# Task 1

Place the adverbs in parentheses in the correct middle position and then discuss with a partner:

1. Dying neurons do not exhibit these biochemical changes. (Usually)
2. The mental functions are slowed, and patients are confused. (also)
3. The answer of the machine is correct. (thus)
4. We should convey complications. (always)
5. Language would have arisen as a set of bare arbitrary terms, unless.. (never)

# Task 2

Discuss with your partner: Which is correct?

1. This is a particularly interesting paper for PhD students.
2. This is a paper particularly interesting for PhD students.

# Task 3

Can you see a problem with the following sentences? Discuss with a partner.

1. Compared to conventional plastic, the main PET (polyethylene terephthalate) bottle advantage is the ease of recycling.
2. Decades of work have revealed substantial intracellular and intercellular mechanism complexity that orchestrate the adaptive structural plasticity of the synapse.
3. In organic thin film conventional transistors, there are many approaches to optimizing contact resistance.
4. To mitigate difficulties posed by high ploidy and nuclear genome large size, we leveraged low-coverage resequencing of museum specimens to recover complete mitochondrial genomes.

# Task 4

Your teacher will show you some improved manuscript titles on screen.

Can you match the purpose of the preposition with the highlighted (red) preposition on screen?

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|  | Preposition | Purpose |
| 1 |  | the origin of |
| 2 |  | for the purpose of |
| 3 |  | where something is located |
| 4 |  | how something is done |
| 5 |  | belonging to,regarding |
| 6 |  | what something regards |

# Task 5

Work with a partner and try to improve the following sentences.

1. Indeed, most deep-sea fishery species have experienced significant declines and are not thus sustainable (Norse et al., 2012; Clark et al., 2016)
2. These ‘new’ PRD-class then underwent radical divergence, while Crx evolved slowly, in a very clear asymmetric evolution case.
3. When B. rapa collections such as Chinese cabbage, turnip, and pak-choi, are examined, Chinese cabbage lines tends to be clustered into the same group with a small exceptions number (Pino Del Carpio et al., 2011, Takuno et al., 2007, Zhao et al., 2005), consistent with our results.
4. Since several Transcription Factor Binding sites (TFBSs) are close to each other and TFBSs tend to be AT-rich, one may suspect that the funnel and the resulting gain in probability of success mostly is due to clustering of TFBSs.
5. Several human diseases are associated with genetic mutations that cause partial normal levels or activity reduction of endogenous proteins.