

2. Wrong use of *another*, *other*, *the other*:

Example: Other, more common, name for crocidolite is blue asbestos
A B
because of its color.
C D

The best answer is (A); *other* is used incorrectly instead of *another*.

3. Wrong use of *make* and *do*

Example: When asbestos fibers are breathed in, they may make damage
A B C
to our lungs.
D

The best choice is (C); the expression is *do damage* and not *make damage*.

EXERCISES ON WORD CHOICE AND REDUNDANCY

From the four underlined words or phrases, (A), (B), (C), or (D), identify the one that is not correct.

1. About 200 million years before all the continents were part of one vast land mass called Pangaea.
A B C D
2. Investment banks do not accept deposits from the public or do loans to businesses or individuals.
A B C D
3. White blood cells live only for a little days because they are poisoned by the bacteria they capture.
A B C D
4. When actively hunting, a dolphin sends out transmitting about five signals every second.
A B C D
5. A mainframe computer is large and is usually used to operate a network of another computers.
A B C D

6. So far most A B a million different C species of insects have been identified D and named.

7. The sun contains A 99.9 percentage B of the mass C of the solar system. D

8. Lewis and Clark had been gone A for such long on their expedition that B many C thought they D were dead.

9. A living A polyp looks like B little sea anemone, with tentacles to trap tiny C animals for D food.

10. The giant panda eats chiefly mainly A bamboo shoots, though B it also eats some other C plants and D occasionally feeds on fish and small rodents.

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

12. Alike A most frogs, the clawed frog B catches its prey with its C hands. D