Daily Sentence Composing
Test #1 Practice

As we have done in class, cross out extra words, move words, or change word form, and put in proper punctuation so each of the following groups of sentences is correctly combined into one sentence. Remember not to create a comma splice.

1. a. They turned in the direction of the noise and scrambled up the difficult slippery rocks.
   b. sliding back at each step almost as far as they had gone forward.

2. a. Every stone in the fortress came toppling to the ground and the vaults burst open.
   b. spilling the sounds of history into the wind.

3. a. I'm as weak as can be," he gasped.
   b. staggering under the weight of his hat.

4. a. "That wasn't bad at all," the Humbug said.
   b. was straightening out his tie.
   c. was brushing himself off.

5. a. At the man's heels trotted a dog.
   b. or "... trotted a big, gray-haired, native Husky.

   b. The Lethargian was fainting from fright.

The next sentences may need to be combined a little bit differently from the others. You may totally rearrange words or replace a group of words with a single word. Rewrite the new sentence on the line below each group.

7. a. When I was younger, I constructed a model train set.
   b. by attaching together seven large boards, each the size of a ping pong table.

8. a. We were jumping up and down.
   b. were shivering.
   c. were hoping the bus would come soon.
   d. The bus was late and uncomfortable.
   e. We waited at the bus stop.

9. a. When I watched LOST on television at 9:00 P.M.,
   b. I ate some popcorn.

10. a. Jack won the swimming championship.
    b. He and I ate some

Jack joined the swimming championship at Niicket High School last week.