

# REDUNDANCY

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

- A. Now, class, repeat again after me!  
B. Now, class, repeat after me!
- A. We are seldom out alone at night.  
B. We are rarely seldom out alone at night.
- A. When are you going to return back home?  
B. When are you going to return home?
- A. The party proceeded toward the west.  
B. The party proceeded forward toward the west.
- 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.
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|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <i>connect</i>   | <i>together</i>    | <i>incorrect</i> | <i>mistake</i>    | <i>repeat</i>     | <i>again</i>         |
| <i>important</i> | <i>significant</i> | <i>join</i>      | <i>together</i>   | <i>carefully</i>  | <i>cautiously</i>    |
| <i>proceed</i>   | <i>forward</i>     | <i>protect</i>   | <i>guard</i>      | <i>advance</i>    | <i>forward</i>       |
| <i>original</i>  | <i>first</i>       | <i>only</i>      | <i>unique</i>     | <i>rarely</i>     | <i>seldom</i>        |
| <i>new</i>       | <i>innovations</i> | <i>transmit</i>  | <i>send out</i>   | <i>reread</i>     | <i>again</i>         |
| <i>single</i>    | <i>only</i>        | <i>return</i>    | <i>back</i>       | <i>around</i>     | <i>approximately</i> |
| <i>same</i>      | <i>identical</i>   | <i>chief</i>     | <i>main</i>       | <i>sufficient</i> | <i>enough</i>        |
| <i>such as</i>   | <i>for example</i> | <i>separated</i> | <i>apart from</i> | <i>necessary</i>  | <i>needed</i>        |
- (Source: The Heinle & Heinle TOEFL test Assistant – Grammar, B. Milada, p. 138)

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

- Asbestos can be mixed with other materials, for example such as rubber, paint, and cement.
- Because asbestos does not burn and only melts at high temperatures, it can protect and guard other material against fire.
- 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.
- When asbestos fibers are breathed in or swallowed, they can cause serious disease, even cancer.
- Asbestos shields off, or insulates against, heat, flames, electricity, and noise.
- The unique and single properties of asbestos mean that it has many important uses.
- No new innovations have been developed to replace asbestos being used for brake linings on cars.
- 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.**

- About 200 million years before all the continents were part of one vast land mass called Pangaea.
- Investment banks do not accept deposits from the public or do loans to businesses or individuals.
- White blood cells live only for a little days because they are poisoned by the bacteria they capture.
- When actively hunting, a dolphin sends out transmitting about five signals every second.
- So far most a million different species of insects have been identified and named.
- The sun contains 99.9 percentage of the mass of the solar system.
- A living polyp looks like little sea anemone, with tentacles to trap tiny animals for food.
- The giant panda eats chiefly mainly bamboo shoots, though it also eats some other plants and occasionally feeds on fish and small rodents.
- 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.
- Alike most frogs, the clawed frog catches its prey with its hands.