

## A closer look at long sentences EXERCISES ANSWER KEY

### PART I.

The discovery of a huge fresh water lake trapped under Antarctica is of interest to the scientific community because of the potential that the lake contains ancient microbes that have survived for thousands upon thousands of years, unaffected by factors such as nuclear fallout and elevated ultraviolet light that have affected organisms in more exposed areas.

1. Which huge fresh water lake is of interest?  
**huge fresh water lake [WHICH IS] trapped under Antarctica**
2. Who is interested in the huge fresh water?  
**the scientific community**
3. Why are they interested? What makes the huge fresh water lake so interesting?  
**because of the potential that the lake contains ancient microbes** (that have survived for thousands upon thousands of years, unaffected by factors such as nuclear fallout and elevated ultraviolet light that have affected organisms in more exposed areas).

Note: '...that have affected organisms in more exposed areas' refers to *nuclear fallout and elevated ultraviolet light*.

(The ancient microbes have survived for thousands and thousands of years but interestingly, they have NOT been affected by factors such as nuclear fallout and elevated ultraviolet light which affected organisms in more exposed areas).

### PART II.

1.
  - 2-- ,the largest flightless bird in the world,
  - 5-- long before they are able to position themselves to attack
  - 3-- possesses great speed and keen eyesight,
  - 4-- enabling it to spot large predatory animals
  - 1-- the ostrich
2.
  - 5-- lacks the sharp eyesight of the ostrich
  - 1-- the zebra
  - 3-- has excellent hearing and a good sense of smell
  - 4-- but
  - 2-- ,with a running speed equal to that of the ostrich,

### PART III.

Clara Barton is known for her endeavours as a nurse on the battlefield during the Civil War.

Clara Barton is known for her role in founding the American Red Cross.

**Clara Barton developed a system for using print media to publish the names of soldiers.**

The soldiers were wounded or killed during various battles of the Civil War.

Sample sentence:

Clara Barton, (who is) known for her endeavours as a nurse on the battlefield during the Civil War and for her role in founding the American Red Cross, **developed a system for using print media to publish the names of soldiers** (who were) wounded or killed during various battles of the Civil War.

The underlined chunk is the subject of your sentence.

The relative clauses above may be reduced: Clara Barton, *known for*... Soldiers *wounded or killed*...