

Revising Wordy Sentences

Rewrite the sentences below to make them less wordy and more concise. You *are not* adding any additional information; you are merely taking out words/phrases or revising the word order.

1. Isabel does not ever do any work and, because of that, her teachers think she is lazy.
2. In my opinion, Mr. Osterling is right, I think, about pollution control and what needs to be done to stop pollution.
3. Please repeat again what you said before.
4. My final conclusion is that, eventually, we will win in the long run.
5. My sister has some friends who have combined their musical talents and abilities for whatever instrument they are good at to form a band together.
6. Willie prefers to study for tests or exams alone so he can review the material again by himself rather than as opposed to joining a study group.

7. It is my personal opinion that Theresa quit the team because she was a complete and total failure at getting to practice on time.
8. Jeff did not believe it was in the realm of possibility that his new business venture could be a complete and utter failure.
9. In the event of rain, I would like to tentatively suggest my house as one of the alternate choices for the reunion.
10. The lawyer said that he intended to prove conclusively that the defendant did not have the ability to commit the crime in the narrow margin of time between leaving work and arriving home that night.