REDUNDANCY

Exercise 1. Read each pair of the sentences below and decide which sentence is correct or both of them are correct.

1. A. Now, class, repeat again after me!
   B. Now, class, repeat after me!
2. A. We are seldom out alone at night.
   B. We are rarely seldom out alone at night.
3. A. When are you going to return back home?
   B. When are you going to return home?
4. A. The party proceeded toward the west.
   B. The party proceeded forward toward the west.
5. A. This is the only unique artifact that has been discovered.
   B. This is the unique artifact that has been discovered.

- Redundancy is the unnecessary repetition of an idea.
- The following pairs of words have the same meaning; only one in the pair is necessary.

connect	*together*	*incorrect*	*mistake*	*repeat*	*again*
important	*significant*	*join*	*together*	*carefully*	*cautiously*
proceed	*forward*	*protect*	*guard*	*advance*	*forward*
original	*first*	*only*	*unique*	*rarely*	*seldom*
new	*innovations*	*transmit*	*send out*	*reread*	*again*
single	*only*	*return*	*back*	*around*	*approximately*
same	*identical*	*chief*	*main*	*sufficient*	*enough*
such as	*for example*	*separated*	*apart from*	*necessary*	*needed*

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Exercise 2. Circle the number of each sentence that contains a redundant expression.

1. Asbestos can be mixed with other materials, for example such as rubber, paint, and cement.
2. Because asbestos does not burn and only melts at high temperatures, it can protect and guard other material against fire.
3. One of the main and chief uses of asbestos is to weave gloves, aprons, and other clothing for workers in hot places such metal foundries.
4. When asbestos fibers are breathed in or swallowed, they can cause serious disease, even cancer.
5. Asbestos shields off, or insulates against, heat, flames, electricity, and noise.
6. The unique and single properties of asbestos mean that it has many important uses.
7. No new innovations have been developed to replace asbestos being used for brake linings on cars.
8. For around approximately thirty years, only white asbestos has been used for protective clothing because it is safer than other forms of asbestos.

Exercise 3. From the four underlined words, identify the one that is not correct and correct it.

1. About 200 million years before all the continents were part of one vast land mass called Pangaea.

2. Investment banks do not accept deposits from the public or do loans to businesses or individuals.

3. White blood cells live only for a little days because they are poisoned by the bacteria they capture.

4. When actively hunting, a dolphin sends out transmitting about five signals every second.

5. So far most a million different species of insects have been identified and named.

6. The sun contains 99.9 percentage of the mass of the solar system.

7. A living polyp looks like little sea anemone, with tentacles to trap tiny animals for food.

8. The giant panda eats chiefly mainly bamboo shoots, though it also eats some other plants and occasionally feeds on fish and small rodents.

9. Most of the Egyptian woman Hypatia's writings on medicine have been lost, but there are an amount of references to them by other scientists.

10. Alike most frogs, the clawed frog catches its prey with its hands.

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