

Daily Sentence Composing
Test #1 Practice

Answer Key

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.

- a. They turned in the direction of the noise and scrambled up the difficult slippery rocks.
b. ~~They were~~ sliding back at each step almost as far as they had gone forward.
- a. Every stone in the fortress came toppling to the ground and the vaults burst open.
b. ~~They~~ spilled the sounds of history into the wind.
- a. I'm as weak as can be," he gasped.
b. ~~He was~~ staggering under the weight of his hat.
- a. "That wasn't bad at all," the Hunter said.
b. ~~He~~ was straightening out his tie.
c. ~~He~~ was brushing himself off.
- a. At the man's heels trotted a dog.
b. ~~It was~~ a big, gray-haired, native Husky.
- a. "THE WATCHDOG," shouted another Lethargian.
b. ~~The~~ Lethargian ~~was~~ fainting from fright.

or "... trotted a big, gray-haired, native husky

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.

- a. ~~At~~ something when I was younger,
b. I constructed a model train set.
c. ~~The model was~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~size~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~gigantic~~
d. ~~I did~~ this by attaching together seven large boards, each the size of a ping pong table.

when I was younger, I constructed a gigantic model train set, by attaching together seven large boards, each the size of a ping pong table.
- a. ~~We were~~ jumping up and down
b. ~~We were~~ shivering
c. ~~We were~~ hoping the bus would come soon.
d. ~~The bus was~~ old and uncomfortable.
e. We waited at the bus stop on the corner of our street.

[This one is difficult. Hint: You might NOT want to start your new combined sentence with Sentence a. Try starting further down the list.]

We waited at the bus stop on the corner of our street, jumping up and down, shivering, hoping the old and uncomfortable bus would come soon.
- a. When I watched LOST on television, ~~it was~~ 9:00 P.M.,
b. I ate some popcorn.

When I watch LOST on television at 9:00 P.M., I ate some popcorn.
- a. Jack won the swimming championship.
b. He did this at Nicolet High School last week.

Jack won the swimming championship at Nicolet High School last week.