1. Rewrite this sentence to remove the "dead-weight phrase."

It has been found that most people consider buying a house the largest purchase they can ever make.

Most people consider buying a house the largest purchase they can never make.

2. Give a three-letter word that means the same thing as: “utilize”.

use

3. What's a more concise way to write "round in shape"? (The answer should be one five-letter word.)

round

4. What's a more concise way to write “in order to”? (The answer should be one two-letter word.)

to

5. What's a more concise way to write “until such time as”? (The answer should be one five-letter word.)

until

6. Give a seven-letter word that means the same thing as: "due to the fact that"

because

7. Give a five-letter word that means the same thing as: “has no”.

lacks

8. Rewrite the following sentence to remove the phrase “there are." (Don't make other changes to the sentence; and make sure to use correct spelling and punctuation.)

There are many studies that have shown that Lactobacillus species may have protective and antimicrobial properties.

Many studies have shown that Lactobacillus species may have protective and antimicrobial properties.

8.Rewrite the following sentence to remove the “not” (make sure to use correct spelling and punctuation):

She was not a good student.

She was a bad student.

9.Rewrite the following sentence to remove the “not” (make sure to use correct spelling and punctuation):

She did not remember where she put her keys.

She forgot where she put her keys.

10. Edit the following sentence to remove repetition. (Make sure to maintain the basic structure of the sentence and to use correct spelling and punctuation):

The man began to behave strangely and in odd ways after he started taking the drug.

The man began to behave strangely after he started taking the drug.

11. The following sentence contains three "hedge" words (seem, suggest, apparent). Rewrite the sentence to remove all but one of these hedge words. (Make sure to maintain the basic structure of the sentence and to use correct spelling and punctuation.)

The data seem to suggest an apparent problem with the tool.

The data suggest a problem with the tool.

12. Shorten this sentence to just six words by removing unnecessary words (make sure to use correct spelling and punctuation):

Chemistry majors are generally a very creative and highly energetic group.

Chemistry majors are creative and energetic.

13. Rewrite the following sentence for brevity:

The aim of this paper is to provide a review of the basic principles of quantum physics.

This paper aims to review the basic principles of quantum physics.

14. Revise the following sentence for clarity and brevity:

One example of laser interferometry in action is it can be used for the measurement of the drift of a micro cantilever over time.

For example, laser interferometry in action can be used to measure the drift of a micro cantilever over time.

15. Revise the following sentence for clarity and brevity:

Many women with BRCA mutations take prophylactic steps towards reducing their risk of ever getting the cancer because early detection is not perfect.

Women with BRCA mutations take preventive measures to reduce their cancer risk due to imperfect early detection.

16. Revise the following sentence for clarity and brevity:

Finally, it may be argued that, with fuller charts than the Daily Weather Reports and better forecasting, much better results might be obtained, and while this is to a certain extent true, it is feared that the improvement would not be great.

Finally, though better results might be obtained with fuller charts than the Daily Weather Reports and better forecasting, the improvement would not be great.