

SENTENCE COMBINING AND SUBORDINATION

EXERCISE

Now try to combine the following sentences, reducing the italicized sentence to either a phrase or a dependent clause (weakened sentence). Remember to punctuate correctly.

1. Loch Ness is in north central Scotland. *It is a lake twenty-two miles long and 700 feet deep. It is the home of the legendary sea monster.*

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MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE.

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2. Joseph Priestley discovered oxygen. *He was a theologian by training. He performed experiments with gases which led to the discovery of oxygen.*

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MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE.

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3. There was a revolution in biology in the mid 1960s. *It was pioneered primarily by two men, George Williams and William Hamilton.*

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MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE.

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4. A climbing orangutan grasps a branch with one hand. *It holds on tightly until the other hand has found the next branch.*

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MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE.

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5. The major pollutant released from stoves, heaters, fireplaces, and chimneys is carbon monoxide. *Carbon monoxide can cause fatigue, headaches, dizziness, nausea, and disorientation.*

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MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE.

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6. Children risk suffering nerve and brain damage and some blood disorders. *Children eat paint chips containing lead.*

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MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE.

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7. Researchers have recently discovered something interesting. *As Australia drifted north, it carried out an almost miraculous balancing act.*

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MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE.

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8. The eustachian tube can moderate changing air-pressure conditions. *The eustachian tube can open wide enough.*

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MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE.

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