



Redundant, Expendable, and Incomparable Words and Phrases Quiz

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Directions: Edit the following sentences, eliminating redundant and expendable words and phrases. Also, make sure that incomparable words stand alone. For example, do not use superlative or comparative modifiers with words such as “absolute” or “original.”

1. The rash on his skin was red in color and rough in texture.

2. It is interesting to note that this time period, although brief in duration, produced the majority of survey responses.

3. Due to the fact that the woman was slightly pregnant, the physician opted not to perform the x-ray examination.

4. Similar results were also obtained for 4 out of the 5 patients.

5. As a general rule, we do not comment on the future plans of the organization.

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6. We describe herein the results of the randomized controlled trial performed by Courant et al, which were uniformly consistent with the results of earlier randomized controlled trials.

7. When totaling up the sum of the survey responses, the investigators learned that the positive responses were fewer in number than expected.

8. It goes without saying that the newly approved drug will produce an inhibitory effect on the AIDS-related symptoms.

9. My fellow colleagues and I have achieved a major breakthrough.

10. The new health care law will have an impact on the ability of low-income patients to receive health care insurance.

11. During the time that I was applying to medical school, it was found that the number of openings for surgeons at major medical institutions was decreasing in number.

12. He obtained a completely comprehensive medical history for each individual patient.



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13. In order to participate in the study, the patients had to be older than 35 years of age and residents of the United States.

14. Research in the field of genetics has increased since the completion of the fifth human genome map.

15. The peer reviewers were completely unanimous in their decision to recommend publication of the manuscript.



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