

Assessment Name:
812. Word choice

Instructions:

Choose the item that is worded most effectively.

1.

- Old Mrs. Williams, my mother's distant great aunt, had kicked the bucket.
 - Old Mrs. Williams, my mother's distant great aunt, had passed away.
 - Old Mrs. Williams, my mother's distant and faraway great aunt, had passed away.
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2.

- I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams since I was a child.
 - I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams since I was knee-high to a caterpillar.
 - I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams since whenever.
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3.

- I attended the funeral only because my mother can't cut driving long distances anymore.
 - I attended the funeral only because of the fact that my mother isn't able to drive long distances anymore.
 - I attended the funeral only because my mother isn't able to drive long distances anymore.
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4.

- The funeral was held a few hours away in a podunk town near Montgomery, Alabama.
 - The funeral was held a few hours away in a small town near Montgomery, Alabama.
 - The funeral was a few hours away in a small town not at all far from Montgomery, Alabama.
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5.

- Even though I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams in years, I was knocked for a loop when I saw her lying in the casket.
 - Even though I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams in years, I was shocked when I saw her lying in the casket.
 - Even though I hadn't seen Mrs. Williams in years, I was extremely taken aback and disturbed when I saw her lying in the casket.
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6.

- When I saw Mrs. Williams' face, my reaction was like, "Huh?"
 - Mrs. Williams' facial features did not evoke in me any expected or familiar recollection or reminiscences.
 - Mrs. Williams' face did not look familiar.
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7.

- I knew, however, that Mrs. Williams had been in an unhealthful state for a long time.
 - I knew, however, that Mrs. Williams had been in poor health for a long time.
 - I knew, however, that Mrs. Williams had been as sick as a dog for a long time.
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8.

- One by one, the mourners began to whisper to each other, and then there was a disturbance. "This woman is not Mrs. Williams!" someone shouted.
 - One by one, the mourners began to whisper to each other, and then there was a hullabaloo. "This woman is not Mrs. Williams!" someone shouted.
 - One by one, the mourners began to act weird. "This woman is not Mrs. Williams!" someone shouted.
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9.

- The funeral director suddenly looked as white as a ghost. He had picked up the wrong body from the morgue.
 - The funeral director suddenly turned pale. He had picked up the wrong body from the morgue.
 - The funeral director suddenly turned pale. He had picked up the wrong body from the establishment that had stored the body.
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10.

- Although we were upset about the incident, I must admit that I could see the humor in the situation.
 - Although we were teed off about the incident, I must admit that I could see the humor in the situation.
 - Although we were upset about the incident, I must come clean and say that I could see the humor in the situation.
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