

EDITING EXERCISE - WORKSHEET 1

Practice: Remove unnecessary words and rewrite the sentences, but don't change the main idea.

1. Helen is a smart and intelligent woman.
2. Our top student is a physically ill student today.
3. I will complete my research paper in a period of a week.
4. John's stylish boots, made of crocodile skin, cost him an arm and a leg.
5. Susan is the teacher who teaches chemistry at her high school.
6. The student is writing a writing assignment for his English Composition class.
7. The book, which is located on the table, is a grammar book.
8. Jennifer ran with the other runners in the 5,000 meter track event and finished third overall.
9. Her purse, which was manufactured in Italy, was stolen yesterday.
10. Many people admire her lectures for the fact that her ideas are expressed in a clear manner.

POSSIBLE ANSWERS

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1. Helen is a smart and intelligent woman.
 - Helen is a smart woman.
 - Helen is an intelligent woman.
 - Helen is a smart **and wise** woman.

2. Our top student is a physically ill student today.
 - Our top student is ill today.

3. I will complete my research paper in a period of a week.
 - I will complete my research paper in a week.

4. John's stylish boots, made of crocodile skin, cost him an arm and a leg.
 - John's stylish crocodile skin boots cost him an arm and a leg.

5. Susan is the teacher who teaches chemistry at her high school.
 - Susan is a high school chemistry teacher.

6. The student is writing a writing assignment for his English Composition class.
 - The student is writing an assignment for his English Composition class.

7. The book, which is located on the table, is a grammar book.
 - The book on the table is a grammar book.
 - The grammar book is on the table.
 - There is a grammar book on the table.

8. Jennifer ran with the other runners in the 5,000 meter track event and finished third overall.
 - Jennifer finished third in the 5,000 meter track event.

9. Her purse, which was manufactured in Italy, was stolen yesterday.
 - Her Italian purse was stolen yesterday.

10. Many people admire her lectures for the fact that her ideas are expressed in a clear manner.
 - Many people admire her lectures because the ideas are expressed so clearly.
 - Many people admire her lectures because of the clear ideas.