Exercise 1: Omitting unnecessary words

Cross out the unnecessary words in the following sentences.

Example:

The children were tired and exhausted after the long climb to the high top of the mountain.

- 1. The stegosaurus was huge in size.
- 2. Now she is at school.
- 3. He was happy and joyful about the great gift.
- 4. Because of the fact that he got a good grade on the midterm, he decided to take the night off.
- 5. In the summer season, many Vancouverites like to picnic in Stanley Park.
- 6. On January 14, in the middle of winter, the weather was freezing cold.
- 7. I think smoking in public places should be banned.
- 8. In order to get the true facts of the case, the lawyer interviewed 4 witnesses.
- 9. Furthermore, Henry VIII also married six different women.
- 10. Redundancy is defined as unnecessary repetition.
- 11. New Westminster, which was British Columbia's first capital city, is located on the shores of the Fraser River.
- 12. The computer is sitting on top of the table.