

Exercise : Eliminating Wordiness Exercise 1

Revise these sentences to state their meaning in fewer words. Avoid needless repetition, and wordy phrases and clauses.

1. Although Bradley Hall is regularly populated by students, close study of the building as a structure is seldom undertaken by them.
2. He dropped out of school on account of the fact that it was necessary for him to help support his family.
3. There are many ways in which a student who is interested in meeting foreign students may come to know one.
4. It is very unusual to find someone who has never told a deliberate lie on purpose.
5. Trouble is caused when people disobey rules that have been established for the safety of all.
6. A campus rally was attended by more than a thousand students. Five students were arrested by campus police for disorderly conduct, while several others are charged by campus administrators with organizing a public meeting without being issued a permit to do so.
7. The subjects that are considered most important by students are those that have been shown to be useful to them after graduation.
8. In the not too distant future, college freshmen must all become aware of the fact that there is a need for them to make contact with an academic adviser concerning the matter of a major.
9. In our company there are wide-open opportunities for professional growth with a company that enjoys an enviable record for stability in the dynamic atmosphere of aerospace technology.
10. Some people believe in capital punishment, while other people are against it; there are many opinions on this subject.

Answers

Please note that these are a sampling of possible answers. These should be used as a guide to show what is possible, not as a source of the only "correct" answers for the exercise.

1. Bradley Hall is usually filled with students who do not study the building as a structure.
2. He dropped out of school to support his family.
3. Any student who wants to meet foreign students can do so in many ways.
4. Rarely will you find someone who has never told a deliberate lie.
5. Disobeying safety regulations causes trouble.
6. Five out of more than a thousand students at a campus rally were arrested for disorderly conduct, and several others were charged by campus administrators with organizing a public meeting without a permit.
7. Students think that the most important subjects are those that will be useful after graduation.
8. Soon college freshmen must realize that they need to contact their advisors about their choices of majors.
9. Our company provides opportunities for professional growth and stability in the dynamic field of aerospace technology.
10. There are people who are for and people who are against capital punishment.

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