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Precision in Academic Writing

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1. Choose the noun that links the extra month of collection to the action that authorized it.

In an essay on city waste policy, you note that an advisory panel recommended extending a composting trial. The trial could continue only after the city council decided to extend it.

The council's ___ gave collection crews another month to track how much food waste households set out.

Select one.

A) decision
B) recommendation

2. Help an essay writer explain who was left out of a workplace survey. Choose ALL revisions that keep the findings and use full forms in the writer's own prose.

The survey was about a flexible-hours pilot, and only full-time workers responded. The essay must make it clear that part-time workers were not represented.

Select all that apply.

A) The pilot's survey does not include responses from part-time workers.
B) The pilot's survey doesn't include responses from part-time workers.
C) Part-time workers' responses aren't represented in the pilot's survey.
D) Part-time workers' responses are not represented in the pilot's survey.

3. An essay on environmentalism describes a council vote and its effect on the research schedule. Which noun connects what happened to the action that caused it? Choose that noun.

An advisory panel recommended that the city's composting trial end in June. The council discussed the cost and then voted to keep the trial going until September.

The council's _____ gave researchers three more months to collect data.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

A) discussion
B) recommendation
C) decision

4. You are finishing an essay about the evening bus. The essay looks at whether workers would take a later bus home. Choose the verb that corresponds to what the evidence can establish.

The survey included 14 workers who sometimes worked overtime. Five said they would consider taking a later bus home. No later service was tested.

The survey _____ that some workers who sometimes work overtime would take a later bus if one were available.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

A) proves
B) suggests
C) confirms

5. Which revision mentions three costs without making them sound like the whole survey?

You are writing about a survey in your housing essay. Your paragraph mentions rent, electricity, and water. The survey asked renters about six kinds of expenses.

Select one.

A) The survey covered renters' expenses, namely rent, electricity, and water.
B) The survey covered renters' expenses such as rent, electricity, and water.

6. Help an essay writer explain what a bus trial found. Select ALL the sentences in which the new lane is presented as a possible, rather than an established, cause of shorter trips.

The bus trips on a downtown route were shorter than usual during a two-week trial of a new bus lane. That same week, the roadwork on the route came to an end. The trial did not measure how much each change affected trip times on its own.

Select all that apply.

A) The trial confirms that the new bus lane shortened trips on the route.
B) The new bus lane may have helped shorten trips on the route.
C) The new bus lane may partly explain the shorter trips recorded during the trial.
D) The new bus lane always shortens trips on the route.

7. Choose the opening sentence for the paragraph that introduces the study's finding in your academic essay.

You are writing about a transit study that followed only hospital employees whose shifts began before the first bus arrived. The study found that these employees sometimes paid for taxis to get to work. At this point in the essay, your readers do not yet know who took part in the study.

Select one.

A) Hospital employees whose shifts began before the first bus arrived sometimes paid for taxis to get to work.
B) You sometimes paid for taxis to get to work.
C) One sometimes paid for taxis to get to work.

8. Help connect two ideas in an essay about a city compost collection trial. Choose the noun that names the action that gave researchers more time.

City staff recommended extending the trial, but their advice did not change its end date. The council then decided to keep the trial running for six more weeks.

The council's _____ gave researchers six more weeks to collect data.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

A) recommendation
B) decision

9. Help readers see what a housing survey covered. Select ALL the sentences that use the three expenses as examples, not as the complete list.

You are writing an essay on student housing and quoting from a survey of eight kinds of household expenses. In your essay, you'd like to mention rent, groceries, and bus fares.

Select all that apply.

A) The survey asked about three household expenses: rent, groceries, and bus fares.
B) Rent, groceries, and bus fares were among the household expenses covered by the survey.
C) The survey asked about eight kinds of household expenses other than rent, groceries, and bus fares.
D) The survey covered household expenses such as rent, groceries, and bus fares.

10. In your essay about housing, you want to describe what a city survey measured. Choose the phrase that most accurately describes its scope.

How much did households spend on rent, food, transportation, and several other categories? The questionnaire asked them to report those amounts. The essay gives examples from the first three categories.

The questionnaire covered _____.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

A) housing costs such as rent, food, and transportation
B) household expenses such as rent, food, and transportation
C) rent, food, and transportation only

11. Help summarize a study of student housing costs. Choose the phrase that shows how the listed expenses relate to the full set of costs.

Students recorded four expenses in their diaries: rent, electricity, internet service, and laundry. Your summary names the first three as examples.

The diaries recorded housing costs _____ rent, electricity, and internet service.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

A) limited to
B) such as

12. Choose the verb which gives this schoolroom finding the proper weight.

In one class, students who chose to silence their phone notifications finished a reading task sooner than those who left them on. The teacher did not check whether the groups read at different speeds to start with.

The comparison ___ that silencing notifications helps students finish the reading sooner.

Select one.

A) establishes
B) suggests

13. Help an essayist show how a campus decision led to a result. Select ALL the following sentences that clearly name the action that gave evening students more study time.

The campus committee decided to close the study room one hour later. They put off a vote on changing the booking system. With the room open later, evening students had an extra hour to study.

Select all that apply.

A) The decision to extend the study room's hours gave evening students more time to study.
B) These decisions gave evening students more time to study.
C) The extension of the study room's hours gave evening students more time to study.
D) The decision to postpone the booking vote gave evening students more time to study.

14. In an essay on transport, the writer wants to share an encouraging result. Help the writer to report the result without overstating it. Choose the reporting verb that fits the evidence.

An express bus route opened. Afterward, eight commuters said their journeys took less time. The pilot did not collect data from a comparison group.

The pilot _____ that the express route shortened the commute for some passengers.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

A) proves
B) disproves
C) suggests