

Clichés and Unnecessary Words

Indicate whether the sentence is correct or contains clichés, repetitious words or elements, or mixed metaphors.

1. He prepared very thoroughly for the interview, because his job was hanging in the balance.
2. He is the kindest, happiest person I have ever met.
3. It is amazing and incredible how doctors and physicians are able to replace various and sundry elements of the human body with synthetic plastic parts.
4. We could stand here and talk until the cows turn blue.
5. She wanted to arrive early, but, as luck would have it, the car broke down on the highway almost immediately.
6. He launched the project like a rocket but then couldn't keep its momentum above water.
7. The senator yelled, "I smell a rat, but, mark me, sir, I will nip him in the bud."
8. She was a brilliant child who entered college at the tender age of 15.
9. The director stated that the final round of auditions would be held on Monday after the playwright arrived in town.
10. The brilliant, dazzling light emanated and came forth from the old, antique urn that was hidden and concealed in the dark, shadowy corner of the room.
11. We have to get all our ducks on the same page.
12. I've spent a lot of time in the subways, and the moment that you walk into the bowels of the armpit of the cesspool of crime, you immediately cringe.