

Pronouns

- 1. The death toll from Typhoon Haiyan has risen above 5,000, officials in the Philippines say, two weeks after the devastating storm hit the country. Winds of up to 270km/h hit the central Philippines when **IT** made landfall on 8 November. *What does 'it' refer to in the above sentence?*
- 2. What is clear from recent air shows and the Chinese technical press is that China has developed a variety of UAVs matching virtually every category deployed by the US. **THEY** range from small tactical drones of limited endurance to much larger systems that look strikingly like US Reaper or Predator models... *What does 'they' refer to in the above sentence?*
- 3. The two leading players in the drone club - the US and Israel - have developed UAVs for a variety of purposes. **THESE** range from intelligence-gathering to strikes against targets on the ground. *What does 'these' refer to in the above sentence?*
- 4. China later pledged another \$1.6m (£1m) in relief, although it was still a lower contribution than **THAT** of several other countries, including Australia, South Korea, and the UK. *What does 'that' refer to in the above sentence?*
- 5. An estimated eight million school-age children are home alone after school (U.S. Department of Education, 2001). **[XXX]** are the hours when violent juvenile crime peaks and when youth are most likely to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and sex (Snyder & Sickmund, 1999).
- 6. Several rating scales and checklists are useful in identifying talents in all four of the domains. **[XXX]** include the ten Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students by Renzulli et al. (1997), the Purdue Academic Rating Scales and Purdue Vocational Rating Scales (Feldhusen, Hoover, & Sayler, 1997).
- 7. Re-examining their own ideas, gifted students can then identify the areas where the conflict and suspense have gone and can brainstorm ways to create new conflicts. **[XXX]** process can apply to the simplest stories as well as to the most advanced novels and plays.
- 8. According to a recent survey, 26% of all American adults, down from 38% 30 years ago, now smoke. This _____ can be partly attributed to the mounting evidence linking smoking and fatal diseases, such as cancer.
a. decline b. decrease c. drop d. improvement e. reduction

Vocabulary shift - verbs

Choose a verb from the list to replace each verb in *italics* to reduce the informality of the sentence. Note that you may need to add a tense to the verb from the list. Write down any other single verbs that could also work in the sentences.

consider	decrease	develop	investigate	reach
constitute	determine	eliminate	maintain	tolerate

1. Many software manufacturers in developed countries *put up with* widespread copyright violations in less developed countries and often even offer local versions of their products.

2. Scientists are *looking into* innovative drug delivery systems that can transport and deliver a drug precisely and safely to its site of action. _____
3. The purpose of this paper is to try to *figure out* what is lacking in our current understanding of corrosion and corrosion protection in concrete. _____
4. Researchers have *come up with* plug-in hybrid vehicles (PHEV) that can draw from two sources of energy: stored electrical energy from the grid and stored chemical energy in the form of fuel such as gasoline. _____
5. Rice and aquatic products *make up* a major part of the diet of the people in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam. _____
6. The use of touch-screen voting systems could *get rid of* many problems associated with traditional paper-based ballots. _____
7. Worldwide consumption of pesticides has *gone up to* 2.6 million metric tons.

8. Although labor unions in the U.S. have been able to *keep up* their membership numbers over the last two decades, they have been losing their political strength.

9. The number of mature female green turtles that return to their primary nesting beach has *gone down* from 1,280 ten years ago to 145 today. _____
10. Many funding agencies worldwide are *thinking about* ways to give new researchers greater opportunities to receive grant money. _____

Softening Generalizations

Underline the verb that makes the weaker claim.

1. The results (indicate / establish) that there is a link between smoking and lung cancer.
2. The survey results (suggest / show) that the reuse of sentences or sections from one's previously published papers is a questionable practice.
3. Changes in ambient temperature may have (influenced/ distorted) the test results.

Soften the claims.

4. Physical exercise prevents depression. _____
5. Alcohol causes brain damage in teenagers. _____