**Exercises: Rewrite each sentence to convey a strong authorial voice. You may modify each sentence in other ways to make it stronger.**

1.  In my opinion marijuana is used by many Americans today and will be continued to get purchased illegally.

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2. I believe if given a proper chance and research, this cure has many unfulfilled potentials.

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3. After reading this article I can honestly say I disagree; just because it worked for him does not mean it is going to work for others.

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4. I never said that there was something wrong with being a little pudgy, as a matter of fact, most of us are.

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5. Above all, I believe that Pit Bulls do not act in a vicious manner on their own accord.

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6. Some argue that the internet makes us less human, more automated; I completely disagree because communication through computers will never replace human communication.

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7. While some believe that electronic communication is making us less likely to stray from our computers, I think it is making us more productive, allowing us to get more accomplished.

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8. However, what I feel is missing most from our lack of human contact is what’s most important – eye contact and body language.

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9. Although some believe that technology is responsible for our greatest achievements, I believe technology is responsible for humanity’s greatest downfall.

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10. I’m not saying technology should be denigrated and neglected because sometimes it is necessary to communicate with others via email, text, or other social media.

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11. I agree that the lack of personal contact with our fellow human beings does decrease potential opportunities for face-to-face discussions.

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12. I am not totally against the use of computers, because they do accomplish tasks efficiently and process information rapidly.

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13. Some people believe that the loss of personal contact makes us less human, more automated. According to my opinion, I strongly agree with this statement.

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14. I disagree that the internet has made us more automated; I believe that if email and social networking are used correctly, they can encourage more human interaction.

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15. In my opinion, I agree with the author that teenagers should not listen to music while they do homework.

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