

## A closer look at long sentences EXERCISES

**PART I. Put the chunks into correct order to create a meaningful sentence.**

- - to be classified as a desert, an area must get less than 25 centimetres of rainfall per year -
- that thrive on only small amounts of water
- although deserts do not receive a high amount of rainfall
- and deserts are often full of such plant life
- there are many plants

**PART II. Answer the following questions according to the information in the sentences below.**

- A.** Ankara says it will block EU participation in an upcoming NATO summit\* unless the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is also allowed to be present.

\*summit: 1. MEETING :an important formal meeting between leaders of governments from two or more countries 2.HIGHEST POINT of something, eg. a mountain or success.

1. What is Ankara [the Turkish government] planning to do?
2. What is the condition that Ankara will NOT do this?

- B.** EU member states proposed participation by some of the top EU bureaucrats, including European Commission President José Manuel Barroso and President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy, who are now unsure whether they will be able to attend the summit taking in Chicago on May 20-21 as representatives of the union due to the objections from Turkey.

1. What did EU member states propose?
2. What are the top EU bureaucrats now unsure of?
3. Why are they now unsure of this?

**PART III. Combine the following simple sentences to make one long meaningful sentence.**

EU member countries argued that the EU should be represented in the NATO summit.

EU member countries pointed out\* the EU's commitment to a NATO peace mission in Afghanistan.

*(\* When combining these two sentences, you can turn one of them into a non-finite sentence by omitting its subject and tense (since they both have the same subject: 'EU member countries'). Turn the underlined part of the second sentence into non-finite)*

**Now combine the sentence that you have constructed above, with the sentence below. Use a linker to make the relationship between them clear.**

Turkey maintained that there should only be member state participation in the summit.

(Part I adapted from: *Building Skills for Proficiency* by Cesur Ozturk  
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