Using Academic Language

Answers:

1. (✔) Articles on women's sports were placed on the left page. often at the bottom, which is an area often overlooked by readers.

(✔) Articles on women's sports were placed on the left page, often at the bottom, which is a less prominent position.

2. 1) really quite good = reasonable 2) But = However 3) wasn’t = was not 4) putting = entering 5) lots of = many / a large number of 6) over and over = many times/ repeatedly 7) to try and get = to obtain

3. Look at: consider, monitor, analyze

Go over: revise, review

Show: demonstrate, indicate, illustrate

Begin: commence, initiate, undertake

Good: satisfactory, positive, favorable

A lot of: a great deal of, many, an abundance of

A bit: somewhat, fairly, quite

Fix: solve, repair, amend

Make sure: confirm, determine, verify

4. These results are as we expected. The model fits very well with the data points, as indicated by the R 2 values of 0.32 shown in Table 1 above. However, the method used to obtain the best values for a, b, and c was frustrating as it involved spending long hours entering values into an Excel spreadsheet to obtain the lowest R 2 value.

Alternatives? 1) agree with the published/theoretical values 2) \**omit--*a personal reaction 3) \**omit*--focusses on the student not the experiment

5. (✔) without any mention whatsoever.

(✔) sad moment.

(✔) absolutely appalled.

6. I surveyed the literature and discovered... / A survey of the literature revealed…

We used a standard graphical representation to... / A standard graphical representation was used

We researched the question of... / the question of…was researched

7. i) b ii) c iii) b