

CONCISION DRILLS

Drill 1

Each of the following sentences has a redundancy. Correct the sentence by crossing off a redundant word or phrase.

1. Using her hands, the bus driver manually opened the stuck window.
2. Spinning in circles, the boy whirled carelessly about the playground.
3. I could not stand the constant and repeating sound of the smoke detector chirping.
4. Putting puzzle pieces together one by one, Mia enjoys catching up on her favorite TV shows, doing a jigsaw puzzle while she watches.
5. The new Indian restaurant offers a variety of options for diners who come to eat there.
6. The library allows patrons to borrow and check out books for three weeks.
7. Researchers found that a second dose of vitamin-infused water revived the plants, bringing them back to life.
8. Anthony likes riding his bike, but despite enjoying riding it he doesn't like riding in the rain.
9. After I submitted my first draft, my teacher asked me to resubmit my essay again because it had gotten lost.
10. When you take your test, it is important that you remember to bring a sharpened pencil on test day.
11. Every year, members of the club must pay an annual activities fee.
12. Next, we will then proceed to the auditorium for a seminar on budgeting.

Drill 2

Choose the sentence that is both clear and concise. Remember that the shorter option is not always correct—sometimes more words are needed to make the meaning clear.

1. A. The museum is what sometimes could be considered to be a treasure trove of art.
B. The museum could be considered a treasure trove of art.
2. A. The painting is a reminder of a time when they suffered from them.
B. The painting is a reminder of a time when they suffered from famine and drought.
3. A. The professor wanted to study the new medication's effect on diabetes patients.
B. The professor was wanting to study the new medication's effect on diabetes patients.
4. A. As for the slim chance of a kid becoming a famous actor as a child, the odds aren't great.
B. As for becoming a famous actor as a child, the odds aren't great.