Task 1 Complete the sentences below.

- E.g. The periodic table **consists of** rows and columns. It **contains** elements. Different elements **include** carbon, sulphur, hydrogen, oxygen etc.
- 1. The classic symptoms of exposure to toxic chemicals headaches, sore throats vomiting etc.
- 2. The world's trees between 460-800 billion tonnes of carbon.
- 3. The local fauna wolves, snakes and a wide range of unpleasant insects.
- 4. Each gene millions of base pairs of four bases, arranged in the double stranded helix.
- 5. That catalyst..... platinum filters that remove pollutants.
- 6. The graphs do not..... information about the use of the cell.
- 7. Only one-fifth of air oxygen, but this is quite enough for all ordinary purposes.
- 8. There is a range of alloys lead and tin.
- 9. Common steel one metallic element (Fe) and one non-metallic element (C).
- 10. Other greenhouse gases carbon dioxide, methane and chlorofluorocarbons.
- 11. The report also a table showing how much fat people can avoid by swapping one type of meal for another.
- 12. The electrolyte in the battery a mixture of distilled water and sulphuric acid.
- 13. The more aluminium the alloy the less expensive it is.
- 14. Pollution can poison or kill the animals, those raised for food.

Task 2 Find mistakes and correct them.

- 1. An electrolyte cell generally consists two electrodes.
- 2. The symptoms of the disease contain fevers, muscle fatigue, pain and depression.
- 3. Among its many illustrations, the book consists of drawings of high speed steam engine.
- 4. The exhibition consists of 10 new animal specimens that the museum did not have before.
- 5. Tap water includes impurities and can damage the lead plates inside the battery.
- 6. The "example diet" contains practical suggestions, such as halving the weekly consumption of buttered bread, eating three egg-sized potatoes a day, etc.
- 7. The transition elements consist all the metals we commonly recognize as such iron, copper, chromium and cobalt, for example.
- 8. The chair includes a seat, a back, and four legs.

Task 2 Read the following extracts from letters. Write out the verbs in either the simple past, (e.g. he worked) or the present perfect (e.g. he has worked).

- 1. Last year we (not/have) any serious complaints from our clients, but this year we (already/receive)..... over twenty.
- 2. The error (be)..... due to a fault in the computer system which we now (put)..... right.
- 3. I am writing to apologize for the defective items you (receive) last month, and to inform you that we (credit)..... the sum of £ 342.67 to your account.
- 4. Our accounts department (inform) me that we (not/yet/ receive) payment for the items we (send)......

ALPHABETICAL QUIZ

Each clue has a one-word answer beginning with the appropriate letter and is from the vocabulary of chemistry.

- A- a corrosive substance that turns litmus paper red
- B- a chemical species, ionic or molecular, capable of accepting or receiving a proton (hydrogen ion) from another substance
- C- a substance that alters the velocity of a chemical reaction without itself undergoing any permanent chemical change
- D- the more or less permanent structural breakdown of a molecule into simple molecules/atoms
- E- a substance made up of atoms with the same atomic number
- F- a material burnt to supply heat and power
- G- an air-like substance with the capacity to expand and not liquify or solidify at ordinary temperature
- H- one of a very large group of chemical compounds composed only of carbon and hydrogen
- I- a substance capable of stopping or retarding a chemical reaction
- J- a short cylindrical glass vessel with a wide mouth
- K- paraffin oil obtained from petroleum or coal
- L- a substance which flows (like water)
- M- anything that has mass and takes up space
- N- the central part of an atom
- O any mineral, rock, etc. from which a metal is obtained
- P- the powder inside a flower which fertilizes other flowers
- Q- another name for mercury
- R- what remains or is left over
- S- a substance dissolved in a solvent
- T- an instrument used for measuring temperature
- U- a metallic element with atomic number 92, highly toxic and radioactive
- V- the power of an element to combine
- W- a material which is or has been useless
- X- a heavy inert colourless, odourless gaseous element with atomic number 54
- Y- a fungus causing alcoholic fermentation
- Z- cipher, nought, nothing