

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. They were 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. They spilled the sounds of history into the wind.

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

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

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

6. a. "THE WATCHDOG," shouted another Lethargarian.
 b. The Lethargarian 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. I did something when I was younger.
 b. I constructed a model train set.
 c. The model train set was gigantic.
 d. I did this by attaching together seven large boards, each the size of a ping pong table.

8. 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.
 d. We waited at the bus stop
 e. The bus stop was 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.]

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

10. a. Jack won the swimming championship.
 b. He did this at Nicolet High School last week.
