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Please complete the following with your partner. Be sure to use your textbooks as references.

Exercise 1: eliminate as many words as you can without losing clarity.

It has been noted by researchers that there is a general concern among physiologists that because many parents who are working entrust the responsibility for caring for their infants of a very young age to day-care centers, some of these babies may face harm of a psychological nature. The research findings of the researchers in the field focus on children who are younger than eighteen months of age who are left in day-care centers more than twenty hours a week. For children who are at that most formative age, say the researchers, day care seems to increase the feelings of insecurity. One of the foremost leading researchers in this field says that she isn't sure how the increase in the feeling of insecurity happens, but it is her guess that the stress that a child undergoes each and every day as a result of the separation from the parent can be a contributing causal factor here. Studies of the infants who are in day care for long periods of time each week have shown that more of these infants exhibit feelings of anxiousness and also hyperactivity. These findings definitely and strongly challenge the view that day care does not harm or hurt a young child.

Exercise 2: following words have similar **denotative** meanings, but their **connotations** differ. Arrange each group so that the words go from most positive to least positive.

- Canine, mutt, puppy
- Law enforcement officer, police officer, cop
- Cheap, inexpensive, economical
- Ornate, embellished, garish
- Counterfeit, replica, copy
- Scholar, geek, intellectual
- Determined, stubborn, uncompromising
- Scared, apprehensive, paranoid
- Explanation, excuse, reason
- Gabby, talkative, chatty

Exercise 3: List five **slang words** that you know. Use the words in sentences, and then rewrite each sentence using a standard word with the same definition.

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