A closer look at long sentences

EXERCISES Answer Key

A. Put the jumbled chunks into correct order to create a meaningful complex sentence.

1.

--5--- may face legal action

--2--- who refuses to hospitalize

--6--- if the patient subsequently commits suicide

--4--- who has suspicious symptoms and asks to be hospitalized

--1--- a psychiatrist

--3--- someone

2.

--2--- , such as those in any US city,

--4--- because they have such generic variations that

--6--- which populations contribute to disease

--3--- are difficult to study

--1--- ethnically diverse populations

--5--- it is difficult to distinguish

B. Answer the following questions according to the information given in the sentences:

1. In the 2012 Budget, Chancellor George Osborne announced an amended plan to steadily withdraw child benefit from families where one parent earns more than £50,000.

   What is the aim of Chancellor George Osborne’s plan?
   to steadily withdraw child benefit (from families where one parent earns more than £50,000)

   Who will be affected by this plan?
   families where one parent earns more than £50,000
2. An international meeting of embryologists was organized in Washington in which participants voted nearly unanimously against cloning, with the exception of three scientists led by Severino Antinori of the University of Rome who was bold enough to accuse his colleagues of standing against what he believed was ‘progress’.

What was the meeting for? Voting for or against cloning.
What was the result of the voting? Participants voted nearly unanimously against cloning, with the exception of three scientists....All except three participants voted against cloning.
What was Severino Antinori’s reaction to the result of the voting? He was bold enough to accuse/He accused his colleagues of standing against what he believed was progress.

C. Combine the following simple sentences into one long complex sentence.

--The Human Genome Project (HGP) is an international scientific research project.
--The Human Genome Project (HGP) has the goal of determining the sequence of chemical base pairs.
--Base pairs make up human DNA.
--The Human Genome Project (HGP) has the goal of identifying and mapping all of the genes of the human genome.

Answers may vary. Possible answer:
The Human Genome Project (HGP) is an international scientific research project with the goal of determining the sequence of chemical base pairs which make up human DNA, and of identifying and mapping all of the genes of the human genome.