# **Lab 2 Lab Exercise 1: Editing Sentences**

Please shorten and clarify the following sentences without changing their meanings, as demonstrated in the lecture and explained in the textbook. We’ll go over the answers together after. Please don’t start Lab Exercise 2 (second downloadable file) until after we’ve looked at the answer key for this exercise.[[1]](#footnote-1)

## **Short Sentences**

1. I sent you a copy by email.

I emailed you a copy.

1. He went to Chatham by car.

He drove to Chatham.

1. I was both interested and fascinated.

I was fascinated.

1. Attached please find a copy of our contract.

I’ve attached a copy of our contract.

1. The book is incredibly long and totally boring.

The book is long and boring.

1. There were many people in the overcrowded waiting room.

The waiting room was overcrowded.

1. The room was really large and had an absolutely wonderful view of the city.

The large room had a panoramic view of the city.

1. In all probability, the company will likely make a profit next year

The company will likely make a profit next year.

1. We have not yet reached a consensus of opinion on how this plan will be implemented.

We have not yet agreed on how to implement this plan.

1. The elderly patient is almost 100 years old, but considering his advanced age, he is in remarkably good health.

The patient is in remarkable health despite being 100 years old.

The nearly 100-year-old patient is in remarkable health.

## **Slightly Longer Sentences (Exercise 2.2 from the textbook)**

1. There are some new safety protocols we need to have a discussion about following the incident of the fire in the processing lab.

We need to discuss new safety protocols following the fire in the processing lab.

1. It is absolutely essential that your report’s formatting be uniformly consistent in order to make the best impression on the client that it is possible for us to make.

Your report’s formatting must be consistent to make the best impression on the client.

1. The engineer has made predictions that the roadway changes will create an increase in general traffic and that this will inevitably create an increase in accidents.

The engineer predicted that the roadway changes will increase traffic and accidents.

4. It is difficult to establish a general area cost per square foot of installation for this system due to the fact that each installation is quite unique and depends on many different factors.

5. It is a fact that the discussion about how to achieve clean energy in Canada has to a very large extent focused on the use of solar and wind types of energy over the past couple of decades.

The discussion about clean energy in Canada has largely focused on solar and wind over the past two decades.

6. However, we are currently experiencing a renewed and revitalized sort of interest in the use of nuclear power as a way to help us to achieve what is commonly referred to as net zero energy.

However, we are experiencing a renewed interest in the use of nuclear power to help us to achieve net zero energy.

7. It is a matter of logic that these sorts of nuclear facilities are also likely targets for cyber-terrorists as it is a known fact that an attack on these facilities would cause widespread disruptions in terms of to the economy, as well as to the environment.

Nuclear facilities are likely targets for cyber-terrorists because an attack on these facilities would cause disruption to economy and environment.

8. It is an oft-told and generally accepted axiom that a 100,000-square-foot data centre has the capacity to releases as much carbon dioxide as 100,000 SUVs on the road getting 11 miles per gallon.



A 100,000-square-foot data center can release as much carbon dioxide as to be the equivalent of 100,000 SUVs on the road getting 11 miles per gallon.

9. Given the fact that more and more employees are using and sharing confidential information on mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones, there is a growing trend that proprietary information is increasingly compromised due to lost or stolen mobile devices than there is to any actual hacking.

Because more employees are using and sharing confidential information on mobile devices, more proprietary information is increasingly compromised due to lost or stolen mobile devices than to hacking.

10. Malware in the form of Trojan horse viruses for stealing corporate information are increasingly being distributed through free games for children because it is well known that when employees bring home their work laptops, their children will oftentimes download games onto them to play.

Trojan horse viruses, used for stealing corporate information, are increasingly distributed through free games for children who will oftentimes download them onto their parents work laptops.

1. First ten sentences provided by DJ Amen Sky, BCIT Comm Dept. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)