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Acronym Overload

Directions: Read the short passage below carefully. Then, notice **the misleading or redundant acronyms** that are bolded within the text. For each one, write why it is incorrect or unnecessary and provide the correct way to use it.

The Problem with Acronym Overload

In today's world, we use acronyms without thinking twice—sometimes even when they don't make sense. When Jacob withdrew cash, he proudly said he remembered his **PIN number** without checking his wallet. Later, his teacher told him to upload his essay in a **PDF format** on the school portal. During science class, Mia mentioned **HIV virus** in her report, and her friend replied that she just saw an article about **LCD display** screens being used in modern labs.

Their teacher smiled and said, "You're all mixing things up a bit—each of those acronyms already includes the final word you're repeating!" The class laughed, realizing they had fallen into the trap of redundant acronyms, a common habit even among professionals.

PIN number

Why is it unnecessary?

PDF format

Why is it unnecessary?

HIV virus

Why is it unnecessary?

LCD display

Why is it unnecessary?