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

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

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

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

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

   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 (A) 200 million (B) years before (C) all the continents were part (D) of one vast land mass called Pangaea.

2. Investment (A) banks do not accept deposits (B) from the public or do (C) loans to businesses (D) or individuals.

3. White blood cells live only (A) for a little (B) days because (C) they are poisoned by the bacteria they capture (D).

4. When (A) actively (B) hunting, a dolphin sends out transmitting (C) about five signals every (D) second.

5. A mainframe computer is large and (A) is usually (B) used to operate (C) a network of another (D) computers.

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6. So far (A) most (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 (D) the solar system.

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

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

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 (B) frogs, the clawed frog (C) catches its prey with its hands (D).

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