

Exercise 58

Identify the register of these sentences (F = formal, I = informal). Then match those conveying the same message.

- 1) The reasoning in this research article is sloppy. _____
- 2) Under close scrutiny, these problems appear to originate from an incomplete specification of the sampling procedures. _____
- 3) This paper lists some commonly held misconceptions concerning quantum mechanics. _____
- 4) Now you can see that ozone reductions have to do with a load of halogen which gets bigger and bigger in the lower stratosphere. _____
- 5) The reasoning has been done unsystematically. _____
- 6) The era of modern power electronics began when power semiconductor devices turned up. _____
- 7) We've looked at these problems very carefully and at last we think that they happen because we didn't say everything about how we took the samples. _____
- 8) This paper will tell you some things about quantum mechanics people believe but which are not true. _____
- 9) There is a greater evidence that the observed ozone reductions are related to the growing loading of halogen in the lower stratosphere. _____
- 10) People still don't know about the exact mechanism which takes place. _____
- 11) The era of power electronics began with the advent of power semiconductor devices. _____
- 12) There are still significant uncertainties concerning the exact mechanism which takes place. _____

Exercise 59

Underline the colloquialisms contained in the following sentences and rewrite them to achieve a more formal style.

- 1) Their arguments were wishy-washy.

- 2) Done the experiment, it's time to see what we've got.

- 3) The study is really poor. Check it out.

- 4) In this paper we are going to show you that at first it is possible to carry out a low temperature process because it is technically convenient and cheap.

- 5) Let's consider laser light scattered either by a rotating glass disk or by an aqueous solution in which small particles are dispersed.

Exercise 60

Rewrite as complex sentences and indicate their function (M = method / procedure, S = state / condition / result, T = time)

1) *This machine should give you years of trouble-free service if you maintain it well.*

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2) *This mechanism has been made of steel and is excellent quality.*

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3) *Since they have installed motor mechanisms, their efficiency has increased considerably.*

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4) *This piece will function better if you link it here.*

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5) *The company can improve its profitability if it acquires this model of motor mechanism.*

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Exercise 61

Turn into the passive voice:

1) *Somebody handed me the instructions.*

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2) *They installed the device slowly.*

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3) *They do the work.*

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4) *Are they testing the mechanism?*

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5) *No one says this workshop holds 45 machines.*

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6) *People know that the Board may have to close the workshop owing to low productivity.*

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7) *People hope that the engineer will present a good mechanism to the Board.*

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8) *The Chief Engineer assured that the closure of the plant was to leave many workers redundant.*

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