

Revising Stringy Sentences

DIRECTIONS Decide which of the following sentences are stringy and need revision. Revise the sentences in these ways:

- Break the sentence into two or more sentences.
- Turn an independent clause into a subordinate clause.
- Turn an independent clause into a phrase
- If a sentence needs no revision, write C
- Make all changes on the worksheet

EXAMPLE

Lizards, ~~are reptiles, and they are~~ the biggest living group of reptiles, ~~and they~~ belong to the order that includes snakes. ~~and~~ There are more than 3000 species of lizards.

_____ 1. Lizards are interesting, often colorful creatures that live in most parts of the world, although few species are found in the higher latitudes.

_____ 2. Most types of lizards live in tropical and subtropical areas of the world, and a few types are found in temperate regions, and none live in arctic regions.

_____ 3. Some lizards live in burrows, and some live in trees, and some live part of the time in water, but iguanas live in all three habitats.

_____ 4. Lizards and snakes are similar, but there are also differences, and the differences are that most lizards have legs and that the lower jaw of most lizards is in one piece.

_____ 5. Lizards are ectothermic, which means they are coldblooded and tend to take on the temperature of their surroundings.

_____ 6. Lizards are similar in appearance to salamanders, but most lizards have clawed feet and external ear openings, and salamanders do not have these features.

_____ 7. Most lizards are harmless and help people by eating insects, and some lizards are a source of food.

_____ 8. Lizards eat many different things, and most of them eat insects, but the green iguana eats plants, and the Gila monster eats eggs and small rodents.

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Answer Key

Answer Keys:

(Answers will vary. Sample revised paragraphs are given.)

1. C

2. Although a few types of lizards are found in temperate regions, most live in tropical and subtropical areas of the world. None live in arctic regions.

3. Some lizards live in burrows, some in trees, and some part of the time in water. Iguanas live in all three habitats.

4. While lizards and snakes are similar, there are also differences. Unlike snakes, most lizards have legs and a lower jaw that is in one piece.

5. C

6. Although similar in appearance to salamanders, most lizards have clawed feet and external ear openings. Salamanders do not have these features.

7. Most lizards are harmless and help people by eating insects. Some lizards are a source of food.

8. Lizards eat many different things and most eat insects. Green iguanas eat plants, while the Gila monster eats eggs and small rodents.