**Sentence Combining Skills**

exercise

Convert a sentence into prepositional phrase

1). They don’t meet people in person. They communicate with others on the Internet.

2). We also want to have a better understanding of the world. The world is beyond the confines of our daily life.

Convert a sentence into a phrase introduced by a participle

3). A university professor in Arizona was assigned to tutor underachieving college athletes. He recalls a runner who exercised daily.

Convert a sentence into a phrase introduced by a gerund

4). We study the accumulated wisdom of the ages. We thus improve our moral sense.

Convert a sentence into an infinitive phrase

5). We had desire to keep the respect of a good name. The desire propelled me to become the first in our family to go to college.

Convert a sentence into a noun phrase

6). We are increasingly exposed to radiation. Hence the human body’s immune system will be weakened.

Convert a sentence using conjunctive phrase

7). Television is a source of information. It is also a means of entertainment.

Convert a sentence into an appositive

8). We would probably find ways to solve the problems of our schools. Problems now seem impossible to overcome.

Convert a sentence into an adjective phrase

9). Like other animals, we need a territory of our own. The territory should be large and comfortable enough for us to relax and restore our energies.

Convert a sentence into an attributive clause

10). Scientific achievement of this century is creating a wide-spread plague. The plague would soon destroy the entire world.

Convert a sentence into an adverbial clause

11). The lecture reduces feedback to minimum. As a result, the lecturer can not judge how well students understand the material.

Convert a sentence into an adverb

12). We want equal treatment and equal opportunities, but we have a deep-rooted, illogical and romantic desire to be taken care of. This is in both an emotional aspect and a financial aspect.