRST DRAFTS

1) Sentence structure

Indeed, this wide range of popular sites are using technologies like SSL, **that was developed in 90s and whose last version was published in 1996,** or TLS, which was defined in 1999 as an upgrade of last version of SSL, that are not entirely safe.

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Exercise: Look at the following excerpt and make alterations so that the sentence structure is clear.

As we see obstacles as possibilities, there is no need to take obstacles seriously or be nervous because of their presence because overcoming of obstacles means becoming better and more skillful.

2) Use of language – linking ideas

Although high-resolution display walls have been proven useful tools for data visualization, **there is still struggle with control methods. Camera-sense system** is excellent solution for this problem.

DARPA is an agency of the United States Department of Defense and is the biggest organization realizing projects which are beyond our imagination in this section such as thought-controlled mechanical arm. …
        The history of DARPA contains hundreds of projects and cannot be skipped. DARPA was established in 1958 and its original mission was to keep technological leadership before other countries.

Exercise: Try to rephrase the following in a way so that it sounds more natural. Do any alterations you feel are necessary.

"An iPod, a phone, an internet mobile communicator... these are NOT three separate devices! And we are calling it iPhone! Today Apple is going to reinvent the phone. And here it is," said Steve Jobs at the Macworld Conference & Expo 2007 to introduce an iPhone.

Every year, millions of trees are cut down to make notebooks and textbooks. Millions of students develop back problems because of heavy backpacks. Schools spend millions of euros to purchase up-to-date textbooks.

Playing a game is for mammals a very natural behavior. People also belong to this biological class so playing should be for them very normal.

3) Articulation of Ideas and Argumentation

The Czech Republic has tried to assimilate Gypsies to fit better to population by financial way. We want to motivate them to study. There is created special scholarship for Gypsies. Why is that so? A lot of people is short of money, but they are not Gypsies, **therefore this scholarship is not applied to them. It is actually discrimination of these people or it is not about money and we could create scholarship for other groups of people like lazy ones.**

Exercise: Read the following paragraph. What is the main focus? Make any alterations so that the paragraph is more coherent.

However, some people may be more interested in so called fitness applications which are becoming more and more popular these days. They seem like a perfect fit for Google Glass, because the user does not need to fix the device to his body and be careful of headphones. He can just freely run or do exercise without taking care of the gadget. One of these applications is the RaceYourself that promises the users to reward their hard work with exciting content to help them push themselves to the new levels. While Google Glass is not released to the public yet, the quantity and the quality of applications are quite low in comparison to general expectations. Now, Google Glass based on a hands-free display technology changes it radically again and is a good competitor to all the smartphones that most people own in a number of fields. Not only voice control or the freedom in general, but also various applications are the strengths of this gadget.

4) Overstatement

The british singer Mike Rosenberg, the frontmen of Passenger, sings in one of his song: "We pretend to be friends on the internet when in real life we have nothing to say ". It is only lyrics of the song, but he is **truly** right.

Exercise: The following text contains many generalizations. Make appropriate alterations.

For many years there were gods as a primary representation of something mystique. Common people used them as an explanation for natural phenomena, illnesses or bad luck. Similarly in medieval era, where I think the concept of good and evil was strongest, exists two opposites: the Devil and the God. If you were the healer who used his faith in God, herbs and ointments to heal others than you passed unnoticed. On the other hand if you were curious how the world works and became an alchemist or astronomer you ended up possessed or wielder of magic. And also dead. People just do not understand that what they were doing was science.

On the contrary today, where we know that science really works and we do not have to torture physicists for they work, we want the magic back.

5) Repetition

… Although **the idea of social networks** seems to help people to build up their relationships, in many cases opposite becomes true. Social networking is considered a tool which improves communication, still it has a strongly negative influence on quality of relationships among the people. **The idea of social network** is not new. It became a phenomenon at the beginning of the third millenium.

Exercise: Make changes so that you avoid repetition.

Another important part is visualization of obstacles waiting on player on his way to the goal he wants to achieve - without obstacles, every game would become boring very soon. In a game without smaller complication, there is anything new we could learn. People are adaptive and doing routine or monotonous work become boring very soon.

6) Weak thesis statement/conclusion

(conclusion) All the applications which are already made show that there is a very large potential in developing for Google Glass. **Furthermore, the thought of** freedom behind the project or voice control **may** also be the reasons for users **to decide** to use it instead of any smartphone. **These arguments supports the probability** that Google Glass **would** replace mobile phones in the future.

*Read the following two introductions and add a **strong** thesis statement.*

Books have been a symbol of wisdom and intelligence throughout the centuries. Having a bookshelf filled with leather-bound books always emanated a certain aura making people feel that the owner of such bookshelf has to be a literate man. When talking about reading nowadays one needs to consider both options - books and e-readers. But even though books are now converted to electronic versions for the sake of readers's convenience, the number of readers is constantly declining.

Reading is one of the most fundamental skills and it is necessary for everyday life in a modern world. People are taught that since their early childhood. At first parents are being advised to read to their preschool sons and daughters before going to bed, then every child learns to read in the first grade of elementary school. However, that is not enough and students of all grades are therefore supposed to read also in their free time. In the Czech republic, required reading is a commonly used method to encourage students to read, but the issue is whether this method is encouragement or rather discouragement for them.

7) Grammar/spelling mistakes
We have been raised in a **so called** „post-communist" era, so it seems like communism has no influence on our **generetion** as it had on the older one, but quite the **oposite** might actually be true. We might fool **ourselvs** however we want, but …

Lets take a smart phones a second example.

Exercise: Read the following and correct all the grammatical mistakes you can find.

Moreover the people should not limit themselves on using the new technology but also learn how to write their own programs. Despite of there is so many software on the market they do not cover every action that user require. But if the user have also some basic programming skills he can do his work faster and more effective. For example imagine office worker that have to process one thousand documents per day and each document is processed by the same sequence of commands. If the user spend few days by learning some simple programming language and then write the program that do the same sequence of commands automatically then the user never have to spend so much time by clicking thousand times the same button again. Thus he can do some other important work. Therefore programming skills can be very useful in situations like these and save people lots of repetitive work. And also if the program is correct it cannot do mistake while the user can.