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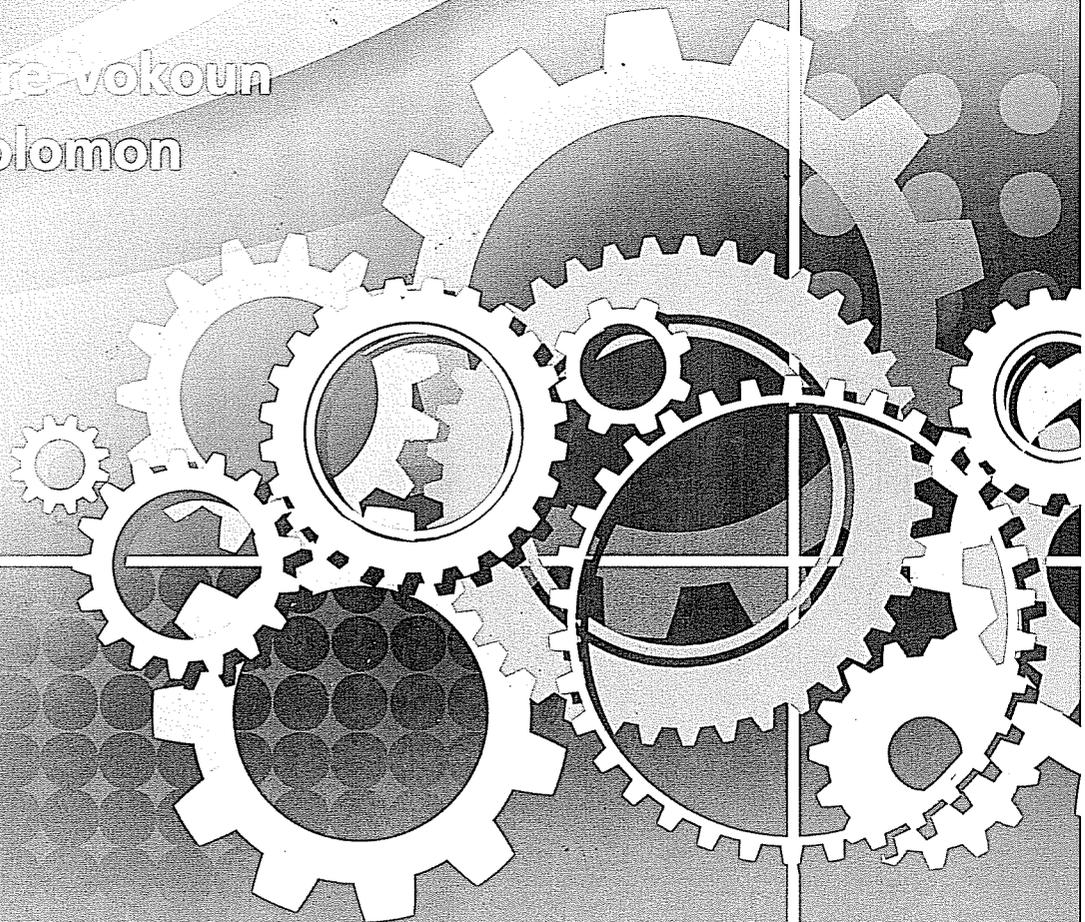
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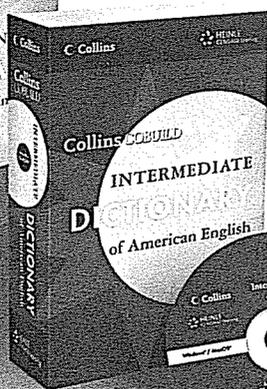
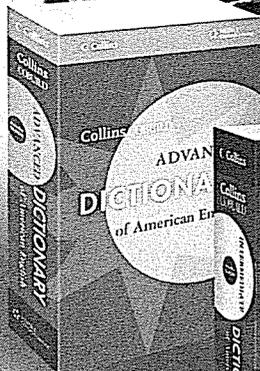
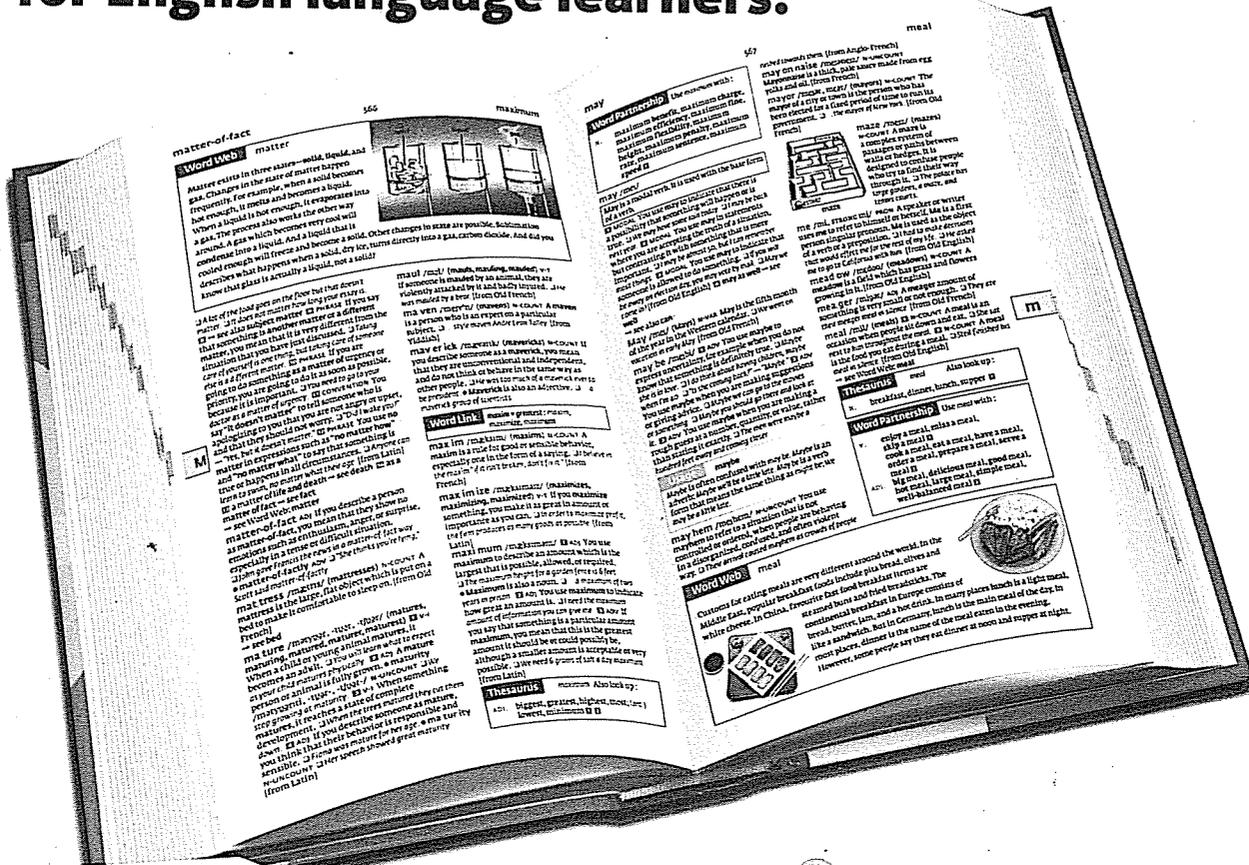
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Overview

Great Writing 1: Great Sentences for Great Paragraphs is the first book in the five-level *Great Writing* series of composition books. In *Great Writing 1*, students become better writers by focusing their attention on the elements of writing a good sentence within simple paragraphs. This book provides practice that helps students not only to understand the writing process, but also to produce a correctly written final product.

The book is designed for students who are novice writers. It is especially suited for beginning to lower intermediate students but may be used with any level writer who is unfamiliar with the basics of writing correct sentences in simple paragraphs. Depending on the class level and the amount of writing that is done outside of class, there is enough material for 60 to 80 classroom hours. If more of the writing is done outside of class, the number of hours for a faster group can be as few as 40.

Some of the highlights of *Great Writing 1* include the following:

- **Abundance of activities and writing practice** There are 204 activities, including at least 70 suggestions for additional writing and 10 extra writing activities in Appendix 2 for students who need additional help or practice. New to this edition, the Timed Writing feature provides students with an opportunity to practice writing using a writing prompt with a time limit.
- **Step-by-step instruction** Some English learners are already good writers in their native language, but others need work in the basic steps involved in the process of composing sentences and paragraphs. These students in particular will benefit from the guidance that the step-by-step instruction provides in the unit activities, as well as in the Appendices. Of special interest are Appendix 1, Building Better Sentences, which contains guided activities to improve students' sentence combination skills, and the new Editing Your Writing section of the Brief Writer's Handbook, which provides a step-by-step introduction to the process of identifying and correcting errors and rewriting drafts based on teacher feedback.
- **Contextualized activities** A very important feature of *Great Writing 1* is the inclusion of 96 example paragraphs distributed throughout the units. Instead of exercises consisting of unrelated sentences, most of the activities in this book present whole paragraphs of related sentences on a single topic. In addition to providing relevant practice on some aspect of the sentence, these contextualized activities provide learners with more input in English composition and serve as models in paragraph organization and cohesion.
- **Enhanced focus on vocabulary** A piece of writing is often only as good as the writer's ability to use a wide range of appropriate vocabulary. To help our learners achieve this important goal of having an increased vocabulary, this third edition includes more emphasis on vocabulary in four key ways:
 1. *More recycling.* We have intentionally recycled vocabulary items from unit to unit. With increased exposure, students will learn not only the basic meanings of words and phrases, but also acquire actual natural usage.
 2. *Practice of meaning.* Each unit contains a Word Associations activity that allows students to check their understanding of the basic meaning of new vocabulary.

3. *Practice of collocations.* Each unit also includes an activity on collocations, which are words or groups of words that naturally and frequently co-occur with a target word. Learning collocations will help students build on their bank of commonly used phrases, which is the first step to incorporating those phrases into their writing.
4. *Active use of vocabulary.* While knowing word meanings may allow for passive recognition in reading or listening, knowledge of word meanings alone is often insufficient for using the vocabulary accurately and fluently in writing (or speaking). Students need to practice the vocabulary items and collocations presented in these activities in their writing. To this end, students are instructed to use some of the vocabulary presented in the vocabulary activities as they write their Original Writing Practice assignment for that unit.

The teacher is always the best judge of which units and which activities should be covered with any group of students. It is up to you to gauge the needs of your students and then match those needs with the material in this book.

Text Organization

Units 1–8

Great Writing 1 consists of eight units. Unit 1 and Units 3 through 7 deal with a particular aspect of writing correct sentences in simple paragraphs. Unit 2 introduces students to the basic elements of a paragraph and asks students to analyze these elements. Unit 8 contains an additional 27 writing activities.

In Unit 1, students learn the basic parts of a sentence. Students learn the importance of subjects and verbs in a sentence.

In Unit 2, students see the connection between sentences and paragraphs. Novice writers learn the basic parts of a paragraph and how their sentences can fit into these parts.

In Unit 3, students write about the present. They practice writing sentences using the simple present tense.

In Unit 4, students write about the past. Here students practice the simple past tense of both regular and irregular verbs.

In Unit 5, students practice describing actions. The writing activities in this unit guide students through the use of the present progressive (continuous) tense to accomplish this.

In Unit 6, students write about the future. They have numerous opportunities to use *will* and *be + going to* in their writing and to compare this to the tenses that they have learned in previous units of this book.

Unit 7 offers a more difficult but necessary lesson in writing. Here students learn to build better sentences by using adjective clauses in their writing. Students learn not only the structure of these clauses but also their correct placement within sentences.

Unit 8 consists of 27 activities that provide further guided and free practice of the techniques presented in this text. These activities may be done toward the end of the course, or they may be done while the students are still working in the first seven units of the book. In addition, these activities may be used as remedial help for weaker students or for bonus work for students who have already finished the work in the first seven units. As this is a bonus unit, it only contains basic vocabulary building activities.

Brief Writer's Handbook

The Brief Writer's Handbook offers instruction in a wide array of basic writing areas, including a verb tense overview, capitalization, spelling rules for adding *-ed*, irregular past tense, spelling rules for adding *-ing*, stative verbs, the definite article *the*, non-count nouns, possessive adjectives, quantifiers, prepositions, comma rules, order of adjectives, connectors, and definitions of useful language terms. The material is presented in a very simple and clear manner and is accompanied by pertinent examples.

The Handbook includes the new Editing Your Writing section. Teachers often spend considerable time marking and commenting on student work, but many students have difficulty incorporating teacher feedback as they write their next draft. While this innovative section is meant to provide students with the training they need to appropriately integrate teacher feedback and serves as a guided introduction to the editing process. In Editing Your Writing, students analyze three versions of the same student paragraph.

- Version 1 is an uncorrected draft of a student-generated, timed-writing assignment. Students read the assigned writing task and then the original paragraph to compare the task and the product globally. Students then read the paragraph for a closer inspection of the organization, grammar, vocabulary, and writing style.
- Version 2 is the same paragraph with instructor comments. In this version, students can see what the instructor has written. Students will see both positive and negative comments. An important point here is for students to compare their comments after reading Version 1 with the teacher's comments. Which comments are similar? Which areas are different?
- Version 3 is the second draft of the work after the teacher's comments. The writer has accepted some of the teacher's comments but appears to have rejected others, which is a very common occurrence in all composition classes. Through guided questions, students are asked to identify sections that were changed. Were the changes made in response to teacher comments, or were the changes original changes initiated by the student?

While many textbooks offer general advice on editing, students often need more specific and explicit advice. Editing Your Writing provides students with guided, step-by-step instruction on how to effectively use teacher comments to improve their writing.

Appendices

Appendix 1, Building Better Sentences, consists of twenty-two exercises that help students build better sentences in English through sentence combining. Some students' writing contains many simple sentences that barely go beyond subject-verb-object or subject-*be*-adjective constructions. While such sentences may be correct, this type of writing lacks variety and appears very simplistic. Instructing students to write longer sentences may help them write more. However, it is guided practice with creating compound and complex sentences that will help students write *better* and that is the key to advancing the writing skills of students at this level. Teaching and practicing this sentence variety are essential components of a good writing course at this level. To this end, we have provided twenty-two practice activities aptly called Building Better Sentences. A real advantage of these activities from the teacher's point of view is that these activities can be checked as a whole class, thereby reducing teacher grading time.

Appendix 2 is a collection of ten guided paragraph activities. Many of these activities require students to read and study short paragraphs, make a series of basic changes, and then rewrite their new paragraph. Other activities are more open-ended. These activities are designed to be done as additional work to support or supplement the material within the main units of the book.

Appendix 3 consists of the peer editing sheets for the peer editing activity in each unit. While we believe that the best way to learn to edit is to practice editing, we believe that lower-level students in particular should not edit written work without the kind of guidance (i.e., teaching) that is provided by these peer editing sheets.

The Answer Key and additional practices can be found on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting.

Contents of a Unit

Though each unit has a specific writing goal and Grammar and Sentence Structure, the following features appear in almost every unit.

Timed Writing

One way to improve students' comfort level with the task of writing under a deadline, such as during a testing situation, is to provide them with numerous writing opportunities that are timed. As a result, in this third edition, Units 3-7 provide students with a timed writing prompt that is geared toward the Grammar and Sentence Structure presented in each unit. This assignment can be done alone or in conjunction with the editing approach introduced in the Editing Your Work section of the Brief Writer's Handbook.

Although we have placed this Timed Writing as a final task within a unit, some teachers may prefer to assign this topic as the first task of the unit. In this case, these teachers usually collect students' work and then have them rewrite it at the end of the unit. In this way, students have two opportunities to practice composition while teachers only read and mark papers once.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

One of the biggest problems for many beginning (and even advanced) writers is grammar. While nonnative speakers will always make some errors, it is important to help students realize what their major grammar and sentence structure problems are and then to provide appropriate instructions and practice exercises and activities.

The grammar and sentence structure points are language structures that are necessary to complete the writing tasks within that unit. For example, in Unit 5, Describing Actions, students are asked to pay particular attention to the use of verbs in the present progressive (continuous) tense because this language structure is necessary to write descriptions of actions. Likewise, in Unit 7, students are taught to build up sentence variety through the use of adjective clauses. Students first learn about adjective clauses but are then asked to produce sentences and then small paragraphs that incorporate this sentence structure.

Sentence Development

One of the main goals of *Great Writing 1* is for students to learn the basics of the simple sentence in English. However, an equally important and related goal is for students to move beyond the simple sentence and begin including compound and complex sentences in their original writing. Thus, this section provides important practice in helping students expand their repertoire of sentence structures in English.

Writer's Notes

Rather than large boxed areas overflowing with information, *Great Writing 1* features small chunks of writing advice under this heading. The content of these writer's notes varies from brainstorming techniques, peer editing guidelines, and journal writing advice to correct comma usage.

Building Better Sentences

At the end of the unit, students are asked to turn to Appendix 1 and work on building better sentences. This activity focuses on students' sentence-level writing skills. For those students who lack confidence in producing longer or more complicated sentences, this type of activity concentrates on the manipulations of words and ideas at the sentence level.

Building Better Vocabulary

Before the Original Writing Practice in every unit, students will complete three separate vocabulary-building activities. In these activities, vocabulary words have been taken from each unit's writing, and special attention is paid to building schema, collocations, and parts of speech. In the first activity, Word Associations, students identify words that best relate to the target vocabulary word. This allows them to build connections to more words and thus grow their vocabulary more quickly. The second activity, Using Collocations, builds students' understanding that some words typically appear in conjunction with a certain

word and helps students learn these specific word combinations, or collocations. In the final activity, Parts of Speech, students study affixes and parts of speech. Understanding how affixes are related to the different parts of speech allows students to expand their understanding of word formation in English, giving them a broader vocabulary base and a better understanding of word order for better writing skills.

Editing

Teaching students to edit their own writing is one of the most important goals of any writing course. To this end, *Great Writing 1* provides several types of editing practice and activities throughout the units.

Guided Writing Practice

Because of the lower proficiency of students using this book, guided writing practice activities are included. In the more basic exercises, students are asked to copy a paragraph and make only four or five rather simple changes. Eventually, the changes become more complicated. While the students are not writing original work here, they are gaining critical confidence with the conventions of good writing, such as the use of capital letters, indenting, handwriting (or typing), and punctuation.

Peer Editing

Each unit contains an activity in which a student trades papers with another student and then makes comments about the partner's paper. Because of the lower proficiency level of the students, it is especially important to provide novice writers and editors with detailed guidelines about what to look for when editing or reviewing someone's work. Unit 1 explains what to keep in mind when reviewing someone else's work, and the Peer Editing Sheets in Appendix 3 provide the guidance and structure that is necessary for students at this level.

Journal Writing

One of the best ways to learn to write is by writing. Journal writing offers a happy compromise between informal letter (or e-mail) writing to friends and formal paragraph or essay writing. Journal writing encourages students to write about topics that they are interested in. To this end, each unit has a list of ten possible journal topics with a series of questions to encourage original student writing. These topics may be developed into class assignments, but since students' purposes for learning to write in English can vary so much, we leave the topics and parameters for course writing up to the individual instructor.

About the Activities and Practices

Teachers have long noticed that although students do well with grammar in discrete sentences, they have problems with the same grammar when it occurs in a paragraph. Because of this difficulty, most of the activities and practices in *Great Writing 1* work with complete paragraphs. Thus, instead of five unrelated sentences for practice with the past tense, we offer a paragraph of five related sentences. Our hope is that by practicing the grammatical structure within the target medium, students will produce more accurate writing sooner. The large number of such paragraphs (96) allows a great deal of freedom on the teacher's part in planning this course.

The earliest ESL composition textbooks were merely extensions of ESL grammar classes. The activities in these books did not practice English composition as much as they did ESL grammar points. Later books, on the other hand, tended to focus too much on the composing process. We feel that this process ignores the important fact that the real goal for English learners is both to produce a presentable product and to understand the composing practice. From our years of ESL and other L2 teaching experience, we believe that *Great Writing 1* allows students to achieve this goal.



For the answer key, additional exercises, and other instructor resources, visit the *Great Writing 1* instructor Web site at elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

Additional exercises for each unit are available to students on the *Great Writing 1* student Web site at elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

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Writing about the Past

Unit 4

GOAL: To learn how to write sentences in the simple past tense.

Grammar and Sentence Structure: Simple past tense of *be* and regular verbs; forming questions; simple past tense of irregular verbs; forming the negative past tense of *be*; forming the negative simple past tense of other verbs.

Sentence Development: Compound sentences with *but*.

Begin with the Simple Past Tense

What happened yesterday? What happened last week? When you talk about actions in the past, you use the simple past tense. Both regular verbs and irregular verbs can be used in the simple past tense.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Simple Past Tense: Statements and Questions

Simple Past Tense of Be: Statements

The most common verb in English, *be*, is an irregular verb. Study the simple past tense form of the verb *be*.

Verb <i>be</i>	I was	we were
	you were	you (plural) were
	he / she / it was	they were

Incorrect: I am in Guatemala last year.
Incorrect: I were in Guatemala last year.
Correct: I was in Guatemala last year.

Writing Goals at the beginning of every unit provide a clear road map for the instruction that follows.

Student writing models help students focus on specific writing skills and multiple rhetorical structures.

For more practice with the simple present tense and simple past tense of regular verbs, try Unit 4, Activity 1 on the Great Writing 1 Web site elc.harcourt.com/greatwriting.

ACTIVITY 2 More Work with the Simple Past Tense

Read the paragraph and circle the ten simple past tense verbs. When you finish, answer the questions in complete sentences. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 44

Lao-Tzu and Taoism

Lao-Tzu, an important philosopher, he was born in China. He lived in the Hunan province, and he worked as a court librarian. The government in Hunan was corrupt, so Lao-Tzu decided to leave his home. Before he abandoned the province, someone asked him to write a book about how to live correctly; He agreed to write the book *Tao Te Ching*. These ideas were the beginning of the philosophy of Taoism.

• philosopher: a person who studies the universe, nature, life, and morals	• librarian: someone who works with books
• province: a territory in a country	• corrupt: dishonest
	• abandoned: left (He left the province.)

Information for this paragraph came from Microsoft Encarta 96 and *Simple Abundance: A Daybook of Comfort and Joy* by Sarah Ban Breathnach, published by Warner Books, Inc., 1995.

1. Who was Lao-Tzu?
Lao-Tzu was a famous philosopher.
2. Where was he born?
3. What was his job?
4. What did he do before he left his home?
5. What did this book create?

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Grammar and Sentence Structure

Using Modals to Add Meaning

Writers use **modals** to add extra information to the main verb in the sentence. The modal comes before the main verb, and the main verb is always in its base form. Add *not* after the modal to make it negative. Each modal has a different meaning. Below are some common modals, their meanings, and some example sentences.

Modal	Meaning	Example Sentence
will	to show the future	Next week, Rachel will travel to the Ivory Coast.
should	to give advice	It is going to rain. You should take an umbrella.
must	to show necessity	You must have a visa to visit that country.
might	to show possibility	The weather is good. We might go to the beach.
can	to show ability	Roberto can speak three languages.

Remember that you cannot use two modals together. For example:

Incorrect: We might can go to a new restaurant for dinner.

Correct: We might go to a new restaurant for dinner.

Do not use the word *to* between the modal and the verb.

Incorrect: We might to play football tomorrow.

Correct: We might play football tomorrow.

Incorrect: Can you to help us with this electricity bill?

Correct: Can you help us with this electricity bill?

Yes/No Questions

Modal	+	Subject	+	Main Verb (base form)	+	Other Parts
Will		you		stop		at the store for me?
Should		I		call		my parents tonight?
Must		we		go		to the party? (formal and implies a complaint)
Can		they		drive		us to work?

NOTE: *Might* is rarely used in question form in American English.

Clear **Grammar Charts** visually represent the grammar taught in the unit.

Integrated **grammar** lessons teach and practice the grammar necessary to accomplish the writing goals of the unit.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Making Be Negative

When you want to make a negative sentence with *be*, you use the word *not*. *Not* comes after the form of *be*.

Paula was not home. The CDs were not in their cases.

See Grammar and Sentence Structure—Simple Past Tense: Statements and Questions on pages 93–94 for a review of the forms of *be*.

Simple Past Tense Verb Forms: Negatives

Verb be	I was not	we were not
	you were not	you (plural) were not
	he / she / it was not	they were not

NOTE: Some contractions are possible with the verb *be* in negative form.

was not = wasn't were not = weren't

Careful! Be sure that the apostrophe (') is placed directly before the letter *t*. Remember that the apostrophe in negatives takes the place of the missing letter.

Incorrect: She is'n't my sister.

Incorrect: She isn,t my sister.

Correct: She isn't my sister. (Or: She's not my sister.)

Incorrect: I was'n't in class yesterday.

Incorrect: I wasn,t in class yesterday.

Correct: I wasn't in class yesterday.

Writer's Note

Using Contractions

It is important to remember that contractions might be too informal for academic writing. Ask your instructor if using contractions in this course is acceptable.

Writer's Note sections provide relevant writing-skill instruction that supports the unit's writing goals.

Building Better Sentences

Correct and varied sentence structure is essential to the quality of your writing. For further practice with the sentences and paragraphs in this unit, go to Practice 4 on page 235 in Appendix 1.

Building Better Vocabulary

ACTIVITY 16 Word Associations

Circle the word or phrase that is most closely related to the word or phrase on the left. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

1. horrible	very bad news	very good news
2. century	ten years	one hundred years
3. to communicate	to share information	to keep information
4. excellent	the worst	the best
5. to continue	to pause	to not stop
6. proud	grade of 45%	grade of 100%
7. province	region	project
8. librarian	books	cars
9. separate	together	apart
10. to graduate	to complete work	to complete school
11. beginning	initial	final
12. manager	boss	teacher
13. original	a copy	not a copy
14. to arrive	to come to a place	to leave a place
15. to scare	to laugh	to scream

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Original Student Writing

ACTIVITY 19 Original Writing Practice

Reread the paragraph about Lao-Tzu on page 96 and your answers to Activity 3 on page 97. You will use this kind of information to write in the simple past tense about an important person.

Think of an important person. Then follow these steps for writing. Put a check (✓) next to each step as you complete it. When you finish your paragraph, use the checklist that follows to edit your work. Remember to write in the simple past tense. You may want to review What Is a Paragraph? in Unit 2 on page 39.

- Step 1 ____ In your first sentence, tell the name of the person and how that person was important.
- Step 2 ____ In your next sentence, write where the person was born.
- Step 3 ____ In the next sentence, tell about the person's job.
- Step 4 ____ In the next three or four sentences, tell a short story about the person. The story should show why the person is important.
- Step 5 ____ Try to use the word *but* in one of the sentences in Step 4. Remember to use a comma!
- Step 6 ____ Use a negative verb in one of the sentences in Step 4.
- Step 7 ____ In the last sentence, write why you chose this person.
- Step 8 ____ Use at least three of the vocabulary words or phrases presented in Activity 16, Activity 17, and Activity 18. Underline these words and phrases in your paragraph.

✓ Checklist

1. Make sure every sentence has a subject and a verb.
2. Make sure the verbs are the correct form of the simple past tense.
3. Make sure every sentence begins with a capital letter.
4. Make sure that all the proper nouns (names, cities, countries, etc.) are capitalized.
5. Make sure every sentence ends with the correct punctuation.
6. Create a title for your paragraph.

ACTIVITY 20 Peer Editing

Exchange papers from Activity 19 with a partner. Read your partner's writing. Then use Peer Editing Sheet 4 on page 255 to help you comment on your partner's writing. Be sure to offer positive suggestions and comments that will help your partner improve his or her writing. Consider your partner's comments as you revise your own writing.

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Additional Topics for Writing

Here are ten ideas for journal writing. Choose one or more of them to write about. Follow your teacher's directions. (We recommend that you skip a line after each line that you write. This gives your teacher a place to write comments.)

- TOPIC 1: Describe a vacation you took. Where did you go? What did you do? Who went on this vacation with you? How did you feel when you went on this trip? Did you like this vacation?
- TOPIC 2: Describe a home you lived in when you were a child. How big was the house? What color was the house? Where was the house? Did you like the house? What was your favorite room in the house?
- TOPIC 3: Write about a movie you saw or a book you read. Did you like it? Who was your favorite character? What was the story about? Did the author have a message for the audience of this book or movie?
- TOPIC 4: Write about what you did last weekend. Where did you go? Who did you go with? Did you enjoy it?
- TOPIC 5: Write about a person you used to know. Who was this person? Where did you meet this person? What was special about this person?
- TOPIC 6: Write about an important event in your life. How old were you? What happened? Why is this event important to you?
- TOPIC 7: Describe a holiday that you and your family spent together. What was the occasion? Which family members were there? What did you do?
- TOPIC 8: Write about something embarrassing that happened to you. How old were you? What happened? Why were you embarrassed? Who saw this happen? How did you feel afterward?
- TOPIC 9: Write about a day you spend outdoors. What did you do? Where did you go? Who did you go with? What specific activities did you do? How was the weather?
- TOPIC 10: Describe a pet you had in the past. What was the pet's name? What kind of animal was it? How long did you have this pet? Why did you like this pet? (Or Why did you dislike this pet?)

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Journal writing activities in every unit provide the opportunity for more expressive, opinion-driven pieces of writing.

Timed Writing

How quickly can you write in English? There are many times when you must write quickly—on a test for example. It is important to feel comfortable during those times. Timed-writing practice can make you feel better about writing quickly in English.

Take out a piece of paper. Then read the writing prompt below this paragraph. Your teacher will give you 5 minutes to brainstorm ideas about the topic. You must write 8 to 10 sentences about this topic. You will have 20 minutes to write these sentences. At the end of the 20 minutes, your teacher will collect your work and return it to you later.

Describe a sad (or happy, frightening, funny, important, etc.) event or time from your past. What was the event or time? Give examples of how this event or time made you feel that emotion.

More Writing

For extra writing practice, see the activities in Unit 8 and Appendix 2.

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Understanding Sentence Basics

Unit 1

GOAL: To learn how to write a correct simple sentence

***Grammar and Sentence Structure:** Subjects, verbs, and objects; the verb *be*

***Sentence Development:** Simple sentences

What Is a Sentence?

A **sentence** is a group of words that expresses a complete thought. The words in a sentence are in a special order. Examples of sentences are *Joe likes basketball.* and *The weather is cold today.*

Do You Know?

The sentences on the left are English. The sentences on the right are not English. Do you know what languages they are? Try to guess the languages and then check your answers on the bottom of page 35.

The class has twelve students.

Ci sono dodici studenti nella classe.

The student is from Canada.

這位學生是來自加拿大。

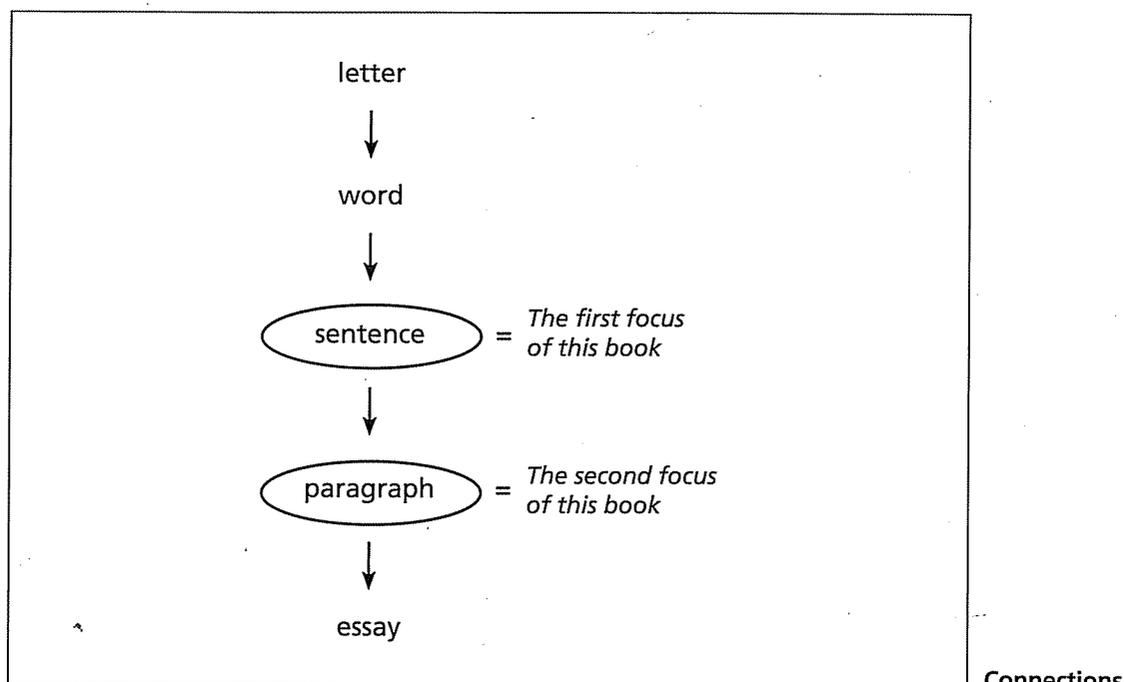
Mike speaks French and English.

Miklós beszél franciául és angolul.

A cat has a tail and four legs.

Pisica are o coadă și patru picioare.

Words, sentences, paragraphs, and essays are all related. Words can go together to make sentences. Sentences can go together to make a paragraph. Finally, paragraphs can be combined into an essay. In this book, you will study sentences. Then you will study sentences in paragraphs.



ACTIVITY 1 Words into Sentences

Unscramble the words below to make correct English sentences. The first one has been done for you.

Topic: My family

1. is not / very big / My family / . My family is not very big..
2. only four people / There are / . _____
3. I / two parents / have / . _____
4. José / My father's name / is / . _____
5. My mother's name / Karina / is / . _____
6. have / I / one brother / . _____
7. His name / Andy / is / . _____
8. very much / I / my family / love / . _____

ACTIVITY 2 Writing Simple Sentences: A Diagnostic

Write five to eight sentences about your family. Follow the examples in Activity 1.

Topic: My family

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Working with Sentences

In this section, you will learn the basics of how to write simple sentences, including capitalization and some punctuation rules.



Writer's Note

Beginning a Sentence with a Capital Letter

In English, there are two kinds of letters: capital letters (*H, R*) and lowercase letters (*h, r*). Most of the time we use lowercase letters. However, we always begin a sentence with a **capital letter**.

Incorrect: the boxes on the table are heavy.

Correct: The boxes on the table are heavy.

Incorrect: where do you live?

Correct: Where do you live?

Look back at any five sentences in the unit so far. Can you find any sentences that do not begin with a capital letter? (The answer is “no”!)

(NOTE: See the Brief Writer's Handbook, pages 217–218, for capitalization rules.)

In English, there are three ways to end a sentence:

- with a period (.)
- with a question mark (?)
- with an exclamation point (!)



Writer's Note

Ending a Sentence with a Period

The most common or usual way to end a sentence is with a **period**. A sentence that tells us information is called a statement. We usually put a period at the end of a sentence that is a statement. For example, this sentence has a period at the end. Can you find any sentences in this unit that do not end with a period? (The answer is "yes"!)

Incorrect: Brazil is a large country

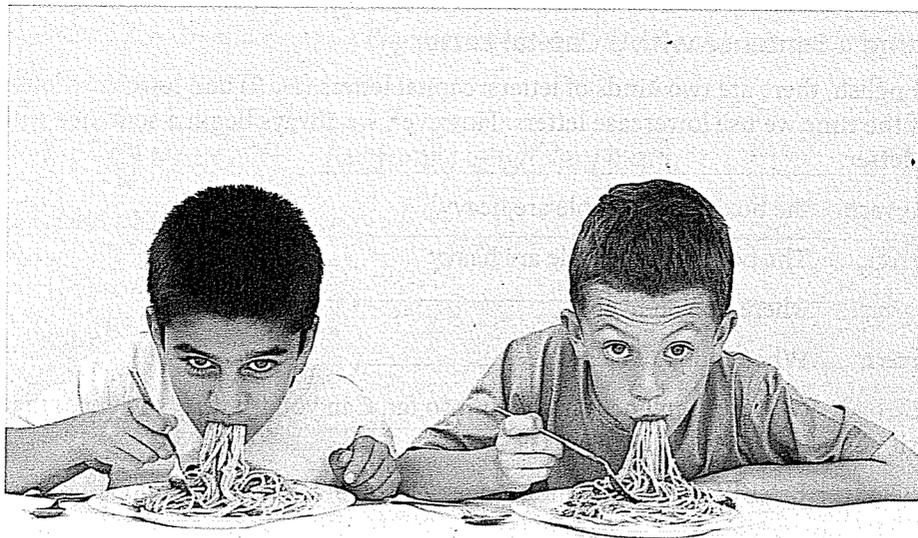
Correct: Brazil is a large country.

Incorrect: I do not like coffee with sugar

Correct: I do not like coffee with sugar.

ACTIVITY 3 Unscrambling and Writing Sentences

Unscramble the groups of words on the next page to write simple sentences. Be sure to begin each sentence with a capital letter. In addition, be sure to put a period at the end of each sentence.



Topic: Something good to eat

1. spaghetti / most kids / like

2. enjoy / they / the taste of spaghetti

3. the smell of spaghetti / they / love

4. tomato sauce / on their spaghetti / some kids / put

5. like / on their spaghetti / cheese / other kids

6. is very / most kids / popular with / spaghetti



For more practice with scrambled sentences, try Unit 1, Activity 1 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 4 Writing Simple Sentences

Copy the sentences you unscrambled in Activity 3. In each sentence, change the word spaghetti to ice cream. Make other appropriate changes as necessary.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

ACTIVITY 5 Editing Simple Sentences

Read the eight sentences below about a taxi driver. In each sentence, correct the capitalization mistake and add a period at the end. Then write the sentences on another piece of paper. The first one has been done for you.



Topic: A person and his or her job

1. ~~my~~ ^M cousin Albert has an interesting job.
2. albert is a taxi driver
3. he is a good taxi driver
4. albert works for a large taxi company
5. the name of the taxi company is Lightning Taxi Service
6. albert drives a taxi six days a week
7. he meets fascinating people from many different places
8. albert really loves his work



Writer's Note

Using Capital Letters

Proper Nouns

In English, the name of a specific person, place, or thing always begins with a capital letter. These types of words are called **proper nouns**. *Nelson Mandela* is the name of a specific person. *San Francisco* is the name of a specific place. *Mona Lisa* is the name of a specific thing. Can you think of more examples?

Incorrect: My friend john works in chicago.

Correct: My friend John works in Chicago. (*a specific person, a specific place*)

Incorrect: Lucille and robby learned about world war I.

Correct: Lucille and Robby learned about World War I. (*specific people, a specific thing*)

Common Nouns

Common nouns do not begin with a capital letter. They begin with a lowercase letter. Some examples of common nouns are *car*, *computer*, *garage*, *snow*, and *television*.

More Capital Letters

In English, many other kinds of words begin with capital letters. Here are some examples.

Days of the week

Incorrect: My birthday is on monday.

Correct: My birthday is on Monday.

Months

Incorrect: The shortest month of the year is february.

Correct: The shortest month of the year is February.

Languages

Incorrect: Sireesha speaks hindi.

Correct: Sireesha speaks Hindi.

Countries

Incorrect: My father is from thailand.

Correct: My father is from Thailand.

(NOTE: See the Brief Writer's Handbook, pages 217–218, for capitalization rules.)



Writer's Note

Question Marks



Geography

In English, some sentences end with a **question mark (?)**. *Do you understand this? Do you have any questions?* These are examples of questions. They have a question mark at the end.

Incorrect: Is Brazil a large country.

Correct: Is Brazil a large country?

Incorrect: Where do you live.

Correct: Where do you live?

ACTIVITY 6 Geography Quiz

How well do you know geography? Unscramble the words below to write questions about geography. Then write the answers in complete sentences. Make sure the words are in the correct order. Be careful to use capital letters and end punctuation. The first one has been done for you.

1. what / the capital / of brazil / is

Question: What is the capital of Brazil?

Answer: The capital of Brazil is Brasilia.

2. is / what city / the white house in

Question: _____

Answer: _____

3. what country / the Nile river in / is

Question: _____

Answer: _____

4. what city / is / the Eiffel tower in

Question: _____

Answer: _____

5. what / the biggest city / in mexico / is

Question: _____

Answer: _____

6. where / are / the andes mountains

Question: _____

Answer: _____

7. is / what / the capital of saudi arabia

Question: _____

Answer: _____

8. what / the biggest province / is / in canada

Question: _____

Answer: _____



For more practice with punctuation and capitalization, try Unit 1, Activity 2 and Activity 3 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting



Writer's Note

Prepositions of Place—*At*, *On*, and *In*

Three important **prepositions** are *at*, *on*, and *in*. These prepositions have many meanings, but one important function is to indicate location.

At is used with specific locations such as

- | | |
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| • business names | I work at First Union Bank. |
| • street names with a house
or business number | I live at 915 W. Norcross Street. |

On is used with

- | | |
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| • street names (without the house
or business number) | I live on W. Norcross Street. |
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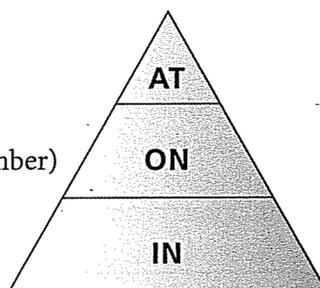
In is used with

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| • town or city names | I live in Houston. |
| • state names | I live in Texas. |
| • larger region names | I live in the Middle East. I live in the South. |
| • country names | I live in Korea. I live in the U.S. |

AT = an exact or specific location

ON = a street (without a house number)

IN = a city, state, country, or region



She works at First United Bank.

The bank is on Great Street.

The bank is in San Diego.

Why do we use the pyramid to explain the uses of *at*, *in*, and *on*? The pyramid design is especially good to show the difference in meaning for *at*, *on*, and *in* for place. The top of the pyramid is a point. It is a very small, specific place. We use *at* for a specific place. We use *on* for the next largest place. Finally, we use *in* for the largest places. Look at the examples to the right of the pyramid. We use *at* for the bank, which is a specific place. We use *on* for the street, which is a larger place. We use *in* for the city, which is an even larger place.

(NOTE: For a review of common time prepositions, see the Brief Writer's Handbook, pages 225–226.)

ACTIVITY 7 Choosing the Correct Preposition

Read this paragraph about banks in a small town. Underline the correct prepositions.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 1

Banks in a Small Town

It is surprising that Nelson has seven banks. Nelson is a small town (1. at, in, on) California. There are only about 36,000 people (2. at, in, on) this town. However, there are three banks, and each bank has at least two branches. The banks are National, First California, and Trust. National Bank has branches (3. at, in, on) 60 Green Street and (4. at, in, on) Hanks Avenue. First California Bank has branches (5. at, in, on) Princeton Street and (6. at, in, on) Lee Road. Trust Bank has branches (7. at, in, on) 27 Temple Street, (8. at, in, on) Whispering Street, and (9. at, in, on) 445 Orange Avenue. No one understands why there are seven banks (10. at, in, on) a small town like Nelson, California.



For more practice with prepositions of place, try Unit 1, Activity 4 on the *Great Writing 1*
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Writer's Note

Exclamation Points

You use an **exclamation point (!)** to show emphasis or emotion about something. Exclamation points are not used often, but when a sentence expresses surprise or strong emotion, it is appropriate to use an exclamation point.

Simple Fact: It is snowing.

With Surprise: It is snowing!

Simple Fact: I won the lottery last night.

With Surprise: I won the lottery last night!

ACTIVITY 8 Statement, Question, or Exclamation?

Read each sentence. If it is a statement, write S on the line and put a period (.) at the end of the sentence. If it is a question, write Q on the line and put a question mark (?) at the end of the sentence. If it is an exclamation, write E on the line and put an exclamation point (!) at the end of the sentence. The first two have been done for you.

1. Q How many days are in a month?
2. S The answer depends on the month.
3. Only four months have thirty days
4. An example of a month with only thirty days is September
5. Other months have thirty-one days
6. Examples of months with thirty-one days are July and December
7. Which month never has thirty days
8. The answer is February
9. February usually has only twenty-eight days
10. Everyone in my family was born in February

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ACTIVITY 9 Interview: Writing Information

Rewrite the questions on the lines. Be sure to use capital letters and question marks correctly. Then ask a classmate the questions. Write your classmate's answers. Use capital letters and periods.

1. what is your name

Question: _____

Answer: _____

2. where are you from

Question: _____

Answer: _____

3. where do you live

Question: _____

Answer: _____

4. how many people are in your family

Question: _____

Answer: _____

5. do you have a car

Question: _____

Answer: _____

6. what food do you like to eat

Question: _____

Answer: _____

7. what is your favorite place to visit

Question: _____

Answer: _____

8. what is your favorite movie

Question: _____

Answer: _____

ACTIVITY 10 Editing Scrambled Sentences

Here are some sentences and questions about Costa Rica. The words and phrases in each sentence are scrambled. First, put the sentence or question parts in the correct order. Then add capital letters. Finally, add a period, a question mark, or an exclamation point at the end of each sentence.

Topic: A country

1. costa rica / where / is

2. in central america / a small country / costa rica / is

3. between panama / and nicaragua / it / is

4. this country / is / between the pacific ocean / and the caribbean sea

5. approximately four million / is / the population / of costa rica

6. many tourists / there / go

7. wild animals / they / see / in the jungle

8. in the world / the most beautiful country / it is

9. want to visit / I / this beautiful country

10. costa rica / do you want / to visit

ACTIVITY 11 Guided Writing Practice

Answer the following questions and write eight to ten sentences about the country that you choose. Use capital letters, periods, question marks, and exclamation points correctly.

Topic: A country

1. What country do you want to visit? _____

2. Why do you want to visit this country? _____

3. Where is this country located? _____

4. How big is this country? _____

5. What is the capital of this country? _____

6. What is one famous monument or important place in this country? _____

7. Briefly describe this monument or place. _____

8. What do you know about food in this country? _____

The Parts of a Sentence

Every English sentence must have a subject and a verb.

Sentence Development

The Simple Sentence

The basic sentence pattern that you are studying in this unit is called a **simple sentence**. A simple sentence has one subject-verb combination. Sometimes there is a noun or pronoun object and/or other information after the verb.

Simple Sentence: S + V + O

	Subject	+	Verb	+	Object	+	Other Information
a.	Maria Simms		plays		the piano		well.
b.	She		practices		the piano		every day.
c.	Maria		likes		classical piano music		a lot.
d.	She		enjoys		listening		to German music.

Simple Sentence: S + V

	Subject	+	Verb	+	Object	+	Other Information
e.	Maria Simms		plays				extremely well.
f.	She		practices				for three hours.
g.	Maria		goes				to piano class every day.

- Some verbs, such as *like* and *enjoy*, must have an object after them. (These are called transitive verbs. In a dictionary, these verbs are marked with the letters *v.t.*)

Incorrect: Maria likes a lot.

Correct: Maria likes classical piano music a lot.

- Some verbs, such as *go* and *arrive*, can never have an object after them. (These verbs are called intransitive verbs. In a dictionary, these are marked with the letters *v.i.*)

Incorrect: Maria goes piano class.

Correct: Maria enjoys piano class.

Correct: Maria goes to piano class.

- Some verbs, such as *play* and *practice*, can have an object or not have an object. (In a dictionary, these verbs are marked with only the letter *v.*)



Grammar and Sentence Structure

Subjects, Verbs, and Objects

In English, every sentence has two main parts: the subject and the verb. As you study the following simple sentences, look for this pattern.

Subject

The **subject** is the person or thing that does the action. The subject comes before the verb. Look at these simple sentences. The subjects are underlined.

Maria Simms plays the piano.

She practices the piano every day.

Maria likes classical piano music a lot.

Maria goes to piano class every week. (no object)

Verb

The **verb** is usually the action word in the sentence. The verb comes after the subject. Examples of verbs are *go*, *speak*, *write*, *swim*, and *watch*. Some verbs do not have much action. Examples are *be* (*am*, *is*, *are*, *was*, *were*), *like*, *want*, and *need*. Look at these simple sentences. The verbs are circled.

Maria Simms plays the piano.

She practices the piano every day.

Maria likes classical piano music a lot.

Maria goes to piano class every week. (no object)

Object

The **object** is the thing or person after the verb. The object answers the questions *Who?* or *What?* The object is the thing or person that receives the action of the verb. Look at these simple sentences. The objects are in boxes. (These objects are also called direct objects.)

Maria Simms plays the piano .

She practices the piano every day.

Maria likes classical piano music a lot.

Maria goes to piano class every week. (no object)

Fragments: Checking for the Subject and the Verb

Every sentence should have a subject and a verb. It is easy for student writers to leave out the subject or the verb. A sentence without a subject or without a verb is called a **fragment**. A fragment is a piece of a sentence.

Incorrect: John is my brother. Works at Ames Bank in Miami. (no subject)

Correct: John (is) my brother. He (works) at Ames Bank in Miami.

Incorrect: Many Japanese people a white car. (no verb)

Correct: Many Japanese people (have) a white car.

Correct: Many Japanese people (drive) a white car.

In writing, a fragment is a serious mistake. A fragment shows the reader that the writer did not check his or her work carefully. When you write your sentences, check each of them to make sure that there is a subject AND a verb.

Commands

In **command** (imperative) sentences, the subject is *you*. However, the word *you* is not usually stated.

Examples: Open the door now! (NOT: *You* open the door now!)

Do not say that word! (NOT: *You* do not say that word!)

ACTIVITY 12 Subjects and Verbs

Read these sentences about making tuna salad. Underline each subject and circle each verb. The first one has been done for you.

1. Tuna salad (is) easy to make.
2. The ingredients are simple and cheap.
3. Two ingredients are tuna fish and mayonnaise.
4. I also use onions, salt, and pepper.
5. First, I cut up the onion.
6. Then I add the tuna fish and the mayonnaise.
7. Finally, I add some salt and a lot of pepper.
8. Without a doubt, tuna salad is my favorite food!



For more practice with the parts of a sentence, try Unit 1, Activity 5 and Activity 6 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 13 Sentence or Fragment?

Read each group of words. If it is a fragment, write F on the line. If it is a complete sentence, write S on the line. If it is a question, write Q. The first two have been done for you.

1. S Billy Mitchell lives in a big apartment.
2. F My mother breakfast every morning.
3. _____ Is incredibly delicious.
4. _____ Does Carol have a car?
5. _____ They my cousins from Miami.
6. _____ You a student.
7. _____ Michael likes classical music.
8. _____ Nancy and Jeanine very best friends.
9. _____ The girls play soccer after school.
10. _____ I am from Colombia.



For more practice with sentence fragments, try Unit 1, Activity 7 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

Grammar and Sentence Structure

The Verb *Be*

The most frequently used verb in the English language is the verb *be*. *Be* has five main forms: *am*, *is*, *are*, *was*, and *were*.

I am a student.

My writing is good.

My friends are here.

I was a good student in kindergarten.

The questions on the quiz were difficult.

There are four commonly used sentence patterns for the verb *be*. The information that follows the verb *be* is usually an adjective (a word that describes a noun), a noun, or a place phrase.

1.	Subject	+	<i>be</i>	+	Adjective
	This tuna salad		is		delicious.
2.	Subject	+	<i>be</i>	+	Noun
	This tuna salad		is		a delicious dish.
3.	Subject	+	<i>be</i>	+	Place phrase
	This tuna salad		is		on the table.

When you begin a sentence with *There*, the subject follows the verb *be*.

4.	<i>There</i>	+	<i>be</i>	+	Subject	+	(Extra information: usually place or time)
	There		is		a tuna salad sandwich		on the table.
	There		were		two empty plates		on the table this morning.
	There		was		a big sale on canned tuna		last week.

NOTE: More practice on writing sentences with *There is/There are* can be found on pages 73–75 in Unit 3.

When you have a sentence with *be* + verb + *-ing*, then *be* is not the main verb.

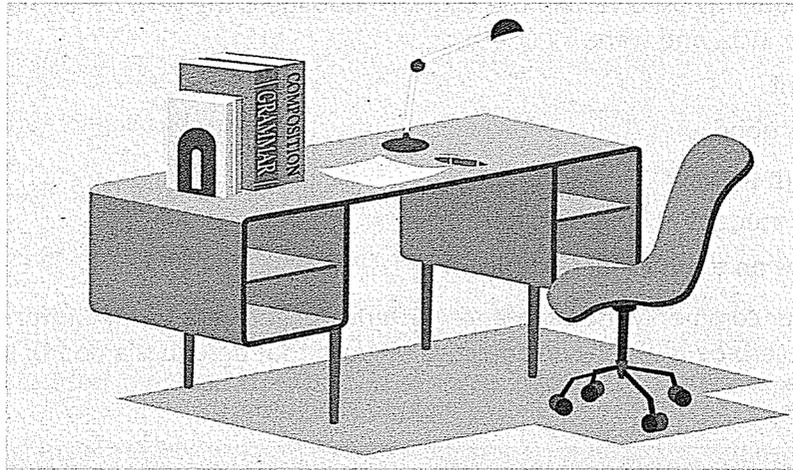
Example: I am studying English. → verb: *am studying* (from *study*)

but

I am a student. → verb: *am* (from *be*)

ACTIVITY 14 Subjects and Verbs

Read these eight sentences. Underline the subjects and circle the verbs. The first one has been done for you.



EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 2

- (1.) There are four books on the desk. (2.) The two large books are textbooks.
 (3.) The grammar book is green. (4.) The composition book is next to the grammar book.
 (5.) It is blue. (6.) The other two books are smaller. (7.) They are workbooks.
 (8.) The textbooks are easy, but the workbooks are difficult.

ACTIVITY 15 Identifying Words and Phrases

Look at the sentences in Activity 14. Identify the words or phrases in boxes as an adjective, a noun, or a place phrase. The first one has been done for you.

1. on the desk = a place phrase
2. textbooks = _____
3. green = _____
4. next to the grammar book = _____
5. blue = _____
6. smaller = _____
7. workbooks = _____
8. easy = _____
9. difficult = _____

ACTIVITY 16 Sentence Completion

Read these sets of three sentences. Complete the sentences with the correct form of be.

1. There _____ seven colors in a rainbow. These colors _____ red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. My favorite rainbow color _____ green.
2. There _____ twenty-six letters in the English alphabet. Twenty-one of these letters _____ consonants. The other five letters _____ vowels.
3. There _____ different students in my class. Five students _____ from Venezuela. Only one student _____ from China.
4. There _____ an insect on the window. It _____ a caterpillar. It _____ light yellow, and it has spots on it.
5. There _____ a huge map of the world on the wall in our classroom. The water areas _____ light blue. The land areas _____ various colors.



Writer's Note

Using Supporting Ideas with *There is/There are* Sentences

Sometimes a simple paragraph begins with a *There is/There are* sentence. This sentence tells the reader that something exists. A good paragraph also contains sentences that are related to the topic or idea in the first sentence.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 3

There is a huge map of the world on the wall in our classroom. The water areas are light blue. All of the oceans, seas, and lakes are light blue. The land areas are various colors. The countries are red, yellow, green, blue, and tan. Heavy black dots are the capital cities. This map is so big that students in the back of the room can see all of the country names.

1. The first sentence begins with *There is*. It tells the reader about a map.
2. The second sentence describes a part of the map. (water areas)
3. The third sentence describes a part of the map. (examples of water areas)
4. The fourth sentence describes a part of the map. (land areas)
5. The fifth sentence describes a part of the map. (examples of land areas)
6. The sixth sentence describes a part of the map. (capital cities)
7. The last sentence talks about how big the map is and how all the students can see it.

ACTIVITY 17 Writing Paragraph Beginnings

In numbers 1–3, write two additional sentences that are related to the first sentence. In numbers 4–6, write a sentence that begins with there is or there are. Then add two related sentences. Follow the examples from Activity 16.

1. There are _____ * people in my family. _____

2. There are _____ * students in my English class. _____

3. There are many unique animals in a zoo. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

*Add the correct number.

ACTIVITY 18 Identifying Words and Phrases

Read the simple sentences in this paragraph. Identify the underlined words as a subject (S), verb (V), or adjective (ADJ). The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 4

Making Hummus

S
Hummus is a very easy snack to make. The ingredients are simple and cheap. Two ingredients are chickpeas and crushed garlic. I also use lemon juice and olive oil. First, I wash and mash the chickpeas. Then I add the crushed garlic. Finally, I mix in the lemon juice and olive oil. Some people add tahini paste. This fast snack is now ready to eat. It is my favorite snack.

Sentences in Paragraphs

You can put sentences together to make a paragraph. All the sentences in a paragraph are about the same topic.



Writer's Note

Sentences and Paragraphs

A group of words that tell about one idea is called a **sentence**. A group of sentences that tell about one topic or one idea is called a **paragraph**.

Look at the sentences in Activity 12 and Activity 18 again. How are they different? In Activity 12, the sentences are in a list. In Activity 18, the sentences are not in a list. They are in a special format. This format is called a paragraph. What do you know about paragraphs? You will study much more about paragraphs beginning in Unit 2.

ACTIVITY 19 Subject-Verb Word Order

Use these subjects and verbs to make correct subject-verb combinations and write them on the lines below. Remember that the subject usually comes before the verb in sentences. You will use some words more than once. Some blanks can have more than one answer.

Caroline	she	her lunch break	Anderson Supermarket
wakes up	starts	attends	likes
		enjoys	works
			is

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 5

A Great Place to Work

(1.) _____ at Anderson Supermarket. (2.) _____ there on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. She does not work there on Wednesday because (3.) _____ classes at Jefferson Community College. On her workdays, (4.) _____ at 6 A.M. (5.) _____ her workday at 8 A.M. (6.) _____ from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. (7.) _____ is from 12:30 to 1:30. (8.) _____ her job very much. (9.) _____ her coworkers, too. For Caroline, (10.) _____ a great place to work.



For more practice with the word order of subjects and verbs, try Unit 1, Activity 8 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting



Writer's Note

The Title of a Paragraph

What is the title of this textbook? Look on the front cover. Write the title here.

What is the title of Example Paragraph 1 on page 10? Write the title here.

A **title** gives you information about what is in a book, a song, a movie, or a paragraph. Here are some rules to follow when you write a title for your paragraphs.

1. A good title is usually very short. Sometimes it is only one word. *Frankenstein*, *Cinderella*, and *Titanic* are all titles. Can you think of other one-word titles?

2. A good title is usually not a complete sentence. *Jobs for the Future*, *A World Traveler*, and *An Old Family Photo* are all titles of paragraphs in this book. These titles are not complete sentences. Can you think of some titles of books you have read?
3. A good title catches the reader's interest. It tells the reader about the main topic, but it does not tell about everything in the paragraph. *A Long Flight*, *An Important Invention*, and *My First Car* are all titles of paragraphs in this book. Each one gives you a good idea of what the paragraph will be about. However, it does not give you all the information. You must read the paragraph to find out more.
4. A good title also follows special capitalization rules. The first letter of the first word is always capitalized. Only capitalize the first letter of the important words in the title. Do not capitalize a preposition or an article unless it is the first word.
5. A good title does not have a period at the end.

ACTIVITY 20 Working with Titles

Each of these titles breaks one of the rules listed on pages 24–25. Rewrite each one correctly. Be prepared to share your answers with your classmates and explain which rule(s) the incorrect title breaks.

1. Today Was the Best day of My Life

2. THE COMBUSTION ENGINE

3. A Handbook For International Students In Canada

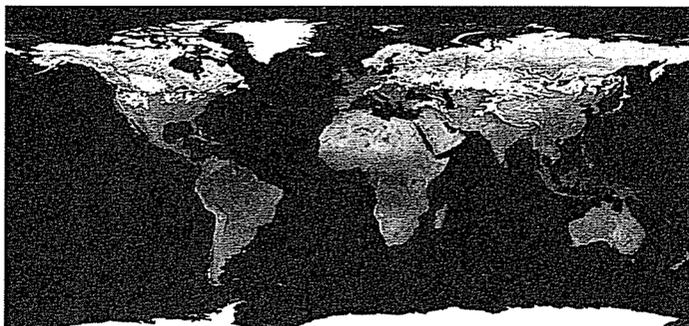
4. The Early Search for Gold in California.

5. My Paragraph

6. How to Make a Phone Call to Another Country Without Spending a Lot of Money

ACTIVITY 21 Editing Simple Sentences

Read the sentences about world geography. Some of the sentences are fragments (missing subject or missing verb) or have errors with punctuation or capitalization. If the sentence is correct, write C on the line. If the sentence contains an error, write X on the line and tell what the error is. Then write the correct sentence below. The first two have been done for you.



1. X (fragment—verb missing) Mexico not near Great Britain.

Mexico is not near Great Britain.

2. X (capitalization) The Statue of Liberty is in new york.

The Statue of Liberty is in New York.

3. _____ Burundi is in africa.

4. _____ Canada bigger than the United States.

5. _____ A popular city in Florida is Miami?

6. _____ Nepal is north of India.

7. _____ Visits the Mayan ruins in Central America every year!

- 8. _____ Bolivia no seaports.

- 9. _____ Three main groups of people live in Malaysia.

- 10. _____ Austria and Hungary in Europe.

- 11. _____ Is between Mexico and Canada.

- 12. _____ Of Thailand is about 65,000,000.

ACTIVITY 22 Editing: Grammar and Sentence Review

Read the following paragraph. There are 10 mistakes: 5 missing be verbs, 2 missing subjects, 2 capitalization mistakes, and 1 punctuation mistake. Find and correct the mistakes. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 6

The Beauty of Tuscany

Tuscany^{is} a beautiful region in Italy. Is famous for cities such as florence, Siena, and Pisa.
 The appenine Hills in Tuscany? Tuscany also famous for the production of beautiful ceramics. For example, bowls, vases, and oil jars very popular with tourists. Tuscany has so many interesting places to see. Assisi and Siena two beautiful cities that many people love to visit. Is a wonderful place to visit!



Building Better Sentences

Correct and varied sentence structure is essential to the quality of your writing. For further practice with the sentences and paragraphs in this unit, go to Practice 1 on pages 233–234 in Appendix 1.

**Building Better Vocabulary****ACTIVITY 23 Word Associations**

Circle the word or phrase that is most closely related to the word or phrase on the left. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know. The first one has been done for you.

- | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. surprise | known | <u>unknown</u> |
| 2. to work | at the beach | at the office |
| 3. to understand | to add | to know |
| 4. ingredients | when you read | when you cook |
| 5. simple | complicated | not difficult |
| 6. cheap | low price | high price |
| 7. finally | the last | the first |
| 8. to cut up | make into many pieces | keep in one piece |
| 9. an addition | something put in | something taken out |
| 10. to attend | to do something | to be present |
| 11. a break | a short rest | a short process |
| 12. to enjoy | to dislike | to like |
| 13. to meet | a new person | a new product |
| 14. a region | a size | a place |
| 15. famous | well-known | professional |

ACTIVITY 24 Using Collocations

Fill in each blank with the word on the left that most naturally completes the phrase on the right. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know. The first one has been done for you.

- popular / tasty a popular actor
- to / from add lemon juice _____ the hummus
- a supermarket / a concert attend _____

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 4. region / branch | a bank _____ |
| 5. result / break | a surprising _____ |
| 6. break / movie | an interesting _____ |
| 7. simple / cheap | _____ answer |
| 8. a chair / a sentence | understand _____ |
| 9. mayonnaise / an onion | cut up _____ |
| 10. meet / add | _____ ingredients |

ACTIVITY 25 Parts of Speech

Study the following word forms. In the sentences on the right, choose the best word and write it in the blank space. Be sure to use the right form of the verbs. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know. The first one has been done for you. (NOTE: The word in bold is the original word that appears in the unit.)

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Sentence Practice
addition	add	Ø	1. She _____ adds _____ sugar to her coffee.
attendance	attend	Ø	2. We plan to build an _____ to our home.
popularity	Ø	popular	3. The teacher checks the students' _____ every day.
happiness	Ø	happy	4. Do you want to _____ the concert tomorrow?
work	work	Ø	5. Britney is a _____ singer.
			6. The _____ of motorcycles is incredible!
			7. She is very _____ because it is her birthday.
			8. The key to _____ is not easy.
			9. My sisters _____ in a supermarket.
			10. Do you enjoy your _____ ?

Noun endings: -tion, -ance, -ity, -ness

Original Student Writing

ACTIVITY 26 Original Writing Practice

Choose ONE of the three practices below. For the practice you choose:

1. Read the first question.
2. Fill in the answer. This will be the topic.
3. Then answer the questions about the topic. Be sure to use complete sentences with a subject and a verb.
4. Use at least three of the vocabulary words or phrases presented in Activity 23, Activity 24, and Activity 25. Underline these words and phrases in your sentences.
5. After you write your sentences, check the spelling and grammar.

Practice 1

Question 1a: What is your favorite food?

Answer 1a: My favorite food is _____

Question 1b: What country does this food come from?

Answer 1b: _____

Question 1c: What ingredients are in this food?

Answer 1c: _____

Question 1d: How do you prepare this food?

Answer 1d: _____

Question 1e: Why do you like this food?

Answer 1e: _____

Practice 2

Question 2a: What food do you like to cook?

Answer 2a: I like to cook _____

Question 2b: What ingredients do you need?

Answer 2b: _____

Question 2c: What is the first thing you do?

Answer 2c: _____

Question 2d: What do you do next?

Answer 2d: _____

Question 2e: How long does it take to prepare this food?

Answer 2e: _____

Practice 3

Question 3a: Who is the most interesting person in your family?

Answer 3a: The most interesting person in my family is _____

Question 3b: Why is this person interesting?

Answer 3b: _____

Question 3c: How old is this person?

Answer 3c: _____

Question 3d: What does this person look like?

Answer 3d: _____

Question 3e: Why do you like this person?

Answer 3e: _____

Editing

Good writers need editors to help them make their writing correct. For your writing in this book, you and your classmates (peers) are your editors.



Writer's Note

Self-Editing

An editor is someone who makes sure the writing is correct. A good editor checks the grammar and punctuation. A good editor also makes sure the writing is clear and easy to understand. There should be two editors when you write a paragraph for class: you and a classmate. First, you will read your own work for mistakes. Then a classmate (a peer) will read your work and help you find ways to make it better.



Writer's Note

Peer Editing for the Writer

A peer is someone who is equal to you. Your peers are the other students in your class.

It is important to hear what other people think about your writing. You need to know if they can understand your ideas. A good way to make sure that your writing is clear is to let someone else read your paper and make suggestions about it. This is called **peer editing**.

This is what usually happens in peer editing:

1. Another person reads your writing.
2. That person gives you suggestions and ideas for making your writing better.
3. You listen carefully to what your peer says.
4. You may want to make the changes your peer suggests. If the comments are negative, remember that the comments are about the writing, not about you!



Writer's Note

Peer Editing for the Reader

When you read your classmate's paper, be polite. Choose your words carefully. Do not say, "This is bad grammar," or "What is this?" It is better to say, "You forgot to put the word *at*," or "What does this sentence mean?"

Say things the way you would want someone to tell you!

ACTIVITY 27 Peer Editing

Exchange books with a partner and look at Activity 26. Read your partner's writing. Then use Peer Editing Sheet 1 on page 249 to help you comment on your partner's writing. Be sure to offer positive suggestions and comments that will help your partner improve his or her writing. Consider your partner's comments as you revise your own writing.

Journal Writing

Many good writers write in a journal for practice and for ideas.



Writer's Note

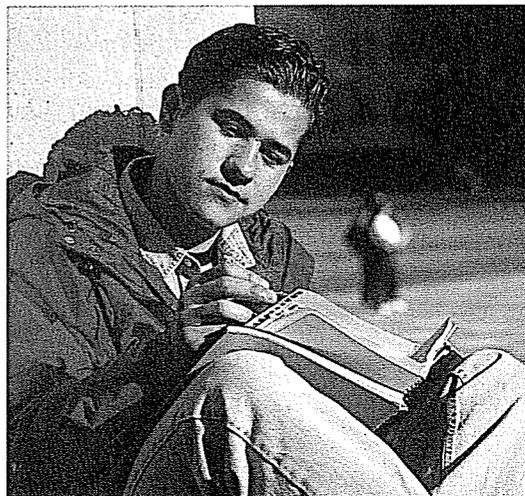
Journal Writing—Write, Write, Write!

How can you become a better writer? The activities in this book will help you. The most important thing, however, is to write as much and as often as you can.

The Benefit of Practice

Think about people who play tennis well. These people were excited about tennis. Perhaps they read books about tennis. They probably went to see a professional tennis match. These activities alone cannot make people become good tennis players. They have to practice. It does not matter if at first they hit the ball the wrong way. The most important thing is to hit the ball again and again. This is how people get better at tennis.

In some ways, you are like the tennis player. You want to be a good writer. Reading this book and doing the activities are helpful. Reading books and articles will help you, too. One of the best ways to become a good writer in English is to write as much as possible and as often as possible.



Practice in a Journal

An excellent way to practice is to write in a **journal**. A journal is a notebook in which you write things regularly. You practice expressing yourself in written English.

In a journal, you choose a specific topic and write about it. You try to express your ideas about the topic so that readers can understand what you mean. Journal topics can be general or specific. Here are some topics for journal writing:

General Topics: sports, swimming, food, books, travel, fashion, music

Specific Topics: my favorite sport, why I am a vegetarian, my first airplane trip

Teacher Response

Your teacher will read your journal from time to time. Your teacher will not mark all of the grammar mistakes. A journal uses informal language. It is like a conversation between the writer and the reader (teacher). If you write about a city, do not take information from a book. Instead, write about why you want to visit that city or about the first time you visited it.

Your teacher may write some comments in your journal. Your teacher might make one or two comments about the language, especially if you repeat the same mistake.

If you have any questions, you can ask your teacher in your journal. For example, if you want to know if you used a grammar point or a vocabulary word correctly, you can write a question in your journal.

Sample Journal

March 21

Sometimes I feel lonely here. My parents are far away, but my brother is here. His name is Nelson. He is two years older than I am. He wants to study business administration. He looks like my father. He is 22 years old.

Before we came here, Nelson and I went to New York City. We visited some cousins there. Hotels in New York expensive. We stayed with our cousins. That saved us a lot of money.

I do not my cousins very often, so I was happy. Sometimes I feel bad because I do not know them very well.

This is interesting information. I didn't know that your brother is at this school, too. Do you live together? I've been to New York City, too, and I know that hotels are VERY expensive there.

Grammar: I circled two places where you forgot to put a verb. Can you think of some verbs for those sentences?

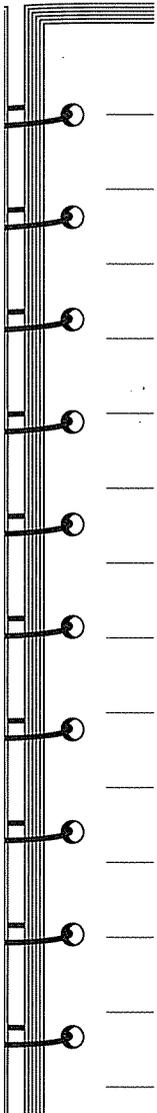
It was easy to understand the message of your writing here. Keep up the good work!

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Additional Topics for Writing

Here are ten ideas for journal writing. Choose one or more of them to write about. Follow your teacher's directions. (We recommend that you skip a line after each line that you write. This gives your teacher a place to write comments.)

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- TOPIC 1:** Write about your favorite pet. Why do you like this animal? Do you have one at home? What does the animal look like? What is its name? How old is it?
- TOPIC 2:** Write about your favorite type of weather. Why do you like this weather? What kind of activities do you do in this weather?
- TOPIC 3:** Write about your mother or your father. Include his/her name, age, and occupation. What kind of personality does your mother or father have?
- TOPIC 4:** Write about a toy you remember from your childhood. What kind of toy was it? How long did you have it? Who gave it to you? Do you still have it? If not, what happened to it?
- TOPIC 5:** Write about your experience learning English. Why are you studying English? How do you feel about English? What is easy for you to understand in English? What are some difficulties you have in English?
- TOPIC 6:** Write about your favorite type of fashion in clothing. What kind is it? Why do you like it?
- TOPIC 7:** Write about an "extreme" sport, such as bungee jumping. How do you feel about this sport? Do you want to try this sport? Why or why not? Describe the types of people who enjoy these kinds of sports.
- TOPIC 8:** What are some things you love about your country? Why are those things important to you?
- TOPIC 9:** Write about your home. How many rooms are in your home? What color is it? How old is it? Do you like it? What is your favorite room?
- TOPIC 10:** Write about what you do in your leisure (free) time. Who do you spend the time with? What activities do you do? How long do you spend doing these activities? Are your free-time activities the same during the week and on weekends?

More Writing

For extra writing practice, see the activities in Unit 8 and Appendix 2.

Answers to questions on page 1: Italian, Chinese, Hungarian, and Romanian.

Connecting Sentences and Paragraphs

Unit 2

GOAL: To learn about paragraph structure

***Grammar and Sentence Structure:** Adjectives; subject pronouns; possessive adjectives

Sentences: Using Adjectives

You already know that a sentence must have a subject and a verb. (Remember from Unit 1 that a sentence without a subject or without a verb is called a fragment and is a serious mistake in English writing.) However, you can make a sentence much more interesting if you add descriptive words. These descriptive words are called adjectives. They describe nouns.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Word Order: Adjectives before Nouns

Nouns are the names of people, places, things, or ideas. Examples are *teacher, doctor, student, city, park, book, and pencil*.

Adjectives are words that describe nouns. Examples are *good teacher, busy doctor, new student, crowded city, green park, heavy book, and yellow pencil*.

A simple way to combine two short sentences when there is an adjective is to put the adjective before the noun. Look at the following examples.

Two Short Sentences	Better Writing
I have a <u>book</u> . It is <u>heavy</u> . NOUN ADJ.	I have a <u>heavy book</u> . ADJ. NOUN
This is my <u>car</u> . It is <u>new</u> . NOUN ADJ.	This is my <u>new car</u> . ADJ. NOUN
Mr. Vicks is a <u>teacher</u> . He is <u>excellent</u> . NOUN ADJ.	Mr. Vicks is an <u>excellent teacher</u> . ADJ. NOUN
Rachel draws <u>small pictures</u> . She draws <u>ink pictures</u> . ADJ. NOUN ADJ. NOUN	Rachel draws <u>small ink pictures</u> . ADJ. ADJ. NOUN

Be careful! Make sure you put the adjective before the noun, not after.

Incorrect: I have a **car red** with a **top black**.

Correct: I have a red car with a black top.

Incorrect: We ate **salad green** with **potatoes fried**.

Correct: We ate green salad with fried potatoes.

Be careful! Adjectives do not have a plural form to describe plural nouns.

Incorrect: There are **rare** books in the library.

Correct: There are rare books in the library.

Incorrect: Do you like **populars** songs?

Correct: Do you like popular songs?

(NOTE: See the Brief Writer's Handbook, pages 228–229, for more information about order of adjectives.)

ACTIVITY 1 Editing: Nouns and Adjectives

Combine the following sentences. You will have to eliminate a few words. Remember to use a capital letter at the beginning and a period at the end of each new sentence. The first one has been done for you.

1. Robert owns a car. The car is red.

Robert owns a red car.

2. I do not like this weather. The weather is humid.

3. Paris is a city in France. This city is beautiful.

4. Ali has a job. The job is part-time.

5. They like to drink cola. The cola is diet.

6. Niloofar reads folk tales. They are international.

7. My mother grows roses. The roses are big. The roses are beautiful.

8. Juan works for a company. The company is small. The company is independent.

9. My grandparents live in a town. It is a farming town. The town is small.

10. Sharon rents a house on Smith Street. The house is tiny. The house is white.



For more practice with using adjectives, try Unit 2, Activity 1 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Word Order: Adjectives after the Verb *Be*

You have learned that adjectives come before the noun they describe.

The young boy carried the heavy box.
 ADJ. NOUN ADJ. NOUN

In this sentence, *young* describes *boy* and *heavy* describes *box*.

Complements

Adjectives can be used in another way. If the main verb of a sentence is a form of *be*, the adjective can come *after* the verb. The adjective is called a **complement**.

The boy is young. The box is heavy.
 NOUN ADJ. NOUN ADJ.

My uncle is rich. Paris is beautiful.
 NOUN ADJ. NOUN ADJ.

That music is loud! Jim is sleepy.
 NOUN ADJ. NOUN ADJ.

That house is big. That house is green. That house is big and green.
 NOUN ADJ. NOUN ADJ. NOUN ADJ. ADJ.

Adjectives are very important in writing, so make sure you use them correctly.

ACTIVITY 2 Practice with Adjectives

Read the following paragraph. There are 10 adjectives in the paragraph. Underline them. If you need help finding the adjectives, look at the numbers in parentheses on the left side of the paragraph. These numbers tell you how many adjectives are in each line. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 7

My Ideal Vacation

- (2) I have a dream to visit Alaska. The weather is beautiful there. I love cold weather. When
 (1) the temperature is low, I have energy! I also want to visit Alaska because I love nature.
 (3) Alaska is **pure** and natural. I dream about its **scenic** landscape. In addition, there are
 (1) wild animals. Finally, I want to
 (1) learn important information about
 (1) the **native** people of Alaska. I hope
 (1) to visit this wonderful state soon.



pure: clean; not polluted

scenic: having a beautiful natural landscape

native: born in a certain place; originated



For more practice with adjectives after the verb *be*, try Unit 2, Activity 2 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

What Is a Paragraph?

In Unit 1, you studied sentences. A **sentence** is a group of words that expresses a complete thought. You learned that a sentence has two main parts: the subject and the verb. The words in a sentence are in a special order.

Most people write more than one sentence at a time. Sometimes they write a paragraph. A **paragraph** is a group of sentences. All of the sentences in a paragraph are about one specific topic.

A paragraph has three main parts: the topic sentence, the body, and a concluding sentence.

The **topic sentence** is one sentence that tells the main idea of the whole paragraph. This sentence is usually the first sentence of the paragraph.

The **body** of a paragraph has sentences with information that supports the topic sentence. It is important to remember that *every* sentence in the body must be connected in some way to the topic sentence.

In addition to the topic sentence and the body, paragraphs generally have a third part: a **concluding sentence**. The concluding sentence is at the end of the paragraph. It is a brief summary of the information in the paragraph. Some paragraphs, especially short paragraphs, do not have a concluding sentence.

Working with the Whole Paragraph

Let's see how the parts of a paragraph work together to make a good paragraph that is easy to read.



Writer's Note

Topic Sentences

Every good paragraph has a topic sentence. If there is no topic sentence, the reader may be confused because the ideas will not be organized clearly. When you write a paragraph, remember to use a topic sentence. It gives the general topic of the whole paragraph.

ACTIVITY 3 Paragraph Study

Read the following two paragraphs. Answer the questions that follow.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 8

My Favorite Color

It is obvious that my favorite color is blue. I have six blue shirts. I wear blue jeans almost every day. I have three pairs of light blue tennis shoes. I own a blue car, and my computer is blue. Other colors are nice, but I like blue the best.

1. How many sentences are in this paragraph? _____
2. What is the main topic of this paragraph? (*Circle the letter of the answer.*)
 - a. The writer likes blue computers.
 - b. The writer likes blue.
 - c. The writer likes light blue clothes.
3. What is the topic sentence? Remember that the topic sentence tells the main idea of the whole paragraph. Write it here.

4. The writer gives five examples of blue things. What five blue things does the writer have? Write five sentences about these blue things. The first one has been done for you.
 - a. The writer has six blue shirts.
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____

5. Sometimes paragraphs have a concluding sentence. A concluding sentence is a summary of the ideas in the paragraph. If there is a concluding sentence, write it here.

6. Read the paragraph again. Can you find at least two descriptive adjectives? Write them below.

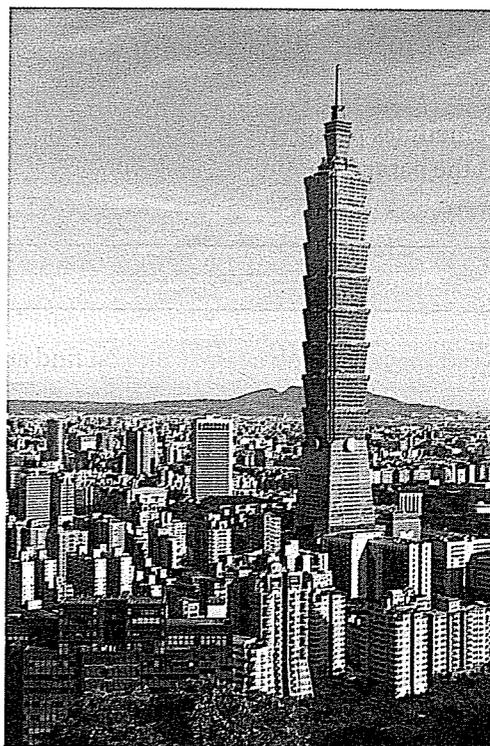
EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 9

Taipei 101

I work in one of the world's tallest buildings— Taipei 101. This building is in Taipei's business **district**. Taipei 101 opened to the public in 2004. It is made of **steel** and glass panels, so it has a beautiful silver color. It has one hundred and one **floors**. There are even five more levels below the building! Many international businesses have offices in Taipei 101. There are great places to shop in the building, too. I am **proud** to work in such an important place.

a district: an area
steel: a very strong metal

a floor: a level of a building
proud: a very happy feeling of satisfaction



- How many sentences are in this paragraph? _____
 - What is the main topic of this paragraph? (*Circle the letter of the answer.*)
 - information about a city
 - information about a person
 - information about a building
 - What is the topic sentence? Write it here.
-
-

4. Answer these questions in complete sentences.

a. Where is the building?

b. How old is the building?

c. What color is the building?

d. How many floors does the building have?

5. Sometimes paragraphs have a concluding sentence. A concluding sentence is a summary of the ideas in the paragraph. If there is a concluding sentence, write it here.

6. Read the paragraph again. Can you find at least four descriptive adjectives? Write them below.



Writer's Note

Indenting the First Line of Every Paragraph

Look at the first line of Example Paragraph 8 on page 40. How is the formatting different from the other lines in the paragraph?

Look at the first line of Example Paragraph 9 on page 41. Do you see how the first line is also moved in? This space is called an indentation. The action of making this space at the beginning of a paragraph is to **indent**.

It is important to indent the first line of every paragraph. Always remember to indent!



For more practice with the parts of a paragraph, try Unit 2, Activity 3 and Activity 4 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 5 Writing an Original Paragraph

Answer the questions. Be sure to use complete sentences. When you finish, write your sentences in paragraph form on the lines provided below.

1. Who is your favorite singer? My favorite singer is _____
2. What country does he/she come from? _____

3. What kind of music does he/she sing? _____

4. What is your favorite song by this singer? _____

5. Why do you like this singer? _____

Now write your sentences in paragraph form. Be sure to give your paragraph a title.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 11

Working with Topic Sentences

Every paragraph must have a good topic sentence. The topic sentence gives the main idea of the paragraph. The topic sentence should not be too specific or too general. The topic sentence tells the reader what the paragraph is about.

ACTIVITY 6 Topic Sentences

Read each paragraph and the three topic sentences below it. Then choose the best topic sentence and write it on the line. Read the paragraph again. Make sure that the topic sentence gives the main idea for the whole paragraph. Remember to indent!

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 12

Beautiful Snow?

_____ Snow is beautiful when it falls. After a few days, the snow is not beautiful anymore. It starts to **melt**, and the clean streets become **messy**. It is difficult to walk anywhere. The **sidewalks** are **slippery**. Snow also causes traffic problems. Some roads are closed. Other roads are **hard** to drive on safely. Drivers have more **accidents** on snowy roads. I understand why some people like snow, but I do not like it very much.

melt: to change from ice to liquid

messy: sloppy; dirty

sidewalk: paved walkway on the side of roads

slippery: causing a person to slip or slide, usually because of a smooth surface

hard: difficult

an accident: a car crash

- In December, it usually snows.
- Some people like snow, but I do not.
- I love snow.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 13

Maria and Her Great Job

_____ She works at Papa Joe's Restaurant. She serves about sixty people every day. Maria can remember all the dinner orders. If there is a problem with any of the food, she takes it back to the kitchen immediately. Maria wants every customer to have a good meal at the restaurant.

- a. My cousin Maria is an excellent server.
- b. My cousin Maria works at Papa Joe's Restaurant.
- c. Maria's customers do not eat big meals.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 14

My Favorite City

_____ I love to see all the interesting things there. The city is big, exciting, and full of life. I always visit the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty. I also visit Chinatown. At night, I go to **shows** on Broadway. The food in the city is excellent, too. I truly enjoy New York City.

a **show**: a live performance on stage

- a. I like to see the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty.
- b. New York is a very big city.
- c. My favorite city in the world is New York City.

ACTIVITY 7 More Work with Topic Sentences

Read each paragraph and the four topic sentences below it. Then choose the best topic sentence and write it on the line. Read the paragraph again. Make sure that the topic sentence gives the main idea for the whole paragraph. Be sure to indent!

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 15

Pasta, Pasta, Pasta

_____ Pasta tastes great. Sometimes I eat it **plain**. I also like it with butter or **Parmesan** cheese. Another reason I like pasta is the **variety**. Pasta includes spaghetti, macaroni, vermicelli, ravioli, lasagna, and many other kinds. In addition, pasta is very easy to prepare. I can make pasta in less than ten minutes. Finally, pasta is a very healthy food for me. A plate of pasta has about 300 **calories**, but it has only three grams of fat. I love to eat pasta every day!

plain: with nothing added; simple

variety: many different kinds

Parmesan: a hard, dry Italian cheese

calories: measurement of heat energy of food

- a. Everybody loves pasta.
- b. Spaghetti and macaroni are kinds of pasta.
- c. Pasta is my favorite food.
- d. Pasta comes from Italy.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 16

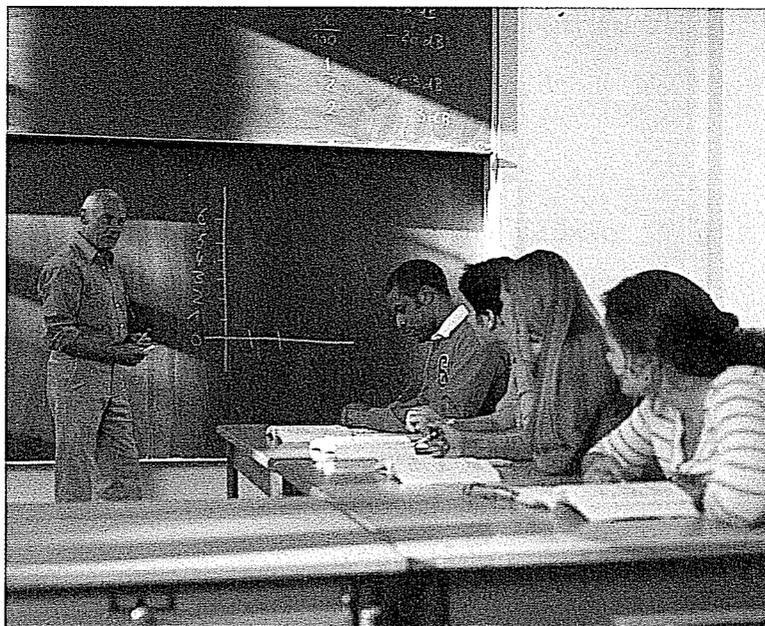
Good Teachers

_____ First of all, good teachers are **patient**. They never **rush** their students. Good teachers explain things without getting **bored**. In addition, they are organized. They plan what happens in every class. Good teachers are also **encouraging**. They help students understand the subject. Finally, good teachers are **fair**. They treat all students the same. These are some of the most important qualities of good teachers.

patient: calm; untiring
rush: to go very quickly
bored: not interested

encouraging: helpful; comforting
fair: equal; impartial

- a. All good teachers are patient.
- b. Good teachers have special qualities.
- c. I like my teachers.
- d. Some teachers are good, but some teachers are not so good.



A Radio Station for Everyone

_____ Radio Station 97.5 FM plays Spanish music. For people who like rock music, there is Station 98.1. The music on Radio Station 101.5 is all jazz. Station 103.6 plays blues music during the day and jazz at night. Station 103.9 plays many different kinds of music. Young people listen to Station 105.7 for dance music. Our city is certainly lucky to have so many kinds of music stations.

- a. This city offers radio stations for everyone.
- b. This city does not have many Spanish music stations.
- c. I do not like rock music very much.
- d. I like jazz a lot.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Subject Pronouns

A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun. A **subject pronoun** comes before the verb, just like any subject usually does. In English, there are seven subject pronouns.

Singular	Plural
I	we
you	you
he/she/it	they

Examples with sentences:

Singular	Plural
I live in Panama.	We live in Panama.
You are from Africa.	You are from Africa.
He works in a factory.	They work in a factory.

ACTIVITY 8 Subject Pronouns

Read the following paragraph. Replace the nouns in parentheses with a subject pronoun. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 18

Two Doctors

Rosemarie Bertrand and Michael Scott are interesting people. Rosemarie is a doctor in Scotland. (1. Rosemarie Bertrand) She is married to Michael. (2. Michael Scott) _____ is also a doctor. (3. Rosemarie and Michael) _____ live in Edinburgh. (4. Edinburgh) _____ is a historic city. Dr. Bertrand and Dr. Scott have an office together downtown. (5. The office) _____ is busy every day. (6. Rosemarie and Michael) _____ work hard five days a week. On weekends, however, (7. Rosemarie and Michael) _____ like to travel to the countryside. (8. The countryside) _____ is a beautiful and relaxing escape from all their hard work.



For more practice with subject pronouns, try Unit 2, Activity 5 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting



Writer's Note

Writing about People: Proper Nouns and Subject Pronouns

When you write about a person, you use that person's name. The name is called a **proper noun**. (For more information about proper nouns, see page 7.) Study these examples:

George Woods teaches at Briar Elementary School. He teaches math and science there.
NOUN PRONOUN

Alisa lives in the city. She likes the noise and the crowds.
NOUN PRONOUN

It is correct to use a person's name when you write one or two sentences, but in a paragraph or in conversation, good writers and speakers do not use the person's name many times. Instead, they use a subject pronoun (*I, you, he, she, it, we, or they*).

REMEMBER: Do not repeat the proper noun many times. Replace it with a pronoun.

Working with the Body of the Paragraph

Earlier in this unit, you practiced topic sentences. Every topic sentence must have supporting sentences—these sentences make up the body of the paragraph. This body of supporting sentences is directly related to the topic sentence. Supporting sentences give information about the topic sentence. Therefore, the supporting sentences are just as important as the topic sentence.

One mistake that many writers make is writing sentences that are not related to the topic sentence. Plan what your supporting information will be so that it is related to the topic sentence.



Writer's Note

Supporting Sentences: The Body of a Paragraph

You have learned that a paragraph has three main parts: the topic sentence, the body, and the concluding sentence. Remember, the body consists of sentences that give supporting information and ideas about the topic sentence. Therefore, it is important for *every* sentence to be related to the topic sentence.

Make sure that each sentence provides **support**, **details**, or **examples** for the ideas in the topic sentence. Cut out any unrelated or unconnected ideas!

ACTIVITY 9 The Body of the Paragraph

Read each paragraph carefully. Underline the topic sentence. In each paragraph, one supporting sentence does not belong because it is not directly connected to the topic sentence. It does not fit the ideas in the paragraph. Put parentheses () around the one sentence that does not belong.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 19

Keeping Score in American Football

Keeping score in American football is more difficult than keeping score in soccer. In soccer, each goal is **worth** one point. For example, if a team scores five goals in a game, then the team's score is five points. In American football, the scoring system is different. When a player carries the ball across the end zone, he scores a touchdown. A touchdown is worth six points. When a player kicks the football between the goal posts, that team gets one point or three points. Another sport that has easy scoring is basketball.

keeping score: maintaining a count of the total points in a game

worth: equal to; valued at

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 20

Making Chili

Chili is an easy dish to prepare. Fried chicken is also easy to prepare. To make chili, cut up two large onions. Then fry them in a little vegetable oil. You can add fresh garlic and some **diced** chili peppers. When the onions are soft, add two pounds of **ground** beef. **Stir** the onions and beef until they are **fully** cooked. Sprinkle one tablespoon of red chili powder on top. Next, add four cups of diced tomatoes, two cups of water, and one can of red beans. Finally, add salt and pepper. Cover the saucepan and cook over low heat for about one hour. If you follow this simple **recipe**, you will have a delicious **meal**!

chili: a thick stew made with meat, beans, and tomatoes
diced: cut into little squares
ground: broken into small pieces
stir: to mix

fully: completely; entirely
a recipe: directions for cooking food
a meal: breakfast, lunch, or dinner



Celsius and Fahrenheit Temperatures

Changing temperatures from Celsius to Fahrenheit is not difficult. First, **multiply** the Celsius temperature by 9. Then **divide** this answer by 5. When you finish, add 32 **degrees** to your answer. The result is the temperature in Fahrenheit. Many countries report temperatures in Celsius, but the United States uses Fahrenheit. For example, if the Celsius temperature is 20, you multiply 20 by 9. Then you divide the answer, 180, by 5. The result is 36. Next, add 32, and you have the correct Fahrenheit temperature. Now you know how to change a temperature from Celsius to Fahrenheit.

multiply: $2 \times 2 = 4$

divide: $15 \div 3 = 5$

degrees: units of measurement for temperature: $98^\circ = 98$ degrees

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Possessive Adjectives

When you want to talk about something that belongs to someone or something, you use a **possessive adjective**. A possessive adjective shows possession. It answers questions related to ownership such as *Whose house? Whose books? and Whose television?*

In English, there are seven possessive adjectives: *my, your, his, her, its, our, and their*. A possessive adjective always occurs with a noun.

my	I live in <u>my</u> father's house.
your	Do you have <u>your</u> books?
his	He lives with <u>his</u> father.
her	She does not carry money in <u>her</u> purse.
its	A butterfly moves <u>its</u> wings quickly.
our	We write all <u>our</u> papers on a computer.
their	They can bring <u>their</u> CDs.

(NOTE: See the Brief Writer's Handbook, page 224, for more information about possessive adjectives.)

ACTIVITY 10 Possessive Adjectives

Read the following paragraph. Write the missing possessive adjectives. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 22**Caroline and Her Sisters**

Caroline has two sisters and one brother. (1.) Their names are Ashley, Margaret, and Nick. Ashley and Margaret live with (2.) _____ parents. They are high school students. Ashley likes to play sports. (3.) _____ favorite sport is softball. She is a very good player. Margaret does not like sports, but she loves music. She plays (4.) _____ guitar every afternoon after school. Ashley and Margaret have the same friends. (5.) _____ friends go to the same school. (6.) _____ brother, Nick, is in college. (7.) _____ major is business administration. Caroline's brother and sisters are all very different, but she loves (8.) _____ **siblings** very much.

a **sibling**: a brother or a sister

ACTIVITY 11 Subject Pronouns and Possessive Adjectives

This paragraph contains many subject pronouns and possessive adjectives. Underline the correct forms in parentheses (). The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 23**(I, My) Grandmother**

A very important person in (1. I, my) life is (2. I, my) grandmother. (3. She, Her) name is Evelyn Anna Kratz. (4. She, Her) life is very interesting. (5. She, Her) is 89 years old. (6. She, Her) comes from Poland. (7. She, Her) can speak English well, but (8. she, her) first language is Polish. My grandmother comes from a large family. (9. She, Her) has two brothers. (10. They, Their) names are Peter and John. (11. I, My) grandmother has two sisters, too. (12. They, Their) names are Karina and Maria. (13. I, My) like to listen to (14. my, her) grandmother's stories because (15. they, their) are so interesting. In (16. I, my) opinion, they are the most interesting stories in the world.



For more practice with subject pronouns and possessive adjectives, try Unit 2, Activity 6 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 12 More Practice with the Body of the Paragraph

Read the topic sentence and body of each paragraph carefully. In each paragraph, there are two sentences that do not belong. Put parentheses () around these two sentences.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 24

The New States

Four U.S. states begin with the word *new*. New Hampshire, New Jersey, and New York are in the Northeast, but New Mexico is in the Southwest. Arizona is also in the Southwest. New Hampshire is a small state with about one million people. New Jersey is also a small state, but its population is about eight million people. The most **well-known** of the *new* states is New York. The population of New York is about twenty million. New Mexico is the largest of these four states, but its population is small. There are no states that begin with the word *old*. Although all these states begin with *new*, they are all very different.

well-known: popular, familiar, famous

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 25

An Incredible Neighbor

My neighbor Mrs. Wills is an **amazing** person. She is 96 years old. My grandmother lived to be 87. Mrs. Wills lives alone, and she takes care of herself. In the morning, she works in her beautiful garden. She also does all of her own cooking. She does not like to cook rice. She cleans her own house. She even puts her heavy garbage can by the street for trash collection. She pulls the can slowly to the **curb**, and she goes up and down the steps to her door by herself. I hope to have that much energy and ability when I am 96 years old.

amazing: remarkable; wonderful; incredible

the curb: the side of the street

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 26

My Office

My office is a comfortable place to work. On the left side of the room, there is a big **wooden** desk. My computer sits on top of the desk, and the printer sits under the desk. I keep paper **files** in the drawers. On the right side of the room, there are two beautiful bookcases. My father makes bookcases and other wood furniture. These bookcases are full of books, magazines, and computer software. There is also a telephone and a fax machine in my office. I have trouble remembering my fax number. There is a closet next to the fax machine. All my office supplies are there. I enjoy my office very much.

wooden: made of wood

files: documents; papers



Writer's Note

Checking for the Verb

Do you sometimes forget to include the verb in a sentence? Many writers make this mistake. This is the rule: Every sentence needs a verb.

Incorrect: My father's name Samuel.

Correct: My father's name **is** Samuel.

Incorrect: Many people in Switzerland French.

Correct: Many people in Switzerland **speak** French.

Incorrect: Some elementary schools computers for the students.

Correct: Some elementary schools **have** computers for the students.

When you check your writing, look at each sentence carefully. Is there a verb? Remember that every sentence needs a verb.

ACTIVITY 13 Editing: Checking for Verbs

Read the following sentences. Five sentences are missing the verb *be*. Find these five sentences and then add the correct form of the *be* verb. The first one is done for you. Now put the sentences in order to form a proper paragraph. Write their number order on the line to the left of each sentence. The first one is done for you.

Staying Healthy

- _____ a. Doctors say that one hour of **moderate** exercise each day can keep you in good shape.
- _____ b. First, think about the food you eat.
- 1 c. It ^{is} easy to stay healthy if you **follow** some simple **steps**.
- _____ d. Take time to **appreciate** the good things in life.
- _____ e. You can follow these steps to help yourself stay healthy.
- _____ f. The best **types** of food fruits and vegetables.
- _____ g. In addition, exercise good for the body and the mind.
- _____ h. Finally, relaxation very important.
- _____ i. It important to eat a lot of them every day.
- _____ j. Next, **consider** some exercise.



moderate: an average amount
follow: to obey, do

steps: directions
appreciate: to enjoy

a type: a kind
consider: to think about



For more practice with checking for the verb, try Unit 2, Activity 7 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

Working with Concluding Sentences

You learned about topic sentences and supporting sentences. All good paragraphs have a topic sentence. The topic sentence is usually (but not always) the first sentence in a paragraph. The body of a paragraph contains several supporting sentences. These sentences must relate to the topic sentence.

A paragraph may end with another part called the concluding sentence. The concluding sentence often gives a summary of the information in the paragraph. In many cases, the information in the topic sentence is similar to the information in the concluding sentence. However, it could also be a suggestion, opinion, or prediction.

Look at the topic sentences and concluding sentences from these paragraphs in this unit.

	Paragraph 7, Page 39	Paragraph 8, Page 40	Paragraph 9, Page 41
Topic Sentence	I have a dream to visit Alaska.	It is obvious that my favorite color is blue.	I work in one of the world's tallest buildings—Taipei 101.
Concluding Sentence	I hope to visit this wonderful state soon.	Other colors are nice, but I like blue the best.	I am proud to work in such an important place.

ACTIVITY 14 Concluding Sentences

Copy the topic sentence and the concluding sentence from each paragraph indicated. How are the two sentences the same? How are they different? Discuss your answers with a partner.

1. Example Paragraph 12, page 45

Topic sentence: _____

Concluding sentence: _____

2. Example Paragraph 13, page 46

Topic sentence: _____

Concluding sentence: _____

3. Example Paragraph 14, page 46

Topic sentence: _____

Concluding sentence: _____

4. Example Paragraph 15, page 47

Topic sentence: _____

Concluding sentence: _____

5. Example Paragraph 16, page 48

Topic sentence: _____

Concluding sentence: _____

6. Example Paragraph 17, page 49

Topic sentence: _____

Concluding sentence: _____

ACTIVITY 15 Choosing Concluding Sentences

Read each paragraph. Then read the concluding sentences below it. Circle the letter of the best concluding sentence.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 27

Monday

I hate Monday for many reasons. One reason is work. I get up early to go to work on Monday. After a weekend of fun and relaxation, I do not like to go to work. Another reason that I do not like Monday is that I have three meetings every Monday. These meetings last a long time, and they are **extremely** boring. Traffic is also a big problem on Monday. There are more cars on the road on Monday. Drivers are in a bad **mood**, and I must be more careful than usual.

extremely: very

mood: disposition; humor

- Monday is worse than Tuesday, but it is better than Sunday.
- I do not like meetings on Monday.
- These are just a few reasons why I do not like Monday.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 28

Good Luck, Bad Luck

Superstitions usually relate to luck. Some of the luck is good. For example, some people believe that the number seven is lucky. Other people think that if you see a shooting star, you can make a wish and it will come true. However, most superstitions talk about bad luck. **For instance**, many people believe that it is bad luck to open an umbrella inside a house. They also think that it is bad luck if a black cat walks in front of you. Other people think that if your left ear is burning, someone is saying something bad about you.

for instance: for example

- People believe exactly the same superstitions.
- It is amazing how many good and bad superstitions there are!
- The worst superstition is about breaking a mirror.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 29

Buying a Car

Buying a car **requires** careful planning. Do you want a new or a used car? This depends on how much money you can spend. Sometimes a used car needs repairs. What style of car do you want? You can look at many different models to help you decide. Next, do you want extra **features** in your new car? Adding lots of extra features makes a car more expensive. Finally, you have to decide where you will buy your car.

require: to need

features: options, such as air-conditioning or tinted windows

- a. It is important to think about all these things when you are buying a car.
- b. The most important thing is the kind of car that you want to buy.
- c. Will you buy your new car from a friend or a car dealer?

ACTIVITY 16 Editing: Grammar and Sentence Review

Read this paragraph. There are seven mistakes: three mistakes with adjectives, two missing be verbs, and two capitalization mistakes. Find and correct the mistakes.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 30

Aspirin

aspirin is an incredible type of medicine. This small white pill is not a drug new. We do not know exactly why or how it works. However, millions of people use aspirin every day. we take aspirin for reasons many. Aspirin good for headaches, colds, and pain. Aspirin can help with so many different health problems. Aspirin is a medicine simple, but it great.



Building Better Sentences

Correct and varied sentence structure is essential to the quality of your writing. For further practice with the sentences and paragraphs in this unit, go to Practice 2 on page 234 in Appendix 1.



Building Better Vocabulary

ACTIVITY 17 Word Associations

Circle the word or phrase that is most closely related to the word or phrase on the left. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

- | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. an opinion | a fact | a belief |
| 2. a headache | pain | relaxation |
| 3. to consider | to talk to | to think about |
| 4. to spend | money goes out | money comes in |
| 5. to wear | a hat | a tire |
| 6. furniture | sofa | rug |
| 7. to come from | origin | destination |
| 8. afternoon | daylight | darkness |
| 9. to serve | to give | to take |
| 10. traffic | vehicles | pedestrians |
| 11. downtown | city center | suburb |
| 12. to prepare | food | a headache |
| 13. to organize | to make neat | to make messy |
| 14. a variety | many choices | few choices |

ACTIVITY 18 Using Collocations

Fill in each blank with the word on the left that most naturally completes the phrase on the right. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

1. idea / ideal _____ job
2. of / for a variety _____ ideas

3. do / follow _____ a recipe
4. to / for to prepare _____ an emergency
5. take / ride _____ a taxi
6. be / get _____ worth
7. in / on to major _____ engineering
8. in / on to be _____ the third floor
9. eat / take _____ an aspirin
10. high / tall _____ temperature

ACTIVITY 19 Parts of Speech

Study the following word forms. For the sentences on the right, choose the best word and write it in the blank space. Be sure to use the correct form of the verb. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know. (NOTE: The word in bold is the original word that appears in the unit.)

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Sentence Practice
dream	dream	Ø	1. She _____ about becoming a famous singer.
love	love	lovely	2. My _____ is to travel to India.
problem	Ø	problematic	3. Your dress is _____.
enjoyment	enjoy	enjoyable	4. Mario and Yumiko _____ hip-hop music.
patience	Ø	patient	5. There is a _____ with my car's air-conditioning.
			6. The economic situation is _____.
			7. The live music is here for everyone's _____.
			8. We always have an _____ time on vacation.
			9. Good teachers have a lot of _____.
			10. My mother is a very _____ woman.

Noun endings: -ment, -ence

Adjective endings: -ly, -atic, -able

Original Student Writing

ACTIVITY 20 Original Writing Practice

Answer the following questions and write eight to ten sentences about travel. Put a check (✓) next to each question as you answer it. Use at least three of the vocabulary words or phrases presented in Activity 17, Activity 18, and Activity 19 in your sentences. Underline these words and phrases in your paragraph. Copy your sentences into a paragraph below. Then use the checklist that follows to edit your work.

Topic: Travel

1. What city do you want to visit? _____
2. What kind of transportation do you need to get to this city? _____
3. What are some reasons to go there? Think of at least three reasons. (Use adjectives in your descriptions.)
- a. Reason 1: _____
- b. Reason 2: _____
- c. Reason 3: _____
4. List two or three special activities that you can do in this city.
- a. Activity 1: _____
- b. Activity 2: _____
- c. Activity 3 (optional): _____
5. How long do you want to stay in this city? _____
6. Are you looking forward to visiting this city? (Answer in a complete sentence.) _____
- _____
- _____

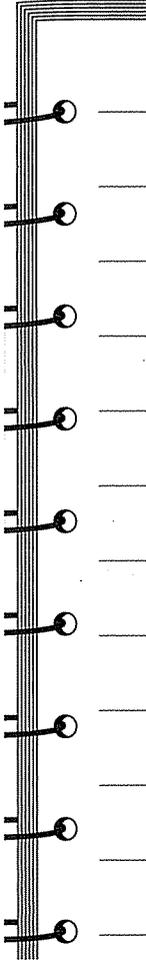


Checklist

1. Use adjectives to describe this city.
2. Indent the first line of your paragraph.
3. Check the first sentence (topic sentence) and the last sentence (concluding sentence).
Are they similar in meaning?
4. Check each sentence in your paragraph. Is every sentence related to your topic?

Additional Topics for Writing

Here are ten ideas for journal writing. Choose one or more of them to write about. Follow your teacher's directions. (We recommend that you skip a line after each line that you write. This gives your teacher a place to write comments.)

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- TOPIC 1:** Write about New York City. What do you know about it? Do you want to visit this city? Why or why not?
- TOPIC 2:** Write about swimming or another sport. Do you like to practice this sport? How often? Why do you enjoy this sport?
- TOPIC 3:** Write about your favorite kind of music. Why do you like this music? How do you feel when you listen to this music?
- TOPIC 4:** Write about how to use an object such as a cell phone. Explain the steps involved in using this object.
- TOPIC 5:** Write about credit cards. What is your opinion about them? Are they helpful or dangerous? Do you use them?
- TOPIC 6:** Write about a good weekend plan. What do you like to do on weekends? Who do you spend your weekends with?
- TOPIC 7:** Choose a person in your class to write about. Explain how the person looks and what his or her personality is like.
- TOPIC 8:** Write about a famous person you like. Who is this person? What is this person's job? Why do you like this person?
- TOPIC 9:** Write about something that you do not like. Give three reasons why you do not like this thing.
- TOPIC 10:** Write about your favorite subject in school. Why do you like this subject? What kinds of things do you practice in this subject?

More Writing

For extra writing practice, see the activities in Unit 8 and Appendix 2.

Writing about the Present

Unit 3

GOAL: To learn how to write sentences in the simple present tense

***Grammar and Sentence Structure:** Simple present tense; object pronouns; *a* and *an*

***Sentence Development:** Simple and compound sentences

Begin with the Simple Present Tense

When you write about daily habits and activities or things that are generally true, use the **simple present tense**.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Simple Present Tense: Statements and Questions

In English, the simple present tense can be divided into two categories: regular verbs and the verbs *be* and *have*. Do you know the following verb forms?

Simple Present Tense Verb Forms: Statements		
Verb <i>be</i>	I am you are he / she / it is	we are you (plural) are they are
Verb <i>have</i>	I have you have he / she / it has	we have you (plural) have they have
Verb <i>live</i> (regular)	I live you live he / she / it lives	we live you (plural) live they live
Verb <i>go</i> (regular)	I go you go he / she / it goes	we go you (plural) go they go

Simple Present Tense Verb Forms: Questions		
Verb <i>be</i>	Am I ... ? Are you ... ? Is he / she / it ... ?	Are we ... ? Are you (plural) ... ? Are they ... ?
Verb <i>have</i>	Do I have ... ? Do you have ... ? Does he / she / it have ... ?	Do we have ... ? Do you (plural) have ... ? Do they have ... ?
Verb <i>live</i>	Do I live ... ? Do you live ... ? Does he / she / it live ... ?	Do we live ... ? Do you (plural) live ... ? Do they live ... ?
Verb <i>go</i>	Do I go ... ? Do you go ... ? Does he / she / it go ... ?	Do we go ... ? Do you (plural) go ... ? Do they go ... ?

NOTE: All verbs except *be* must add *do* or *does* to make a question.

In this unit, you will practice writing sentences and paragraphs in the simple present tense.

ACTIVITY 1 Simple Present Tense Forms

Read each sentence. Write the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 32

Uncle Charlie

My Uncle Charlie (1. be) _____ a wonderful man. He (2. be) _____ an **entrepreneur**. He began his restaurant business ten years ago. Now he enjoys great success. In his restaurant, he (3. have) _____ ten waiters, two managers, and three chefs. Uncle Charlie (4. work) _____ very hard in his restaurant. Sometimes he is there seven days a week. He and his wife Valerie always (5. go) _____ to the restaurant at night to make sure that the customers are happy. I (6. love) _____ Uncle Charlie and Aunt Valerie, and I really appreciate all their hard work. (7. you / know) _____ somebody like my uncle?

entrepreneur: a person who owns his/her own business

ACTIVITY 2 The Verb Be in the Simple Present Tense

Read this paragraph from Giacomo to his new classmate. Fill in the missing be verbs.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 33

My Classmates

My classmates come from all over the world. José (1.) _____ from Spain, so he speaks Spanish perfectly. Kuniko and Yasuhiro (2.) _____ Japanese, but they do not sit next to each other in class. Yuri (3.) _____ from Ukraine, and he plays soccer very well. The Al-Ahmad brothers (4.) _____ from Dubai, and they (5.) _____ both very nice. What about me? I (6.) _____ from Italy, and I love to sing in class. We (7.) _____ all very good friends, and I hope we can be friends forever. Where (8.) _____ you from?



For more practice with the simple present tense of *be* and *have*, try Unit 3, Activity 1 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 3 Paragraph Order

Read the following sentences. Number them in the correct paragraph order. The first two sentences have been done for you.

Jim's Daily Routine

- _____ a. After this part-time job, he goes home, eats a quick dinner, studies, and does his homework.
- 2 b. He studies engineering at City College.
- _____ c. He goes to school for six hours.
- _____ d. Jim knows that this lifestyle is stressful.
- 1 e. Jim is a very busy student.
- _____ f. Every day, he wakes up at 7:00 in the morning, takes a shower, and then rushes off to school.
- _____ g. He also knows that the stress will end soon, and he will get a professional job.
- _____ h. After school, he goes to the local mall where he works in a sporting goods store.



Writer's Note

Using Contractions

A **contraction** is a short version of two words combined, such as a pronoun and a verb (*I'm = I am*). The apostrophe (') shows where a letter has been left out. Here are some common contractions with *be*:

I am = I'm

we are = we're

you are = you're

you (plural) are = you're

he is = he's / she is = she's / it is = it's

they are = they're

Some instructors believe contractions are too informal for academic writing. Be sure to ask your instructor if using contractions is acceptable.



For practice with contractions, try Unit 3, Activity 3 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 5 Writing a Paragraph from Pictures

Study the pictures on the next page. They tell a story. Then read the incomplete paragraph. Fill in the blanks based on the pictures. Write the full sentence for the last two sentences. (NOTE: The numbers in the paragraph correspond to the pictures.)

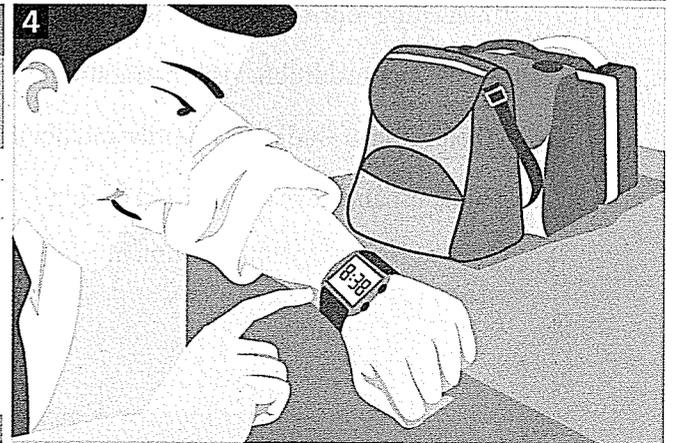
EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 35

One Family's Morning Routine

The Lee family is very busy on weekday mornings. (1.) Every morning, Susan Lee, the oldest daughter, wakes up and _____ for her parents and **siblings**. She loves to cook! (2.) When breakfast is ready, the rest of the family _____. The kids eat breakfast quickly. (3.) After they eat, Susan's father and mother _____. (4.) At 8:30 A.M., Mr. Lee _____. (5.) Then he and the kids _____ to Mrs. Lee. (6.) Mr. Lee and the kids _____ the **minivan** so that he can take them to school. (7.) _____. (8.) A few minutes later, _____.

a **sibling**: a brother or sister

a **minivan**: a large family car, usually with sliding doors



ACTIVITY 6 Editing: Subjects and Verbs

Read the following paragraph. There are 7 errors. Most of the sentences are missing either the subject or the verb. Write the corrections above the errors. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 36

The City of Budapest

Budapest^{is} one of the most interesting capitals of Europe. Is a romantic city, and it has many interesting tourist places to visit. One example the Danube River. It separates Budapest into Buda and Pest. In addition, visitors traditional Hungarian food. The most popular food goulash soup. The people of Budapest friendly and helpful to tourists. When travel to Europe, you can visit Budapest and have a very good time.



Writer's Note

Review: *There Is / There Are*

- The expressions *there is* and *there are* come at the beginning of a sentence to show that something exists in a certain place.
- Follow *there is* with a singular noun.
- Follow *there are* with a plural noun.
- You must use the word *there* in this kind of sentence.
- Writers often use *there is* and *there are* with a place phrase.

Look at the following examples.

Incorrect: There is ten people in my office.

Correct: There are ten people in my office.

Incorrect: Is a desk in the room.

Correct: There is a desk in the room.

Incorrect: Are apples on the table.

Correct: There are apples on the table.

Incorrect: A concert at the university tomorrow.

Correct: There is a concert at the university tomorrow.

(NOTE: For an introduction to *there is* and *there are*, see page 21 in Unit 1.)

ACTIVITY 7 Practicing *There Is / There Are*

Read this paragraph about a classroom. Study the four examples of *there is* and *there are* in the paragraph and answer the questions.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 37

A Description of My Classroom

My classroom is a very colorful room. (1.) *There are* twenty desks in the room. Each desk has a dark brown seat and a shiny white top. On the left side of the room, (2.) *there is* a world map. This map shows all the different countries in the world, and each country is a different color. On the right side of the room, (3.) *there are* two posters. The first poster is green. It has a list of fifty common verbs. The second poster has the names and pictures of fruits and vegetables. It is white, but the writing is black. Finally, (4.) *there are* some pictures of wild animals above the blackboard. These objects make my classroom colorful.

- a. Is (1.) singular or plural? _____ Why? _____
- b. Is (2.) singular or plural? _____ Why? _____
- c. Is (3.) singular or plural? _____ Why? _____
- d. Is (4.) singular or plural? _____ Why? _____
- e. Is there a map in the room? _____ Where? _____
- f. Is there a calendar in the room? _____ Where? _____
- g. Is there a cat in the room? _____ Where? _____
- h. Are there animal pictures in the room? _____ Where? _____

ACTIVITY 8 Using *There Is / There Are*

Look at the picture of the living room. On the lines, write ten sentences about the objects in the picture. Use *there is* and *there are*.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

ACTIVITY 9 Finding the Errors

Read this paragraph about the English alphabet. Find the 4 mistakes. Circle the mistakes and correct them. On the lines below, explain your corrections.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 38

The English Alphabet

There have twenty-six letters in the English alphabet. There is five vowel letters and twenty-one consonant letters. The five vowels are *a, e, i, o,* and *u*. The letters *w* and *y* is sometimes vowels, especially when they come after other vowels. Three letters have the *a* sound in them. These letters is *a, j,* and *k*. Nine letters have the *e* sound in them. These are *b, c, d, e, g, p, t, v,* and *z*. If you want to speak English well, you have to learn the twenty-six letters of the English alphabet.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

ACTIVITY 10 Editing: Capitalization Review

You studied capitalization in Unit 1. Read the following paragraph about the TOEFL exam. There are 10 errors in capitalization. Can you find them all? Circle the capitalization errors and write the corrections above the circled words. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 39

The TOEFL

Do you know about the TOEFL®? It is the Test of English as a Foreign Language. Most international students who want to study at a university in the ^U@nited states take this test. it measures english language ability. The test comes from Educational Testing Service in new jersey. It is a very long test. the TOEFL tests several subject areas, including reading, listening, speaking, and writing. if you want to study in the united states, it is important to prepare for this test and get a high score.

Negatives and the Simple Present Tense

Good writers can use the negative form of the simple present tense. This section gives you practice with negatives.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Simple Present Tense Verb Forms: Negatives

Verb <i>be</i>	I am <u>not</u>	we are <u>not</u>
	you are <u>not</u>	you (plural) are <u>not</u>
	he / she / it is <u>not</u>	they are <u>not</u>

NOTE: Some contractions are possible with the verb *be* in negative forms.

is not = isn't	are not = aren't	
For example:	there is not = there isn't	there are not = there aren't

Verb <i>have</i>	I <u>do not</u> have	we <u>do not</u> have
	you <u>do not</u> have	you (plural) <u>do not</u> have
	he / she / it <u>does not</u> have	they <u>do not</u> have

Verb <i>live</i>	I <u>do not</u> live	we <u>do not</u> live
	you <u>do not</u> live	you (plural) <u>do not</u> live
	he / she / it <u>does not</u> live	they <u>do not</u> live

Verb <i>go</i>	I <u>do not</u> go	we <u>do not</u> go
	you <u>do not</u> go	you (plural) <u>do not</u> go
	he / she / it <u>does not</u> go	they <u>do not</u> go

NOTE: Contractions are possible with negative forms of regular verbs.

do not go = don't go	does not go = doesn't go
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ACTIVITY 11 Affirmative and Negative Verb Forms

Read the sentences. Change the verb from the positive to the negative. Also write the contraction form. The first one has been done for you.

1. I have a car.

I do not (don't) have a car.

2. San Juan is in Puerto Rico.

3. The capital of Japan is Osaka.

4. Ghaida goes to the library every day.

5. There is a Thai restaurant on Green Street.

6. Irene and Julie are roommates.

7. Charlie works at a gas station.

8. There are answers in the back of the book.

9. The teacher wants a new computer.

10. Aida bakes cookies every Saturday.



For more practice with negative simple present tense verbs, try Unit 3, Activity 4 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

Sentences with Object Pronouns

In Unit 2, you studied subject pronouns. Object pronouns have different forms that you need to learn.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Object Pronouns

You learned that a pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun.

After Verbs

An **object pronoun** usually comes after a verb. In English, there are seven object pronouns.

Singular	Plural
me	us
you	you
him / her / it	them

Examples

Singular

Mona likes me.

Do I know you?

Karen doesn't understand him.

Plural

Mona likes us.

Do I know you?

Karen doesn't understand them.

After Prepositions

An object pronoun can also come after a preposition. A **preposition** is a word that shows location, time, or direction. Some common prepositions are *to*, *with*, and *at*. Other prepositions include *on*, *in*, *for*, *by*, *near*, *under*, and *from*.

Examples

Singular

Assad walks **with** me.

Can I give the message **to** you?

Jane listens **to** him.

Plural

Assad walks **with** us.

Can I give the message **to** you?

Jane listens **to** them.

ACTIVITY 12 Object Pronouns

Read the following paragraph. Replace the nouns in parentheses with an object pronoun. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 40

My Best Friend

My best friend is Gretchen. I met (1. Gretchen) her ten years ago. She is from Alabama. She comes from a very large family. She has four brothers and three sisters. She doesn't live with (2. her brothers and sisters) _____. They live in Alabama with their parents. Gretchen studies veterinary medicine at the University of Florida in Gainesville. She loves (3. Gainesville) _____ very much. She also enjoys animals. Gretchen has three pets. She has a cat. She also has a small bird. Gretchen's third pet is a large boa constrictor. She likes (4. her pets) _____ all very much. In her free time, Gretchen plays tennis, reads books, and cooks gourmet meals. I love (5. Gretchen) _____ like a sister. I hope that our friendship will stay with (6. Gretchen and me) _____ for many years.



ACTIVITY 13 Possessive Adjective Review: Interviewing a Classmate

Find out the answers to these questions. Ask your classmate. Then write down the answers. Try to use possessive pronouns. Follow the example.

Example: What is your classmate's name? His name is Yoichi.

1. What is your classmate's name? _____
2. Where is your classmate from? _____
3. How big is your classmate's family? _____
4. Why is your classmate in this class? _____
5. What job does your classmate want to do in the future? _____

ACTIVITY 14 Writing Information in Paragraph Form

Write the information about your classmate (from Activity 13) in the form of a paragraph. If you need some help in organization, review Example Paragraph 40 in Activity 12.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 41

Sentence Types: Simple and Compound

All the sentences you have written in the activities up to now have been simple sentences. As you learned in Unit 1, a simple sentence has a subject and a verb. Good writers often combine two simple sentences into one longer sentence. The longer sentence is called a compound sentence.

Sentence Development

Simple and Compound Sentences

Simple Sentences

A simple sentence usually has one subject and one verb.

Japan imports oil from Saudi Arabia.

However, a simple sentence can have more than one subject and more than one verb in these combinations:

2 subjects + 1 verb: Japan and Germany import oil from Saudi Arabia.

SUBJECTS + VERB

1 subject + 2 verbs: Japan imports oil and exports cars.

SUBJECT + VERBS

2 subjects + 2 verbs: Japan and Germany import oil and export cars.

SUBJECTS + VERBS

Notice that all of these sentences have one basic subject-verb combination, so they are simple sentences.

Compound Sentences

A **compound sentence** is two sentences joined by a connecting word, such as *and*, *but*, or *so*. A compound sentence has two subject-verb combinations.

Japan imports oil, and Saudi Arabia imports vegetables.

SUBJECT #1 + VERB #1 SUBJECT #2 + VERB #2

Sue watched TV, so she did not finish her homework.

SUBJECT #1 + VERB #1 SUBJECT #2 + VERB #2

Reju likes to eat Italian food, but he prefers to eat Mexican food.

SUBJECT #1 + VERB #1 SUBJECT #2 + VERB #2

NOTE: Compound sentences *always* use a comma (,) and a connecting word (*and*, *but*, *so*) to connect two sentences.

See the Brief Writer's Handbook, pages 226–227, for more connecting words.

ACTIVITY 15 Sentence Types

Read each sentence. Write S or C to label it as simple or compound. The first two have been done for you. (HINT: Look for the connectors and, but, or so in compound sentences.)

1. C Japan's flag is red and white, and the Canadian flag is also red and white.
2. S Japan and Canada have the same two colors in their flags.
3. The weather is bad, so the plane cannot take off on time.
4. It is extremely hot in Abu Dhabi during the summer.
5. This map does not include the newly independent countries in Europe or Asia.
6. For less than two hundred dollars, you can buy a round-trip ticket to Boston.
7. The students take a test every Friday, but their scores are not very high.
8. January, March, May, July, August, October, and December have thirty-one days.
9. This recipe requires two cups of flour, two cups of sugar, and one cup of milk.
10. Each ring costs sixty dollars, so five rings cost three hundred dollars.
11. Some people prefer silver rings, but most people prefer gold rings.
12. These silver and gold rings are different in weight and in price.



For more practice with simple versus compound sentences, try Unit 3, Activity 5 and Activity 6 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 16 Simple Sentences to Compound Sentences

Read each pair of simple sentences. Combine them into one sentence with a comma and a connecting word. Use *and*, *but*, or *so*. Write the compound sentence on the line. Some sentences can be connected with more than one connecting word.

1. Mary lives in Turkey. Abdul lives in Kuwait.

2. The weather was cold. I stayed indoors.

3. We go to school every day. We play tennis on weekends.

4. Linus and Kathy are related. They are not brother and sister.

5. The restaurant manager was happy. He gave all the servers a raise.



Writer's Note

Brainstorming *Why* Questions

You use the word *because* to answer a question with *why*. You can put *because* at the beginning or in the middle of a sentence. If you use it at the beginning of a sentence, follow this clause with a comma. *Because* is never used in a simple sentence.

Because Laura felt ill, she went to the doctor.

Laura went to the doctor *because* she felt ill.

Ian ate dinner *because* he was hungry.

(NOTE: See page 156 for more information on *because*.)



Writer's Note

Brainstorming with Questions

When you write a paragraph, sometimes it is difficult to find enough information to include. Good writers often ask questions to help them get ideas about what to write. First, think about your topic. Then imagine someone who does not know much about the topic. What questions might that person ask?

Quickly write down as many questions about the topic as you can think of. Do not worry now whether the questions sound good. Your purpose is just to make a list of questions. Later you can go back and read the questions. Then you can decide which questions are good ideas to write about.

Example:

Topic: A popular sport

Possible questions:

1. What is a popular sport?
2. Why is it popular?
3. How many people are needed to play this sport?
4. Is the sport difficult to learn?
5. Where (in which countries) is the sport popular?
6. Is this sport popular on television?
7. How much training does someone need to be good at this sport?
8. How old is this sport?
9. Do you need a lot of equipment to play this sport?
10. Is there a worldwide competition in this sport?

Can you think of other questions?

11. _____
12. _____

ACTIVITY 17 Questions and a Paragraph about Soccer

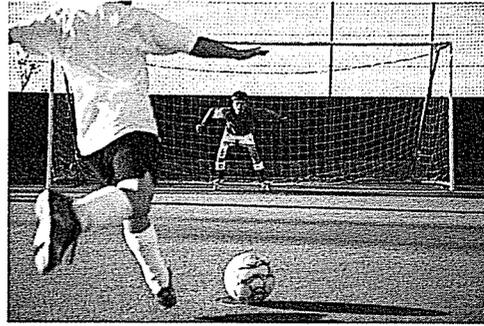
The following paragraph about soccer answers some of the questions from the *Writer's Note: Brainstorming with Questions*. Review the soccer questions and read the paragraph. On the lines below, write the questions that the writer used to create the paragraph.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 42

A Popular Sport

The sport of soccer is the most popular athletic activity in the world. Many people believe that this game comes from England, but others believe that it comes from the Etruscans (a group of people who lived in what is now known as Tuscany in Italy).

Soccer is an international phenomenon. People all over the world play and follow this sport. Soccer is popular because it is cheap and fun. It does not require special equipment. It is also fun to watch on television. Every four years, the world enjoys watching the World Cup soccer championship. This time is probably the most exciting time for soccer teams and their fans.



Refer to page 84 for the list of questions:

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Using *A* and *An* with Count Nouns

A **count noun** is a noun that you can count. A count noun has a singular form and a plural form. A non-count noun has only one form.

If you have a singular count noun, use *a* or *an* in front of that noun when it is general (not specific). Use *a* in front of a singular count noun that begins with a consonant sound. Use *an* in front of a singular count noun that begins with a vowel sound.

Forgetting to put *a* or *an* in front of a count noun is a grammatical error. (You will learn more about indefinite articles in Unit 6, pages 151–153.)

NON-COUNT NOUNS	COUNT NOUNS	
	Singular	Plural
money	a dollar	twenty dollars
ice	an ice cube	ice cubes
information	a number	numbers
clothing	a blue shirt	blue shirts
vocabulary	a word	fifteen words
bread	a slice of bread	slices of bread
honesty	an honest person	honest people
homework	an assignment	three assignments

ACTIVITY 18 Count and Non-count Nouns

Look at the words listed below. On the line to the left, write C if the noun is count and NC if the noun is non-count. Then circle all the nouns that can be used in this blank: This is _____. The first two have been done for you.

1. C a cat cats a cats cat
2. NC a ice an ice ice ices
3. _____ moneys a money money a moneys
4. _____ bread breads a breads a bread

- | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 5. _____ | an eraser | a eraser | erasers | an erasers |
| 6. _____ | homeworks | a homework | a homeworks | homework |
| 7. _____ | an unit | units | a unit | an units |
| 8. _____ | a country | country | an country | a countries |
| 9. _____ | information | informations | an information | a information |
| 10. _____ | happiness | a happiness | happinesses | an happiness |
| 11. _____ | word | a word | words | a words |
| 12. _____ | an present | a presents | presents | a present |
| 13. _____ | a answer | answers | an answers | an answer |
| 14. _____ | politician | politicians | a politician | a politicians |

ACTIVITY 19 Editing: Grammar and Sentence Review

Read this paragraph. There are 10 errors: 2 errors with verbs, 1 punctuation error, 2 capitalization errors, 2 adjective errors, 2 possessive adjective errors, and 1 subject pronoun error. Find and correct the errors. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 43

Not an Average Teenager

wants

Steven Mills is not a typical teenager. Steven is a gymnast, and he ~~want~~ to compete in the olympics. He wakes up at five o'clock in the morning every day, because he has to practice before school. First, he has a breakfast healthy. Then she jogs to National Gymnasium on Cypress street. He practices gymnastics for two hours. Then he gets ready for school. Steven goes to school from eight-thirty in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon. After school, he returns to the gymnasium for classes special with him coach. When practice finish at six o'clock, Steven returns home. He eats dinner, does his homework, and talks with their family. Steven is in bed by ten o'clock so that he will be ready for work the next day.



Building Better Sentences

Correct and varied sentence structure is essential to the quality of your writing. For further practice with the sentences and paragraphs in this unit, go to Practice 3 on pages 234–235 in Appendix 1.



Building Better Vocabulary

ACTIVITY 20 Word Associations

Circle the word or phrase that is most closely related to the word or phrase on the left. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

- | | | |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. free | cheap | no cost |
| 2. entrepreneur | to be the boss | to have a boss |
| 3. part-time | to work thirty hours | to work forty hours |
| 4. engineering | bridges | orchestras |
| 5. typical | rare | normal |
| 6. sibling | uncle | brother |
| 7. forever | no end | an end |
| 8. waiter | restaurant | office |
| 9. to separate | to divide | to mix |
| 10. professional | shorts and a T-shirt | a nice suit |
| 11. to wake up | to stop sleeping | to go to sleep |
| 12. veterinary | people | animals |
| 13. stressful | a picnic | an earthquake |
| 14. athletic | library | soccer field |
| 15. required | must have | optional |

ACTIVITY 21 Using Collocations

Fill in each blank with the word on the left that most naturally completes the phrase on the right. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. common / friendship | to have a _____ |
| 2. take / make | to _____ a shower in the morning |
| 3. from / with | to be separated _____ your family |
| 4. small / low | get a _____ score on a test |

5. desk / mistake a common _____
6. in / on to compete _____ a game
7. in / on to write _____ the blackboard
8. of / to a map _____ the region
9. ago / after to meet _____ five years
10. in / at to see someone _____ an hour

ACTIVITY 22 Parts of Speech

Study the following word forms. For the sentences on the right, choose the best word and write it in the blank space. Be sure to use the correct form of the verb. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know. (NOTE: The word in bold is the original word that appears in the unit.)

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Sentence Practice
friend/ friendship (A PERSON)/ (A THING)	Ø	friendly	1. My best _____ lives in Mexico. 2. It is important to be _____ to others.
profession/ professional (A THING)/ (A PERSON)	Ø	professional	3. Computer graphics is a popular _____. 4. Her _____ experience is impressive.
separation	separate	separate	5. I _____ my clothes before washing them. 6. Joann and her husband drive _____ cars.
visitor/visit (A PERSON)/ (A THING)	visit	Ø	7. Wake up! There is a _____ waiting to see you. 8. Every Sunday, Maria _____ her sister.
freedom	free	free	9. In college, you have the _____ to choose your major. 10. There is a _____ movie playing tonight.

Noun endings: -ship, -ion, -al, -tion, -or, -dom

Adjective endings: -ly, -al

Original Student Writing

ACTIVITY 23 Original Writing Practice

Take a moment to think about your favorite sport. Next, follow these steps for writing. Put a check (✓) next to each step as you complete it. When you finish your paragraph, use the checklist that follows to edit your work. You may want to review *What is a Paragraph?* in Unit 2 on page 39.

- STEP 1 In your first sentence, write _____ *is my favorite sport*. Write the name of the sport in the blank space.
- STEP 2 In your next sentence, write about the first reason you like the sport. Next, write a sentence with an explanation for this reason.
- STEP 3 In the next sentence, write about the second reason that you like the sport. Next, write a sentence with an explanation for this reason.
- STEP 4 In the next sentence, write about the reason that you like the sport. Next, write a sentence with an explanation for this reason.
- STEP 5 In the last sentence, give your general opinion about this sport.
- STEP 6 Use subject pronouns in two of the sentences in STEPS 2 through 4.
- STEP 7 Use a possessive adjective in one sentence in STEPS 2 through 4.
- STEP 8 Use at least three of the vocabulary words or phrases presented in Activity 20, Activity 21, and Activity 22. Underline these words and phrases in your paragraph.



Checklist

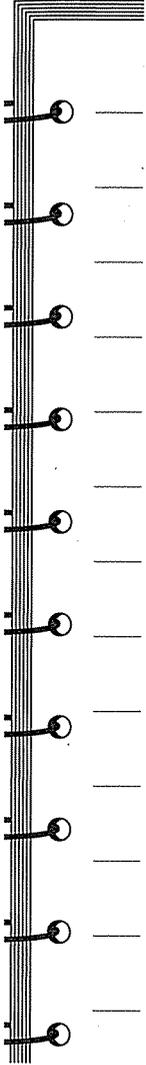
1. Make sure every sentence has a subject and a verb.
2. Make sure the verbs are in the correct tense.
3. Make sure every sentence begins with a capital letter.
4. Make sure that all the proper nouns (names, cities, countries, etc.) are capitalized.
5. Make sure every sentence ends with the correct punctuation.
6. Create a title for your paragraph.

ACTIVITY 24 Peer Editing

Exchange papers from Activity 23 with a partner. Read your partner's writing. Then use Peer Editing Sheet 3 on page 253 to help you comment on your partner's writing. Be sure to offer positive suggestions and comments that will help your partner improve his or her writing. Consider your partner's comments as you revise your own writing.

Additional Topics for Writing

Here are ten ideas for journal writing. Choose one or more of them to write about. Follow your teacher's directions. (We recommend that you skip a line after each line that you write. This gives your teacher a place to write comments.)

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- TOPIC 1:** Choose a member of your family. Write a paragraph about this person. Include the person's name, age, nationality, job, hobbies, etc.
- TOPIC 2:** Write about your typical routine for a day of the week. Include the time that you usually wake up, what you eat for breakfast, what your activities are during the day, whom you spend your time with, how you enjoy the day, and what time you go to bed.
- TOPIC 3:** Write about a special city in a particular country. Include the name of the city, the population, the special tourist attractions, and why it is an important city for you.
- TOPIC 4:** Write about a job that interests you. Include the title of the job, the duties of the job, and why it is interesting to you.
- TOPIC 5:** What is your favorite Web site? Write about a Web site that you like. What is the address? What kind of information does it have? Why do you like it?
- TOPIC 6:** Write about your best friend. What is his/her name? Where does he/she live? What makes your friendship special?
- TOPIC 7:** Write about a restaurant that you like. What is the name of this restaurant? Why do you like it? What kind of food does it serve? What is the price range? How is it decorated?
- TOPIC 8:** Write about your favorite movie. What is the title? Who are the main actors in the movie? What is the story about? Why do you like this movie?
- TOPIC 9:** Write about a specific food that you know how to cook. What are the ingredients? Is it easy to prepare? Are the ingredients expensive?
- TOPIC 10:** Write about a type of music that you do *not* enjoy. Why don't you like it? How does it make you feel when you hear it?

Timed Writing

How quickly can you write in English? There are many times when you must write quickly—on a test for example. It is important to feel comfortable during those times. Timed-writing practice can make you feel better about writing quickly in English.

Take out a piece of paper. Then read the writing prompt below this paragraph. Your teacher will give you 5 minutes to brainstorm ideas about the topic. You must write 8 to 10 sentences about this topic. You will have 20 minutes to write these sentences. At the end of the 20 minutes, your teacher will collect your work and return it to you later.

Describe a typical day in your life. What do you normally do?
When do you usually do these things?

More Writing

For extra writing practice, see the activities in Unit 8 and Appendix 2.

Writing about the Past

Unit 4

GOAL: To learn how to write sentences in the simple past tense

***Grammar and Sentence Structure:** Simple past tense of *be* and regular verbs; forming questions; simple past tense of irregular verbs; forming the negative simple past tense of *be*; forming the negative simple past tense of other verbs

***Sentence Development:** Compound sentences with *but*

Begin with the Simple Past Tense

What happened yesterday? What happened last week? When you talk about actions in the past, you use the **simple past tense**. Both regular verbs and irregular verbs can be used in the simple past tense.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Simple Past Tense: Statements and Questions

Simple Past Tense of Be: Statements

The most common verb in English, *be*, is an irregular verb. Study the simple past tense form of the verb *be*.

Verb <i>be</i>	I was	we were
	you were	you (plural) were
	he / she / it was	they were

Incorrect: I **am** in Guatemala last year.

Incorrect: I **were** in Guatemala last year.

Correct: I **was** in Guatemala last year.

Simple Past Tense of Be: Questions

To form questions with the verb *be* in the simple past tense, switch the subject and the verb. Study the forms below.

Verb <i>be</i>	Was I . . . ?	Were we . . . ?
	Were you . . . ?	Were you (plural) . . . ?
	Was he / she / it . . . ?	Were they . . . ?

Incorrect: **Was** Khalid and Mario at the mall yesterday?

Incorrect: **Khalid and Mario were** at the mall yesterday?

Correct: **Were** Khalid and Mario at the mall yesterday?

Simple Past Tense of Regular Verbs: Statements

Forming the simple past of regular verbs is easy. Just add *-ed* or *-d* to the ends of regular verbs. (See the Brief Writer's Handbook, pages 218–219, for more about the spelling of regular simple past tense verbs.) Study the examples below.

Verb <i>live</i>	I lived	we lived
	you lived	you (plural) lived
	he / she / it lived	they lived
Verb <i>visit</i>	I visited	we visited
	you visited	you (plural) visited
	he / she / it visited	they visited

Incorrect: We **call** our parents yesterday.

Correct: We **called** our parents yesterday.

Simple Past Tense of Regular Verbs: Questions

To form questions with regular verbs in the simple past tense, use this form: *did* + subject + base form of main verb (no *-ed/-d!*).

NOTE: *Did* shows that the sentence is in the *simple past* tense and that it is a *question*. Be sure to use the base form (not the simple past) of the main verb.

Verb <i>live</i>	Did I live . . . ?	Did we live . . . ?
	Did you live . . . ?	Did you (plural) live . . . ?
	Did he / she / it live . . . ?	Did they live . . . ?

Incorrect: Did the tourists **hiked** down the mountain last night?

Incorrect: **Do** the tourists hike down the mountain last night?

Incorrect: **The tourists hiked** down the mountain last night?

Correct: Did the tourists hike down the mountain last night?



Writer's Note

Time Phrases with the Simple Past Tense

We use certain words and phrases in a sentence to help show that something happened in the past. Some of these time phrases include:

last night last week this morning yesterday (two minutes) ago

You can put these time phrases at the beginning or the end of a sentence. Avoid using them in the middle of a sentence. Study these examples. Can you think of any others?

Incorrect: I yesterday scratched my knee.

Correct: Yesterday I scratched my knee.

Correct: I scratched my knee yesterday.

Incorrect: Did Maria last night go to the party?

Correct: Did Maria go to the party last night?

ACTIVITY 1 Sentences with the Simple Past Tense

The verbs in these sentences are in the simple present tense. Rewrite the sentences and change the verbs to the simple past tense. The first sentence has been done for you.

1. Mary and her daughter Natalie visit the farm.

Mary and her daughter Natalie visited the farm.

2. Mary and Natalie play with many animals.

3. They laugh at the animals.

4. Natalie really enjoys herself.

5. She likes the chickens best.

6. Natalie watches them play all morning.

7. They play with the baby goats.

8. Finally, they return home.



For more practice with the simple present tense and simple past tense of regular verbs, try Unit 4, Activity 1 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 2 More Work with the Simple Past Tense

Read the paragraph and circle the ten simple past tense verbs. When you finish, answer the questions in complete sentences. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 44

Lao-Tzu and Taoism

Lao-Tzu was an important **philosopher**. He was born in China. He lived in the Hunan **province**, and he worked as a court **librarian**. The government in Hunan was **corrupt**, so Lao-Tzu decided to leave his home. Before he **abandoned** the province, someone asked him to write a book about how to live correctly. He agreed to write the book *Tao Te Ching*. These ideas were the beginning of the philosophy of Taoism.

a **philosopher**: a person who studies the universe, nature, life, and morals

a **province**: a territory in a country

a **librarian**: someone who works with books

corrupt: dishonest

abandoned: left (He left the province.)

Information for this paragraph came from Microsoft Encarta 96 and *Simple Abundance: A Daybook of Comfort and Joy* by Sarah Ban Breathnach, published by Warner Books, Inc., 1995.

1. Who was Lao-Tzu?

Lao-Tzu was a famous philosopher.

2. Where was he born?

3. What was his job?

4. What did he do before he left his home?

5. What did this book create?

ACTIVITY 3 An Important Person

Think of an important person who lived in the past. It could be someone famous in history. It could be a famous singer, politician, or athlete. It could be someone from your family. (However, this person should not be alive.) Answer the questions using complete sentences.

1. Who was this person?

2. Where was the person born?

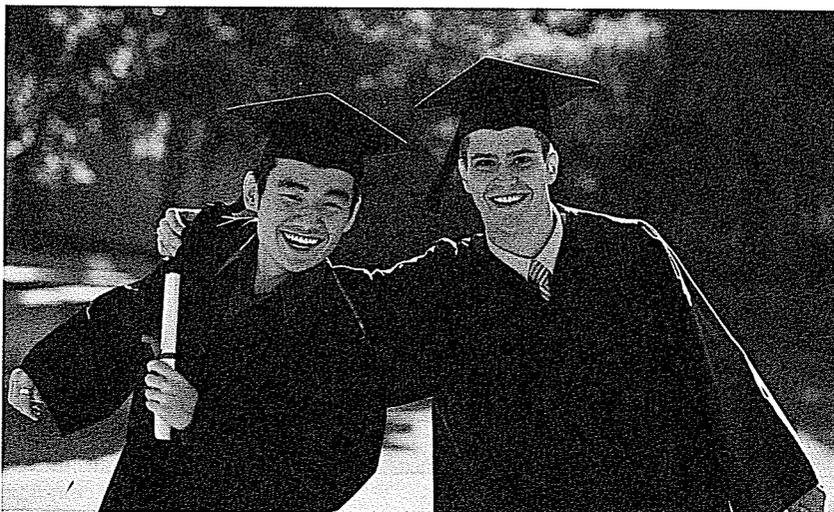
3. What was the person's job?

4. Why is the person important to you? What did he or she do?

5. How do you feel when you think about this person? Why?

ACTIVITY 4 Editing: Plural to Singular

Read the paragraph. Circle all of the simple past tense verbs. Then follow the directions and make changes to the paragraph. The first sentence has been done for you. (You may want to review subject pronouns and possessive adjectives in Unit 2.)

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 45**The Top of the Class**

In 2002, Antonio and Marcus were the top students at the University of North Carolina. They studied in the history department. They excelled in their studies. In class, they answered all of their instructors' questions. Their test grades beat the other students', and their class projects received excellent marks. When they graduated in 2006, they finished at the top of the class. All of the teachers were very proud of Antonio and Marcus.

ACTIVITY 5 Answering Questions with Be

First, discuss these questions with your classmates.

1. How do deaf people communicate with each other?
2. How do blind people read?
3. Do you know anyone who is both deaf and blind?

Then read the paragraph. Answer the questions below using forms of be. Use complete sentences. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 47

Helen Keller (1880–1968)

Helen Keller was a famous American author. She was born healthy. However, when she was two years old, she became very ill. The illness made her **deaf** and **blind**. She could not communicate with anyone. When she was seven years old, a teacher taught her how to communicate. The teacher's name was Annie Sullivan. When Helen was twenty years old, she started college. After her graduation, she wrote thirteen books and traveled around the world. She was an incredible human being.

deaf: not able to hear

blind: not able to see



1. What was the blind and deaf person's name?

The blind and deaf person's name was Helen Keller.

2. What country was she from?

3. Was she healthy or unhealthy when she was born?

4. How old was she when she became ill?

5. Who was her teacher?

6. How old was she when she learned to communicate?

7. How old was she when she went to college?

8. What kind of person was Helen Keller?

Irregular Simple Past Tense Verbs

In this unit, you learned how to make the simple past tense of a regular verb—add *-ed* or *-d* to the base form of the verb. Some verbs, however, are irregular. This means that they take a different form in the simple past tense.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Simple Past Tense of Irregular Verbs

Here are some common irregular verbs. (See the Brief Writer's Handbook, page 220, for a complete list of common irregular simple past tense verbs.)

be → was/were	feel → felt	pay → paid	send → sent
buy → bought	go → went	run → ran	sit → sat
cut → cut	have → had	ride → rode	speak → spoke
do → did	leave → left	say → said	teach → taught
draw → drew	make → made	see → saw	write → wrote

NOTE: To form questions with irregular verbs, follow the rules for regular verbs on page 94. Use *did* and the simple (base) form of the verb.

There is no special rule that tells when a verb is irregular. You must memorize the simple past tense form when you learn the word. A dictionary will tell you when a verb is irregular. Now study these sentences for correct forms of the irregular simple past tense in statements and in questions.

Incorrect: Last night, I **buy** a new CD.

Incorrect: Last night, I **buyed** a new CD.

Correct: Last night, I **bought** a new CD.

Incorrect: Did you **left** your dictionary at home?

Incorrect: **Do you left** your dictionary at home?

Correct: Did you **leave** your dictionary at home?

ACTIVITY 6 Irregular Simple Past Tense Verbs

Answer the following questions. Use the irregular form of the simple past tense. Use verbs from the list in *Grammar and Sentence Structure: Simple Past Tense of Irregular Verbs* on page 101. The first one has been done for you.

1. Where were you last summer?

I was in Dubai.

2. How did you feel yesterday?

3. Where did you go last weekend?

4. When did you see a funny movie?

5. What did you buy last week?

6. Whom did you speak with yesterday?

7. When did you leave for school this morning?

8. When did you do your homework?

9. Where did you eat lunch yesterday?

10. When did you last send an e-mail?



For more practice with the simple present tense and simple past tense of irregular verbs, try Unit 4, Activity 3 and Activity 4 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Making *Be* Negative

When you want to make a negative sentence with *be*, you use the word *not*. *Not* comes after the form of *be*.

Paula was not home The CDs were not in their cases.

See Grammar and Sentence Structure—Simple Past Tense: Statements and Questions on pages 93–94 for a review of the forms of *be*.

Simple Past Tense Verb Forms: Negatives

Verb <i>be</i>	I was not	we were not
	you were not	you (plural) were not
	he / she / it was not	they were not

NOTE: Some contractions are possible with the verb *be* in negative form.

was not = wasn't were not = weren't

Careful! Be sure that the apostrophe (') is placed directly before the letter *t*. Remember that the apostrophe in negatives takes the place of the missing letter.

Incorrect: She is'nt my sister.

Incorrect: She isn,t my sister.

Correct: She isn't my sister. (Or: She's not my sister.)

Incorrect: I was'nt in class yesterday.

Incorrect: I wasn,t in class yesterday.

Correct: I wasn't in class yesterday.



Writer's Note

Using Contractions

It is important to remember that contractions might be too informal for academic writing. Ask your instructor if using contractions in this course is acceptable.

ACTIVITY 7 Practicing Negative Forms of *Be* in the Simple Past

Read the following paragraph. Write the correct form of the *be* verb in the blanks. Be sure to use the negative form where indicated. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 48

Moving to the United States

My name is Panadda, and I (1.) was born in Thailand. I (2. negative) _____ the first child. My sister Suntri (3.) _____ born three years before I (4.) _____ born. My parents (5. negative) _____ rich, but they (6.) _____ always happy. They (7.) _____ hard workers. In 1999, we moved to the United States. Everyone in my family (8.) _____ very excited. We (9.) _____ also scared. My parents (10. negative) _____ able to speak English. When we arrived, they began English classes. My sister and I started school. We (11. negative) _____ comfortable in the classroom because we did not know the language. After a few years, we learned the language and the culture of the United States.

ACTIVITY 8 Improving Your Own Writing

Turn to page 3 and look at Activity 2. Read your sentences again. Can you make these sentences better? Try to change the sentences to the simple past tense. Add three more sentences about your family. Make the sentences into a simple paragraph. Write your changes on the lines below. Use Example Paragraph 48 in Activity 7 as a guide.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Other Negative Verbs

Aside from the verb *be*, the negative form of all other verbs in English is formed in the same way in the simple past tense. Just write *did not* and the simple (base) form of the verb. Look at these examples.

Verb <i>live</i> (negative past)	I did not live	we did not live
	you did not live	you (plural) did not live
	he / she / it did not live	they did not live

NOTE: Contraction: *did not* = *didn't*

Incorrect: Ahmed **no finish** his homework.

Incorrect: Ahmed **no finished** his homework.

Correct: Ahmed did not (didn't) finish his homework.

ACTIVITY 9 Practicing Negative Verbs in the Simple Past

The words in the sentences below are not in the correct order. First, make the verbs negative. Then write the words in the correct order to make correct English sentences. The first one has been done for you.

1. lived (negative) / . / in Johannesburg in 2002 / Carmen

Carmen did not live in Johannesburg in 2002.

2. Ling / engineering / . / studied (negative)

3. last year / him / Humberto's parents / visited (negative) / .

4. large brains / had (negative) / . / Dinosaurs

5. ! / John / helped (negative) / me / with my homework

6. Edda / the letter / . / sent (negative) / to her parents

7. spoke (negative) / . / Karl / with his parents / last night

8. I / my homework / did (negative) / . / yesterday

9. Janiel and Yosemy / last night / . / left (negative) / the party early

10. went (negative) / My brother / to the grocery store / last Saturday / .



For more practice with negative verbs in the simple past, try Unit 4, Activity 5 on the *Great Writing 1*
Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

Simple Past Tense Review

In this unit, you learned about simple past tense verbs, questions, and negatives. The next activities will help you review what you have learned.

ACTIVITY 10 Editing: Writing Negative Simple Past Sentences

The sentences below are false. Work with a partner and rewrite each sentence using the negative form of the verb to make the sentence true. Then write a correct sentence. Follow the example. Some verbs are regular and some are irregular. Refer to the complete list of irregular verbs in the Brief Writer's Handbook, page 220.

1. Tony Blair was a leader of Mexico.

Tony Blair was not a leader of Mexico. He was a leader of Great Britain.

2. Confucius lived in Japan.

3. Pelé played basketball.

4. In the 1980s, Madonna sang in Arabic.

5. The *Titanic* sank in the Pacific Ocean.

6. The Statue of Liberty came from Italy.

7. The Wright Brothers invented the radio.

8. Stephen King wrote *Romeo and Juliet*.

ACTIVITY 11 Simple Past Tense Review

Read the following paragraph. Change the verbs in parentheses to the simple past tense. Write the negative form where indicated. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 49

Bob's Horrible Day

Bob (1. have) had a horrible day on Monday. First, he (2. be) _____ supposed to get up at 6 A.M., but his alarm clock (3. work, negative) _____. He (4. wake up) _____ at 8 A.M. There (5. be, negative) _____ any hot water for a shower, so he had to use cold water. After that, his car (6. start, negative) _____, and he had to take the bus. When Bob (7. get) _____ to work, his boss (8. yell) _____ at him for being late. Next, his computer (9. crash) _____, and he (10. lose) _____ all of his documents. He (11. stay) _____ at work until midnight to redo the documents. Bob (12. decide) _____ to stay home the next day because he (13. be) _____ too tired from all his bad luck.



For more practice with reviewing the simple past tense, try Unit 4, Activity 6 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting



Compound Sentences with *But*

One common sentence connector is *but*. This word is often used to make compound sentences. The connector *but* shows a contrast.

Sentence Development

Compound Sentences with *But*

The connector *but* indicates a contrast between the ideas it connects. Study this example.

Two simple sentences: I bought a car. John bought a truck.
 One compound sentence: I bought a car, *but* John bought a truck.

This example is a compound sentence because it is two complete sentences connected by the word *but*. It has two separate subject-verb combinations.

I bought a car, but John bought a truck.
 SUBJ. VERB SUBJ. VERB

Look at another example.

Two simple sentences: She studied for the exam. She did not pass it.
 One compound sentence: She studied for the exam, *but* she did not pass it.

NOTE: Notice the comma before *but*. You must put a comma before a connector in a compound sentence.

NOTE: Sometimes *but* is not a connector. In these cases, it is a preposition that means the same as the word *except*: Notice that there is no comma before *but*. Consider these examples:

We visited all of the countries in South America *but* Chile.
 SUBJ. VERB

All of the new cars *but* this one are luxury cars.
 SUBJ. VERB

These two sentences are simple sentences. There is only one subject-verb combination in each sentence.

ACTIVITY 12 Compound Sentence Review

Read the following sentences. Some are compound sentences, and some are simple sentences. First, identify the type of sentence as S (simple) or C (compound). If the sentence is compound, insert a comma where it is necessary. The first three have been done for you.

1. S The girls practiced every day.
2. S They did not win the tennis tournament.
3. C The girls practiced every day, but they did not win the tennis tournament.
4. _____ The committee members made a decision but the manager did not like it.
5. _____ Neal worked with his father at the shoe store for almost twenty years.

6. _____ We went to Canada but we did not visit Toronto.
7. _____ With the recent increase in crime in that area of the city, the local residents there are worried about their safety.
8. _____ Summer is a good time to practice outdoor sports but winter is not.
9. _____ All of the workers but Marian arrived at yesterday's income tax meeting on time.
10. _____ Saudi Arabia and Kuwait import equipment, cars, food, and medicine.
11. _____ The chairs in the living room are made of pine but the chairs in my office are made of oak.
12. _____ All of the chairs in the kitchen but this one are made of maple.

ACTIVITY 13 Writing Compound Sentences

Read these charts. They give information about two brothers.

Name:	Andrew Bright	Name:	Ian Bright
Born:	January 14, 1915	Born:	May 1, 1920
Died:	March 23, 1985	Died:	September 12, 1992
Home City:	Washington, D.C.	Home City:	Chicago, Illinois
Education:	high school	Education:	college degree
Work:	firefighter	Work:	high school math teacher
Family:	wife and five children	Family:	single
Hobbies:	singing	Hobbies:	playing baseball

Now read the incorrect statements below about the brothers. Then write a compound sentence with *but*. Use the information in the charts. The first one has been done for you.

1. They were born on the same day.

Andrew was born on January 14, but Ian was born on May 1.

2. The brothers were born in the same year.
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3. They both sang as a hobby.
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4. Both brothers were married.

5. They lived in the same city.

6. They had the same level of education.

7. Both men had the same kind of job.

8. They died on the same date.

ACTIVITY 14 Interviewing Your Classmates

Walk around the classroom and ask different classmates the following questions. Write down the answers. When you have finished, write complete sentences using information about yourself and the information you received from your classmates. The first one has been done for you.

1. Where are you from? *Classmate's answer:* Peru

I am from Kuwait, but José is from Peru.

2. What did you eat for dinner last night? *Classmate's answer:* _____

3. Where was your last vacation? *Classmate's answer:* _____

4. Why did you come to this school? *Classmate's answer:* _____

5. What country do you want to visit? *Classmate's answer:* _____



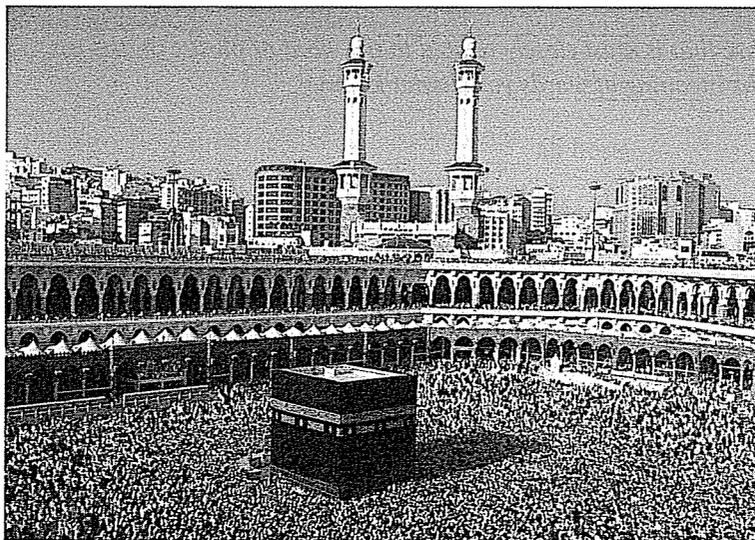
For more practice with compound sentences using *but*, try Unit 4, Activity 7 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 15 Editing: Grammar and Sentence Review

Read the following paragraph. Find and correct the 14 errors. If you need some help locating the errors, look at the numbers in parentheses on the left. This number tells you how many errors are in each line. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 50

Muhammad Ibn Batuta



- (3) Ibn Batuta ^{was} a famous moroccan traveler. He live in Morocco in the fourteenth century.
- (2) When he was a man young, he made a religious trip to Mecca. However, Ibn Batuta loves to
- (2) see new places so much that he continued to travel. This was no his original plan but he
- (2) continued on his journey. He had many adventures during her travels and he met many
- (1) interesting people. After he returned home, he did not forgot about his journey. He wrote a
- (2) book about his travels, this book now gives us a lot of information important about life in the
- (2) fourteenth century. Also gives us more information about this interesting and important man



Building Better Sentences

Correct and varied sentence structure is essential to the quality of your writing. For further practice with the sentences and paragraphs in this unit, go to Practice 4 on page 235 in Appendix 1.



Building Better Vocabulary

ACTIVITY 16 Word Associations

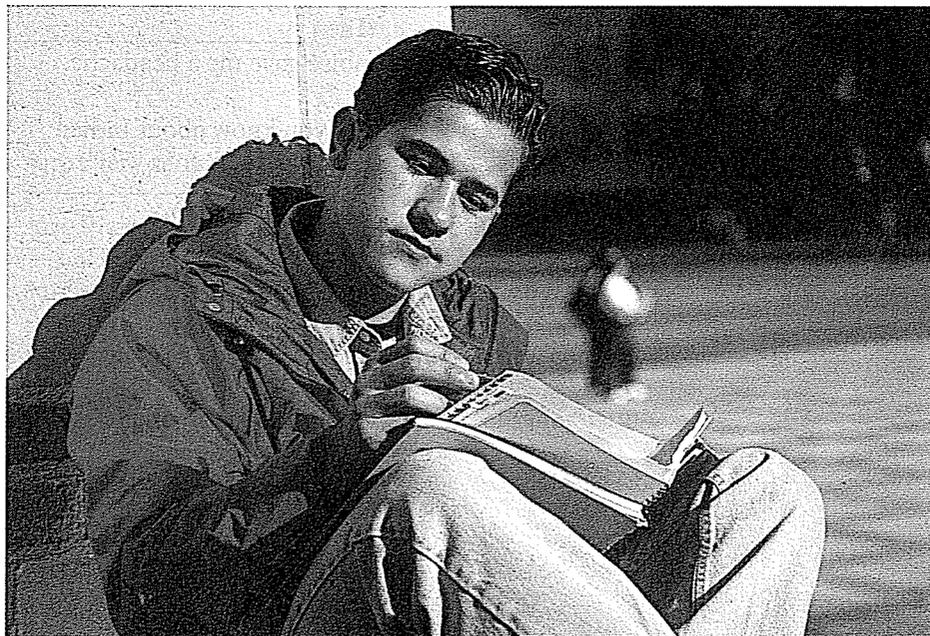
Circle the word or phrase that is most closely related to the word or phrase on the left. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

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|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. horrible | very bad news | very good news |
| 2. century | ten years | one hundred years |
| 3. to communicate | to share information | to keep information |
| 4. excellent | the worst | the best |
| 5. to continue | to pause | to not stop |
| 6. proud | grade of 45% | grade of 100% |
| 7. province | region | project |
| 8. librarian | books | cars |
| 9. separate | together | apart |
| 10. to graduate | to complete work | to complete school |
| 11. beginning | initial | final |
| 12. manager | boss | teacher |
| 13. original | a copy | not a copy |
| 14. to arrive | to come to a place | to leave a place |
| 15. to scare | to laugh | to scream |

ACTIVITY 17 Using Collocations

Fill in each blank with the word on the left that most naturally completes the phrase on the right. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. before / first | the _____ thing to do |
| 2. to / for | a trip _____ Puerto Rico |
| 3. to / at | arrive _____ the supermarket |
| 4. information / communication | share _____ about the problem |
| 5. about / for | have a question _____ your homework |
| 6. abandon / excel | _____ all hope |
| 7. take / make | _____ a decision |
| 8. excellence / communication | effective _____ |
| 9. freedom / beginning | the _____ to do anything that you want to do |
| 10. supposed / excited | be _____ about a new class |



ACTIVITY 18 Parts of Speech

Study the following word forms. For the sentences on the right, choose the best word and write it in the blank space. Be sure to use the correct form of the verb. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know. (NOTE: The word in bold is the original word that appears in the unit.)

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Sentence Practice
pride	∅	proud	1. She was very _____ when she graduated. 2. I have a lot of _____ in my children.
<u>excellence</u>	excel	excellent	3. Damon _____ in swimming when he was younger. 4. That was an _____ movie!
<u>communication</u>	communicate	<u>communicative</u>	5. We _____ for three hours by phone yesterday. 6. Roberto was shy, but now he is more _____.
<u>continuation</u>	continue	<u>continuous/</u> <u>continual</u>	7. The students _____ to study after the semester ended. 8. The _____ traffic noise gave me a headache.
culture	∅	<u>cultural</u>	9. Do you know about Indian _____? 10. Kim and Jo's _____ differences are small.

Noun endings: -ence, -ion, -tion

Adjective endings: -ive, -ous, -al

Original Student Writing

ACTIVITY 19 Original Writing Practice

Reread the paragraph about Lao-Tzu on page 96 and your answers to Activity 3 on page 97. You will use this kind of information to write in the simple past tense about an important person.

Think of an important person. Then follow these steps for writing. Put a check (✓) next to each step as you complete it. When you finish your paragraph, use the checklist that follows to edit your work. Remember to write in the simple past tense. You may want to review *What Is a Paragraph?* in Unit 2 on page 39.

- Step 1 ____ In your first sentence, tell the name of the person and how that person was important.
- Step 2 ____ In your next sentence, write where the person was born.
- Step 3 ____ In the next sentence, tell about the person's job.
- Step 4 ____ In the next three or four sentences, tell a short story about the person. The story should show why the person is important.
- Step 5 ____ Try to use the word *but* in one of the sentences in Step 4. Remember to use a comma!
- Step 6 ____ Use a negative verb in one of the sentences in Step 4.
- Step 7 ____ In the last sentence, write why you chose this person.
- Step 8 ____ Use at least three of the vocabulary words or phrases presented in Activity 16, Activity 17, and Activity 18. Underline these words and phrases in your paragraph.

✓ Checklist

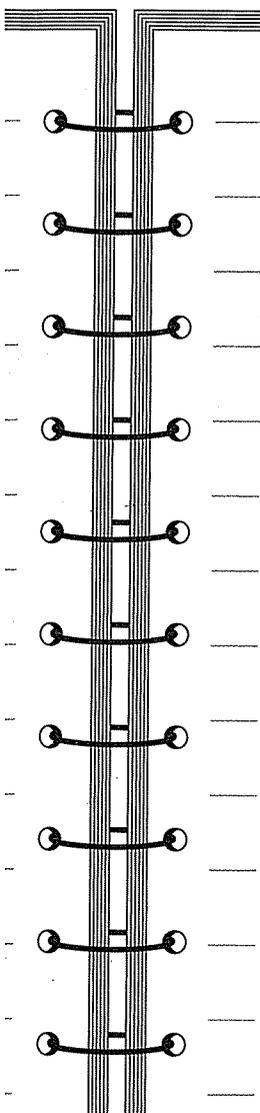
1. Make sure every sentence has a subject and a verb.
2. Make sure the verbs are the correct form of the simple past tense.
3. Make sure every sentence begins with a capital letter.
4. Make sure that all the proper nouns (names, cities, countries, etc.) are capitalized.
5. Make sure every sentence ends with the correct punctuation.
6. Create a title for your paragraph.

ACTIVITY 20 Peer Editing

Exchange papers from Activity 19 with a partner. Read your partner's writing. Then use *Peer Editing Sheet 4* on page 255 to help you comment on your partner's writing. Be sure to offer positive suggestions and comments that will help your partner improve his or her writing. Consider your partner's comments as you revise your own writing.

Additional Topics for Writing

Here are ten ideas for journal writing. Choose one or more of them to write about. Follow your teacher's directions. (We recommend that you skip a line after each line that you write. This gives your teacher a place to write comments.)

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- TOPIC 1:** Describe a vacation you took. Where did you go? What did you do? Who went on this vacation with you? How old were you when you went on this trip? Did you like this vacation?
- TOPIC 2:** Describe a home you lived in when you were a child. How big was the house? What color was the house? Where was the house? Did you like the house? What was your favorite room in the house?
- TOPIC 3:** Write about a movie you saw or a book you read. Did you like it? Who was your favorite character? What was the story about? Did the author have a message for the audience of this book or movie?
- TOPIC 4:** Write about what you did last weekend. Where did you go? Who did you go with? Did you enjoy it?
- TOPIC 5:** Write about a person you used to know. Who was this person? Where did you meet this person? What was special about this person?
- TOPIC 6:** Write about an important event in your life. How old were you? What happened? Why is this event important to you?
- TOPIC 7:** Describe a holiday that you and your family spent together. What was the occasion? Which family members were there? What did you do?
- TOPIC 8:** Write about something embarrassing that happened to you. How old were you? What happened? Why were you embarrassed? Who saw this happen? How did you feel afterwards?
- TOPIC 9:** Write about a day you spent outdoors. What did you do? Where did you go? Who did you go with? What specific activities did you do? How was the weather?
- TOPIC 10:** Describe a pet you had in the past. What was the pet's name? What kind of animal was it? How long did you have this pet? Why did you like this pet? (Or: Why did you dislike this pet?)

Timed Writing

How quickly can you write in English? There are many times when you must write quickly—on a test for example. It is important to feel comfortable during those times. Timed-writing practice can make you feel better about writing quickly in English.

Take out a piece of paper. Then read the writing prompt below this paragraph. Your teacher will give you 5 minutes to brainstorm ideas about the topic. You must write 8 to 10 sentences about this topic. You will have 20 minutes to write these sentences. At the end of the 20 minutes, your teacher will collect your work and return it to you later.

Describe a sad (or happy, frightening, funny, important, etc.) event or time from your past. What was the event or time? Give examples of how this event or time made you feel that emotion.

More Writing

For extra writing practice, see the activities in Unit 8 and Appendix 2.

Describing Actions

Unit 5

GOAL: To learn how to write sentences in the present progressive tense

***Grammar and Sentence Structure:** Present progressive tense; adverbs of manner

***Sentence Development:** Compound sentences with *and*; compound sentences with *so*

Using the Present Progressive

When good writers write about actions that are happening at the moment, they often use the present progressive tense.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Present Progressive Tense for Current Actions

The **present progressive tense** (*be + verb + -ing*) is often used to describe actions that are happening right now. Review the chart below before beginning the activities in this unit. (See the Brief Writer's Handbook, page 221, for spelling rules of verbs ending in *-ing*.)

Present Progressive Tense

I	am <u>eating</u>	we	are <u>eating</u>
you	are <u>eating</u>	you (plural)	are <u>eating</u>
he / she / it	is <u>eating</u>	they	are <u>eating</u>
I	am <u>walking</u>	we	are <u>walking</u>
you	are <u>walking</u>	you (plural)	are <u>walking</u>
he / she / it	is <u>walking</u>	they	are <u>walking</u>

Be careful! Some verbs in English do *not* usually take the progressive tense because they are not action verbs. Here are some common stative, or non-action, verbs: *be, have, see, love, believe, own, and want*. (See the Brief Writer's Handbook, page 222, for more information.)

ACTIVITY 1 Identifying Present Progressive Tense

Read the following paragraph about a Sunday afternoon at the zoo. Underline all the present progressive verbs. There are 16.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 51

A Day Trip for the Jimenez Family

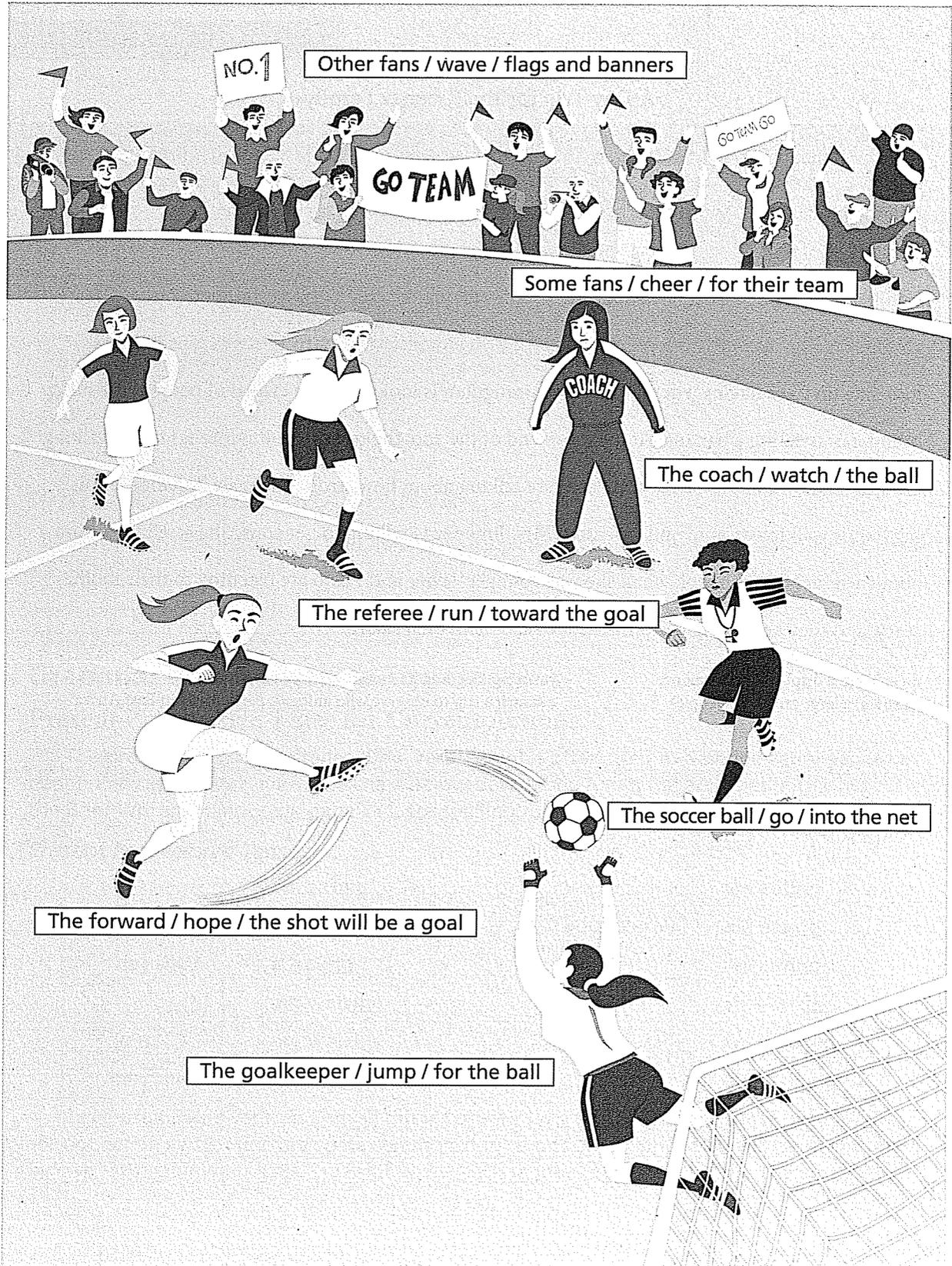
The Jimenez family lives in Puerto Rico. It is a large family with Mr. and Mrs. Jimenez, their two sons Javier and Pablo, and their daughter Rosario. Today is an interesting day for the Jimenez family. They are visiting the Mayaguez Zoo. Mr. Jimenez and Rosario love monkeys, so they are walking around the monkey **exhibit**. They are watching the chimpanzees and orangutans. The chimps are playing with each other, and some of them are swinging from ropes. The monkeys look like they are having a good time. One orangutan is looking at the **crowd** of people. The other orangutan is eating a banana. At the other end of the zoo, the rest of the Jimenez family is walking around the lion exhibit. Javier and Pablo are talking about how strong the male lion looks. This big lion is walking around and **yawning**. Mrs. Jimenez is talking to her sons. She is telling a story about a **safari** that she took when she was younger. Javier and Pablo are listening to their mother's story, and they are asking Mrs. Jimenez to take them on a safari.

an exhibit: a display, a performance
a crowd: a large group (of people)

yawning: opening its mouth to show sleepiness
a safari: a trip to observe wild animals, particularly in East Africa

ACTIVITY 2 Writing from Picture Prompts

Study the picture of the soccer game. Read the prompts that are connected to each action. Complete the sentences on the next page using the present progressive tense.



1. The soccer ball _____
2. The goalkeeper _____
3. The coach _____
4. The referee _____
5. The forward _____
6. Some fans _____
7. Other fans _____

After you complete the sentences, compare them to a classmate's sentences.

ACTIVITY 3 Writing a Paragraph

Rewrite the sentences from Activity 2 in paragraph form. Try to use your imagination and add some extra information and adjectives about this game. Create a title for the paragraph.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 52

The soccer game between Blackwatch and the Stingers is very exciting.

Many things are happening right now!

ACTIVITY 4 Writing from Picture Prompts

Study the picture of Bruce and his friends. Then read the paragraph. Fill in the missing verbs based on what you see in the picture.



EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 53

A University Student's Room

Tomorrow is a big day for Bruce. His mother is coming to visit him at college for the first time. Bruce is very excited, but he is also worried. His dorm room is a mess. This is why he called all his friends to come help him. His good friend Lina (1.) _____ the floor because the carpet is very dirty. Bruce's friend Joe (2.) _____ some of Bruce's clothes to the laundry. At the same time, Bruce's roommate Paul (3.) _____ all of the empty pizza boxes and soda cans. Bruce (4.) _____. Bruce feels very lucky to have such good friends, and he is sure that the room will be ready for his mother's visit.



For more practice with the present progressive tense, try Unit 5, Activity 1 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

Using the Connector *And*

In Unit 4, you practiced using the connector *but* to make compound sentences. In the following activities, you will practice another common connector—*and*.

Sentence Development

Compound Sentences with *And*

Good writers often use the connector *and* to join words and ideas. Here are some common examples.

1. ***And* is used to join two (or more) words that are in the same grammar category (or group).**

Example A: In the following sentence, *and* joins two nouns and makes the subject of the sentence plural.

Bobby *and* Jenny go to Oak Ridge Elementary School.

This sentence combines these two ideas:

Bobby goes to Oak Ridge Elementary School.

Jenny goes to Oak Ridge Elementary School.

Example B: In the following sentence, *and* joins two nouns and makes the object of the sentence plural.

My sister loves pizza *and* spaghetti.

This sentence combines these two ideas:

My sister loves pizza.

My sister loves spaghetti.

Example C: In the following sentence, *and* joins two verbs in a sentence.

Ricardo works *and* studies at the university.

This sentence combines these two ideas:

Ricardo works at the university.

Ricardo studies at the university.

Example D: In the following sentence, *and* joins two adjectives in a sentence.

The weather was hot *and* muggy.

This sentence combines these two ideas:

The weather was hot.

The weather was muggy.

2. **The connector *and* is also used to form compound sentences.** Remember from Unit 3 that a compound sentence is two sentences joined by a comma and a connecting word. A compound sentence has two subject-verb combinations.

Example A:

Irene works at the mall, *and* her brother visits her store every day.

This sentence combines these two sentences:

Irene works at the mall.

Irene's brother visits her store every day.

NOTE: When you join these two sentences, you do not need to repeat *Irene* after the connector. You can use the possessive adjective *her*.

Example B:

Joanna is washing the car, *and* her mother is cooking dinner.

This sentence combines these two sentences:

Joanna is washing the car.

Joanna's mother is cooking dinner.

ACTIVITY 5 Compound Sentence Practice

Read the two lists of sentences. Match a sentence from Column A with a sentence from Column B. Then write a compound sentence using *and* on the lines below. The first one has been done for you.

Column A	Column B
John is watching a movie.	Milk has a large amount of vitamin D.
Oranges contain a lot of vitamin C.	I hope they will grow quickly.
Bolivia is a landlocked country in South America.	Ann is doing her homework.
That blouse is the perfect color for you.	Ajman is a part of the United Arab Emirates.
I am planting marigold seeds.	She hopes they will arrive on time.
Arizona is a part of the United States.	It matches your pants and your handbag.
Valia is having guests for dinner tonight.	Switzerland is a landlocked country in Europe.

1. John is watching a movie, and Ann is doing her homework.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

ACTIVITY 6 Analyzing Compound Sentences with *And*

Read the paragraph and complete the sentence analysis that follows.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 54

Jobs for the Future

Canan and Seher are studying engineering at Istanbul University. The two women are cousins. Canan lives with her family, and Seher stays with her uncle's family. They are going to graduate at the end of the year. Both Canan and Seher want to get good jobs in the private sector when they graduate. Canan hopes to work for a large international company, and Seher wants to get a job with the local electric company.

Now read each sentence below. Rewrite the information using two sentences instead of one. The first one has been done for you.

1. Canan and Seher are studying engineering at Istanbul University.

Meaning: Canan is studying engineering at Istanbul University.

Seher is studying engineering at Istanbul University.

2. Canan lives with her family, and Seher stays with her uncle's family.

Meaning: _____

3. They are going to graduate at the end of the year.

Meaning: _____

4. Both Canan and Seher want to get good jobs in the private sector when they graduate.

Meaning: _____

5. Canan hopes to work for a large international company, and Seher wants to get a job with the local electric company.

Meaning: _____



For more practice with compound sentences, try Unit 5, Activity 2 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

Using the Connector So

So is another connector that good writers use in compound sentences. This connector shows a cause and a result.

Sentence Development

Compound Sentences with So

The connector *so* shows a result. The first subject-verb combination gives the "cause," and the second subject-verb combination gives the "result."

(CAUSE) (RESULT)
I was hungry, so I ate a sandwich.

(CAUSE) (RESULT)
Leslie has a big exam tomorrow, so she is studying at the library.

(CAUSE) (RESULT)
The children had a long day, so they are taking a nap now.

NOTE: Another word for a subject-verb combination is a **clause**. In each example above, there are two clauses. These sentences are compound. Remember to use a comma before *so* when it shows cause and result.

NOTE: When *so* is a connector in a compound sentence, we use a comma. However, *so* has several other meanings. Study these three additional meanings. A comma is not possible with these other meanings.

1. *so* = an adverb that means *very* or *extremely*

It is *so* hot today.

You speak English *so* well.

2. *so* = a connector that means *in order to*; it is a short form for *so that*; there is no difference in meaning

Lina went to the bank *so* she could get some cash.

Lina went to the bank *so that* she could get some cash.

3. *so* = a common word at the beginning of a statement or question to continue a conversation; not used in academic writing

Carlos: We went to the beach all day yesterday.

Maria: *So* what time did you finally get home last night?

ACTIVITY 7 Combining Sentences with So

Read the two sentences. Write C (for cause) or R (for result) on each line to show what kind of sentence it is. Then combine them into a compound sentence. Put the cause first, then the connector so, and then the result. Be sure to put a comma before so and add a period at the end of the sentence. The first one has been done for you.

(NOTE: Sometimes you will need to change nouns to pronouns—for example, *the boy* → *him*; *the car* → *it*.)

1a. C I was thirsty.

b. R I drank three glasses of water.

I was thirsty, so I drank three glasses of water.

2a. _____ We did not play tennis.

b. _____ It rained really hard.

3a. _____ Mrs. Lopez took Ana to the doctor.

b. _____ Ana was very sick.

4a. _____ The audience loved the show.

b. _____ The audience applauded wildly.

5a. _____ Jonathan did not feel well.

b. _____ Jonathan did not go to the party.

6a. _____ I did not buy the DVD.

b. _____ The DVD was very expensive.

7a. _____ The plane did not leave on time.

b. _____ We arrived at our destination late.

8a. _____ Angela forgot to set her alarm clock.

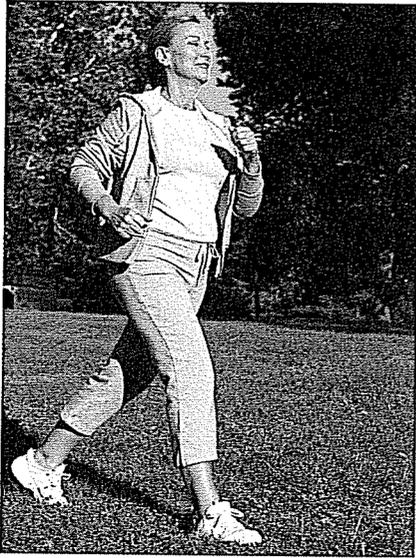
b. _____ Angela woke up late.



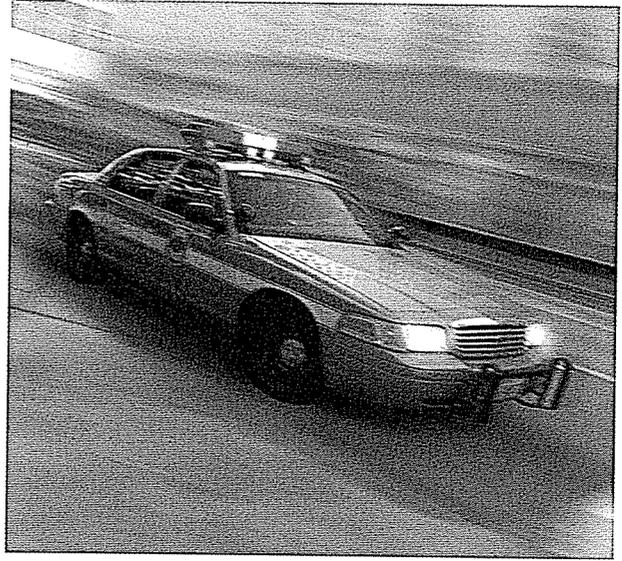
For more practice with identifying cause and result, try Unit 5, Activity 3 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 8 Scenarios: Writing Compound Sentences with So and the Present Progressive

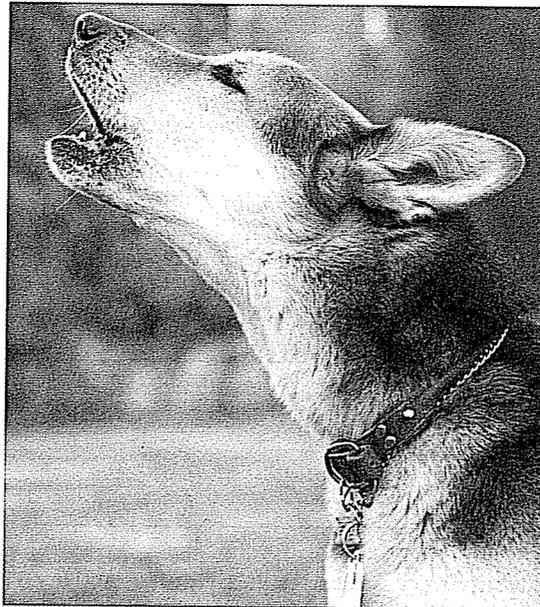
Study the following pictures. Write what you think is happening based on what you see. Be sure to use the connector *so* and the present progressive in your compound sentences. The first one has been done for you.



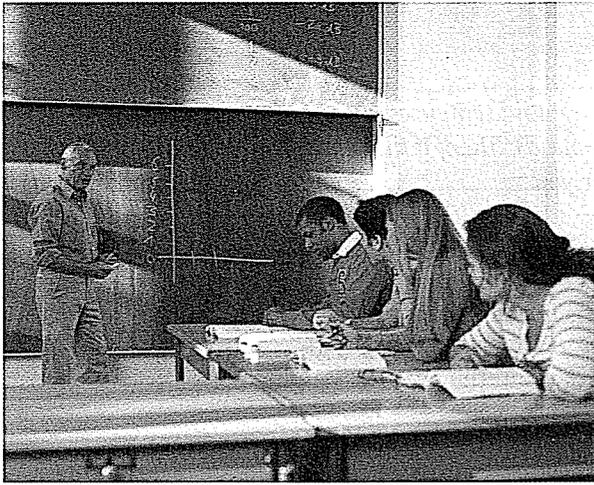
1. *The woman wants to lose weight, so she is exercising.*



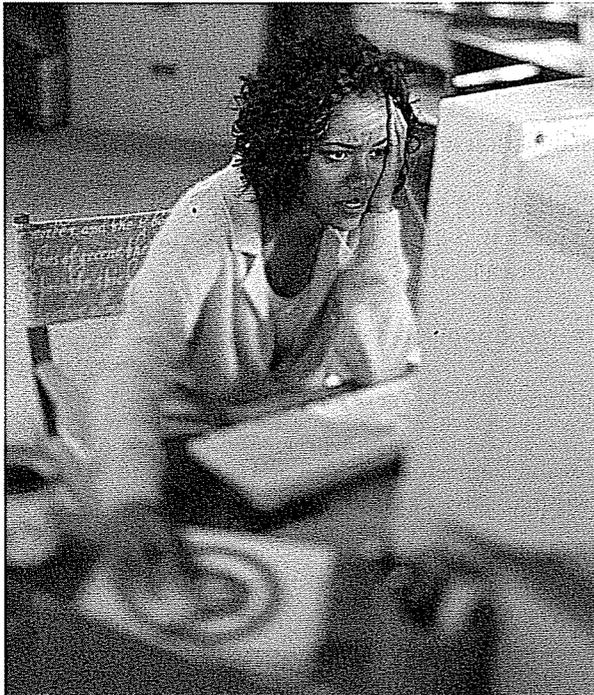
2. _____



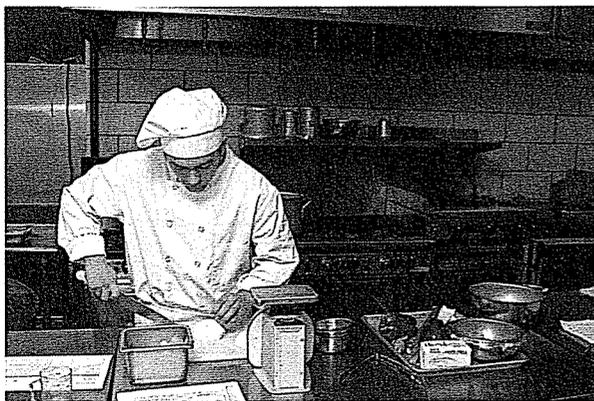
3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



For more practice with compound sentences with *so* and the present progressive, try Unit 5, Activity 4 and Activity 5 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 9 Compound Sentence Review

Read the following sentences. Some of the sentences are compound sentences, and some are simple sentences. First, identify the type of sentence as S (simple) or C (compound). Then, if the sentence is compound, insert a comma where necessary. The first two have been done for you.

1. S My brother and I went hiking and fishing last weekend.
2. C The motorcycle is in the garage, and the car is in the driveway.
3. _____ Harry and Darlene went to the picnic yesterday and the party last night.
4. _____ I do not know the answer to the question so I will ask the teacher.
5. _____ How many times have you visited Europe and Asia?
6. _____ There are many great places to visit in this city so you cannot see them all in one day.
7. _____ The main agricultural product from the countries in that area of Central Asia is cotton.
8. _____ A noun is a word like *sandwich* and a verb is an action word such as *eat*.
9. _____ Lisana works for a computer company but she does not have a computer engineering degree.
10. _____ Where did you get those beautiful earrings and bracelets?
11. _____ The capital of Sudan is Khartoum and it is the most populated city in the country.
12. _____ The traffic was terrible so Lance missed his plane.



For more practice with reviewing compound sentences and connectors, try Unit 5, Activity 6 and Activity 7 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting



Writer's Note

Using Sentence Variety

Many students who are studying English write short sentences. These sentences usually follow the same pattern: simple subject + simple verb. Good writers do not repeat the same sentence patterns too often. They write some short sentences and some longer sentences. Vary your writing with both simple and compound sentences. Use connectors to show that you can write more advanced sentences in English.

Adverbs

Adverbs are another interesting word group in English. There are several kinds of adverbs in English. Most of them describe verbs.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Common Adverbs of Manner

In Unit 2 you studied adjectives. These are words that describe nouns.

Do you see the beautiful baby? The baby is beautiful.

In these sentences, the adjective *beautiful* describes the baby.

Adverbs also describe, but adverbs usually describe verbs.

Kerry picked up the baby carefully.

My sister studies hard.

In these examples, the adverbs describe how the action is done. *How* shows manner.

How did Kerry pick up the baby? Carefully.

How does my sister study? Hard.

NOTE: Adverbs of manner usually end in *-ly* and usually follow the verb.

Here is a list of some common adverbs of manner that describe actions:

quickly	easily	nervously	carefully	happily	slowly
suddenly	silently	correctly	fast*	hard*	well*

* These adverbs do not use the *-ly* form.

ACTIVITY 10 Practice with Adverbs

Read each sentence. In the blank, write an adverb that describes the action of the underlined verb. You may choose from the list of common adverbs of manner or use your own adverbs.

1. Joann is studying _____ in the library.
2. She jumped on the bus _____ because it was raining.
3. Mary Ann spoke _____ at the conference.
4. David is doing _____ in this class. He never studies!
5. Norma cried _____ during the movie.
6. Leslie typed the letter _____. I thought she would never finish.
7. Nathalie read the directions _____. She did not want to make a mistake.

ACTIVITY 12 Editing: Grammar and Sentence Review

Read the following paragraph. There are 10 mistakes in the paragraph: 2 mistakes with compound sentences, 2 mistakes with adverbs, 2 mistakes with verbs, 2 mistakes with adjectives, and 2 mistakes with capitalization. Find and correct the errors. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 55

The Squirrel

A small brown squirrel ^{is} climbing a tree. He looks like a young squirrel. His tail is twitching nervously and his nose is moving quick. I think he is looking for food. Now the squirrel brown is on a long tree branch. He wants to jump to another tree. The squirrel hears something so he looks down. he is coming down from the tree tall. Someone dropped a few pieces of chocolate chip cookie. These pieces lying on the grass. the squirrel is walking toward the food, and he is inspecting it. He is putting it in his mouth. His tail is moving rapid. The little brown squirrel is now eating happily.



Building Better Sentences

Correct and varied sentence structure is essential to the quality of your writing. For further practice with the sentences and paragraphs in this unit, go to Practice 5 on page 236 in Appendix 1.

**Building Better Vocabulary****ACTIVITY 13 Word Associations**

Circle the word or phrase that is most closely related to the word or phrase on the left. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

- | | | |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. to yawn | to use your mouth | to use your ears |
| 2. strong | delicious | powerful |
| 3. thirsty | need water | need food |
| 4. to hear | with your eyes | with your ears |
| 5. a carpet | a rug | a garage |
| 6. to swing | to move back and forth | to stay in one place |
| 7. younger | 80 years old | 18 years old |
| 8. a mess | very organized | not organized |
| 9. to drop | to select | to fall |
| 10. a piece | a part | a coin |
| 11. to climb | to go near | to go up |
| 12. private | not important | not public |
| 13. to inspect | to wait for | to look at |
| 14. a crowd | a large group | a small group |
| 15. empty | nothing inside | a lot inside |

ACTIVITY 14 Using Collocations

Fill in each blank with the word on the left that most naturally completes the phrase on the right. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. safari / crowd | to be in a _____ |
| 2. have / feel | _____ very lucky |
| 3. about / on | to be worried _____ |

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 4. dirty / delicious | to wash _____ clothes at the laundry |
| 5. audience / art | to see an _____ exhibit |
| 6. soda / lion | a strong _____ |
| 7. machine / cleaner | a vacuum _____ |
| 8. trip / family | at the end of the _____ |
| 9. room / monkey | an empty _____ |
| 10. powerful / nervous | to get _____ about something |

ACTIVITY 15 Parts of Speech

Study the following word forms. In the sentences on the right, choose the best word and write it in the blank space. Be sure to use the right form of the verb. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know. (NOTE: The word in bold is the original word that appears in the unit.)

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Sentence Practice
beauty	Ø	beautiful	1. Did you see the _____ sunset yesterday?
luck	Ø	lucky	2. That painting is a thing of _____.
thirst	Ø	thirsty	3. The _____ lottery winner won \$5 million.
fishing	fish	Ø	4. It was bad _____ that our team lost the game.
hiking	hike	Ø	5. If you are _____, drink some iced tea.
			6. Keith is playing tennis. He is probably suffering from _____.
			7. _____ is a relaxing sport.
			8. We _____ in the lake behind our house.
			9. Kat _____ every weekend.
			10. Do you like _____?

Noun endings: -ing

Adjective endings: -ful, -y

Original Student Writing

ACTIVITY 16. Original Writing Practice

Imagine that you are a TV news reporter. Right now you are at the location of some problem. Describe what is happening around you. Use your imagination!

Now follow these steps for writing. Put a check (✓) next to each step as you complete it. When you finish your paragraph, use the checklist that follows to edit your work. You may want to review What Is a Paragraph? in Unit 2 on page 39.

- Step 1 ____ In your first sentence, tell where you are and what you are watching.
- Step 2 ____ In your next sentence, describe the person, people, or things you see. Use adjectives to give a clear idea to your reader.
- Step 3 ____ In the next two to four sentences, describe what the people are doing.
- Step 4 ____ Use one or two adverbs in the sentences in Step 3. Remember to place them correctly (usually after the verb).
- Step 5 ____ Use *and* or *so* in one of the sentences. Remember to use a comma to separate the two clauses.
- Step 6 ____ In the next sentence, write what you think the people are thinking at this moment.
- Step 7 ____ In the final sentence, write your opinion about these people.
- Step 8 ____ Use at least three of the vocabulary words or phrases presented in Activity 13, Activity 14, and Activity 15. Underline these words and phrases in your paragraph.

✓ Checklist

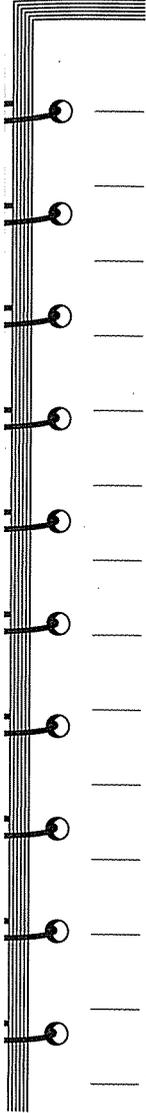
1. Make sure every sentence has a subject and a verb.
2. Be sure that the compound sentences have two subjects and verbs (clauses).
3. Make sure you use the present progressive verbs correctly.
4. Make sure every sentence begins with a capital letter.
5. Make sure every sentence ends with the correct punctuation.
6. Create a title for your paragraph.

ACTIVITY 17 Peer Editing

Exchange papers from Activity 16 with a partner. Read your partner's writing. Then use Peer Editing Sheet 5 on page 257 to help you comment on your partner's writing. Be sure to offer positive suggestions and comments that will help your partner improve his or her writing. Consider your partner's comments as you revise your own writing.

Additional Topics for Writing

Here are ten ideas for journal writing. Choose one or more of them to write about. Follow your teacher's directions. (We recommend that you skip a line after each line that you write. This gives your teacher a place to write comments.)

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- TOPIC 1:** Watch several minutes of a television program. Describe what is happening in the show.
- TOPIC 2:** Describe how your life is now. Include your studies, your living arrangements, and your free time.
- TOPIC 3:** Imagine that you are a private investigator. Imagine a specific character or person. Write down everything that the person is doing for five minutes.
- TOPIC 4:** Find a picture in a magazine. Choose a picture of many people who are doing different things. Write a paragraph that describes what each person is doing.
- TOPIC 5:** Imagine that you are visiting the zoo. What are the animals doing? Write a paragraph that tells what at least five different kinds of animals are doing. Use the connectors *and*, *but*, or *so* to combine short sentences into longer sentences.
- TOPIC 6:** Imagine that you are in a large city like Tokyo, Toronto, London, Istanbul, or Seoul. Walk around the city and write down the things that you see. What is happening in this large city?
- TOPIC 7:** Imagine that you are walking down the street, and you see your favorite movie star walk into a café. Follow this person. What is he/she doing?
- TOPIC 8:** Write a letter to your friend explaining what you are doing in this class. Tell about the assignments that you have and the writing skills that you are practicing.
- TOPIC 9:** If you have a pet, watch it closely for ten minutes. What is it doing? Where is it going? Is it playing? Jumping? Making noise?
- TOPIC 10:** Imagine that you are a news reporter for a movie magazine. You are at the Academy Awards presentation. What are the people doing? Name some of the famous actors. (This word means male and female actors.) What are they doing? What are they wearing? What are they saying to their friends? What are they wondering?

Timed Writing

How quickly can you write in English? There are many times when you must write quickly—on a test for example. It is important to feel comfortable during those times. Timed-writing practice can make you feel better about writing quickly in English.

Take out a piece of paper. Then read the writing prompt below this paragraph. Your teacher will give you 5 minutes to brainstorm ideas about the topic. You must write 8 to 10 sentences about this topic. You will have 20 minutes to write these sentences. At the end of the 20 minutes, your teacher will collect your work and return it to you later.

Describe an exciting (or boring, interesting, etc.) activity that you are doing this year. What is the activity? What are you doing to complete it? Give as many details as possible.

More Writing

For extra writing practice, see the activities in Unit 8 and Appendix 2.

Writing about the Future

Unit 6

GOAL: To learn how to write sentences in the simple future tense

***Grammar and Sentence Structure:** *Be going to* and *will* for future: statements, questions, and negatives; time words to show the future; articles; using commas in a list

***Sentence Development:** Complex sentences; answering questions with *because*

Begin with the Simple Future Tense

There are many ways to talk about events that will happen in the future. One way is to use *be going to*. You can use *be going to* when you talk about future plans or when you want to make predictions—or guesses—about the future.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Be Going To: Statements and Questions

It is easy to make a sentence with *be going to*. Just put the correct form of *be + going to* in front of the base form of the verb.

Be Going To: Statements

Verb *study*

I	am going to study	we	are going to study
you	are going to study	you (plural)	are going to study
he / she / it	is going to study	they	are going to study

Study these examples.

Incorrect: We going to go to the store in a few minutes.

Correct: We **are going to** go to the store in a few minutes.

Incorrect: I am going to a sandwich for lunch.

Correct: I am going to **buy** a sandwich for lunch.

Incorrect: According to the radio report, the weather going to be severe tonight.

Correct: According to the radio report, the weather **is going to** be severe tonight.

Be Going To: QuestionsVerb *fly***Am I going to fly . . . ?****Are we going to fly . . . ?****Are you going to fly . . . ?****Are you (plural) going to fly . . . ?****Is he / she / it going to fly . . . ?****Are they going to fly . . . ?**

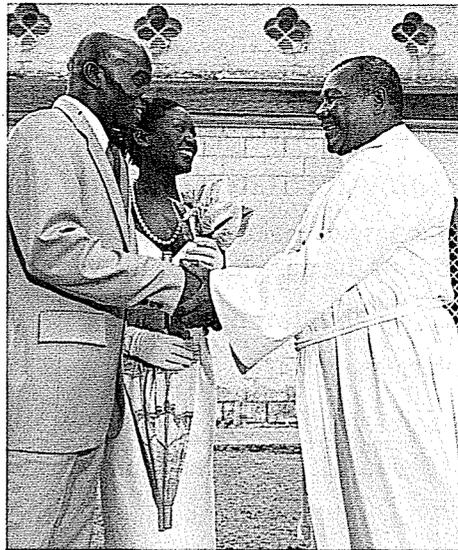
Study these examples.

Incorrect: Jim and Dave are going to buy a new car?*Correct:* Are Jim and Dave going to buy a new car?*Incorrect:* They going to see a movie this afternoon?*Correct:* Are they going to see a movie this afternoon?*Incorrect:* Did you going to visit your parents in December?*Correct:* Are you going to visit your parents in December?**ACTIVITY 1 Making Predictions**

Look at each picture. Make a prediction about what will happen. Use the correct form of *be going to*. Write complete sentences.



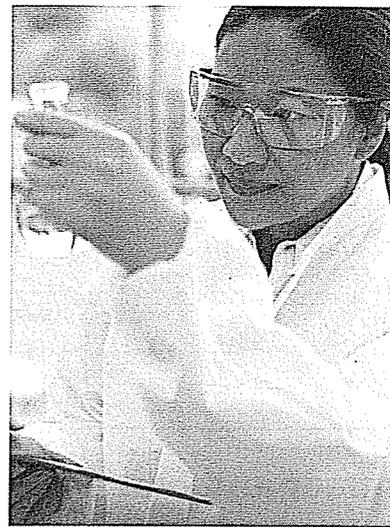
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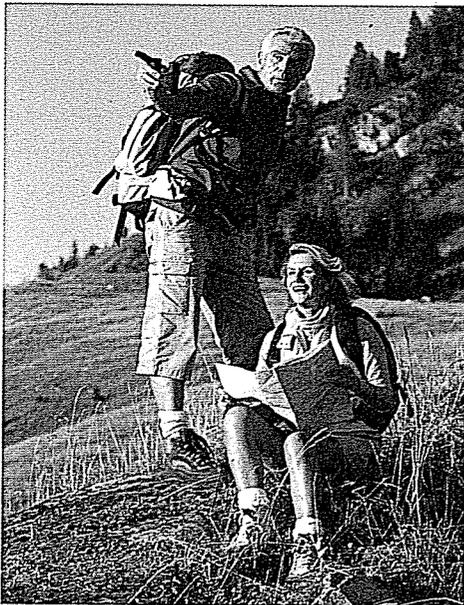
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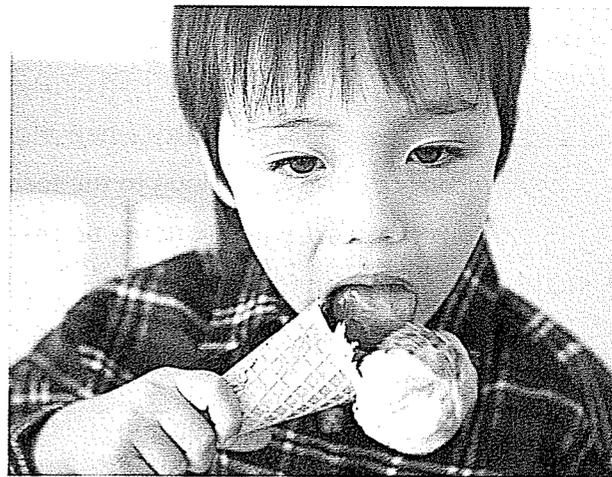
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4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



For more practice with identifying the simple future tense and *be going to* statements and questions, try Unit 6, Activity 1 and Activity 2 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting



Writer's Note

Avoiding *Gonna* in Writing

Speakers of English often pronounce *going to* as *gonna* in informal speech. However, do not use *gonna* in writing. You must write out the words completely.

Incorrect writing: I'm gonna buy a new shirt.

Correct writing: I'm going to buy a new shirt.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Will: Statements and Questions

Will can also be used to express future time. It is easy to use *will* in a sentence about the future. Just put *will* in front of the base form of the verb.

Will: Statements

Verb *buy*

I	will buy	we	will buy
you	will buy	you (plural)	will buy
he / she / it	will buy	they	will buy

Study these examples.

Incorrect: She will goes to school tomorrow.

Correct: She will go to school tomorrow.

Incorrect: They will are watch a new movie tonight.

Correct: They will watch a new movie tonight.

Incorrect: We will talking to the teacher next week.

Correct: We will talk to the teacher next week.

NOTE: The contraction for *will* is *'ll*.

I will = I'll

we will = we'll

you will = you'll

you (plural) will = you'll

he / she / it will = he'll / she'll / it'll

they will = they'll

Incorrect: **Shel'I** meet us at the movie theater.

Incorrect: **Shell'** meet us at the movie theater.

Correct: **She'll** meet us at the movie theater.

Will: QuestionsVerb *make***Will I make ... ?****Will we make ... ?****Will you make ... ?****Will you (plural) make ... ?****Will he / she / it make ... ?****Will they make ... ?**

Study these examples.

Incorrect: Rhonda will arrive soon?*Correct:* Will Rhonda arrive soon?*Incorrect:* Will Keith and Jason plays soccer this weekend?*Correct:* Will Keith and Jason play soccer this weekend?*Incorrect:* The students take their finals on time this semester?*Correct:* Will the students take their finals on time this semester?**ACTIVITY 2 Writing about the Future**

Look at Michael's schedule for next week. Answer the questions using complete sentences. The first one has been done for you. Notice both *will* and *be going to are* used.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
meet Mom & Dad for lunch	meeting with Mr. Green	take cat to the veterinarian	business report due to Ms. Simms	buy groceries	dinner with Andrea	soccer game 6 p.m.

1. What is Michael going to do on Sunday?

Michael is going to meet his mom and dad for lunch on Sunday.

2. Who will Michael meet on Monday?

3. When is he going to have dinner with Andrea?

4. Where is he going to take his pet?

5. What will he do on Thursday?

Using Time Words and Phrases

Good writers include **time words** and **time phrases** in their writing. Time words and phrases give important information about *when* something happens.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Time Words and Phrases

Study this list of time words and phrases. Do you know the meanings of all of them?

first	tomorrow	in a minute	next week
next	next Saturday	later	next year
finally	next January	then	next time
after that	before that		

Time words usually occur at the beginning or the end of a sentence. However, they can sometimes occur in the middle of a sentence. Look at these examples of time words and phrases at the beginning and at the end of sentences.

We are going to go to the movies on Saturday.

On Saturday, we are going to go to the movies.

The airline will produce a new kind of jet in the next few months.

In the next few months, the airline will produce a new kind of jet.

We are going to paint the kitchen first.

First, we are going to paint the kitchen.

A comma usually follows the time words and phrases at the beginning of a sentence.

NOTE: *Then* is not followed by a comma.

ACTIVITY 4 Practicing with Time Words

Fill in the blanks with these time words: then, next, first, after, Sunday, finally. One word can be used twice. Add commas where necessary.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 57

A Reunion to Remember

This year's family reunion will be special because we are going to celebrate my Aunt Laura's ninety-eighth birthday. (1.) _____ everyone in our family will travel to my aunt's town for the weekend. The (2.) _____ night, we are going to meet at Aunt Laura's house and eat a big dinner. (3.) _____ dinner, we are going to bring out a big birthday

cake. (4.) _____ we will sing to her and give her presents. She is going to love it! The
 (5.) _____ day, the whole family will meet in the city park for a big picnic. There will
 be food, games, and music for everyone. Aunt Laura will give a nice speech to the family, too. On
 (6.) _____ everyone will go to lunch with Aunt Laura. (7.) _____ our
 special celebration will be over, and everyone will return home dreaming about next year's reunion.



For more practice with time words and using commas with time words, try Unit 6, Activity 4 and Activity 5 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 5 Responding to a Reading Passage

Read the paragraph and underline the 10 simple future tense verbs. (Hint: Two of them might be difficult to find.) Then answer the questions that follow.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 58

Carmen's Fifteenth Birthday

Next week, Carmen Viera is going to be 15 years old, and her family has plans for a special celebration for her. On her birthday, Carmen is going to wear a beautiful white **gown**. First, she is going to go to church with her family and friends. After church is over, they will go to an **elegant ballroom**. Then they are going to have a party called a **quince**. When Carmen arrives, she will perform some formal dances with her friends. After that, everyone is going to dance, eat, and celebrate. Carmen can **hardly** wait. She knows that she will always remember her special day.

a **gown**: a long, formal dress

elegant: graceful; refined

a **ballroom**: a large room where formal parties are held

a **quince**: the Spanish word for fifteen; a traditional Latin

birthday party that celebrates when a girl becomes a woman

hardly: almost not; with difficulty (a negative word)

1. How old is Carmen going to be next week?

2. What is Carmen going to wear on her birthday?

3. What is the first thing she is going to do on her birthday?

4. Where are they going to hold her *quince* party?

5. What are Carmen and her friends going to do at the party?

Be Going To and Will with Negatives

You know how to use *be going to* and *will* to talk about events that happen in the future. You learned how to make affirmative statements and how to ask questions about the future. It is also important to know how to talk about things that are not going to happen in the future.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Be Going To and Will: Negative

To make *be going to* negative, write the word *not* between the *be* verb and *going to*. Study this chart of *be going to* with the negative *not*.

I	am not going to study	we	are not going to study
you	are not going to study	you (plural)	are not going to study
he / she / it	is not going to study	they	are not going to study

NOTE: You can make contractions with these negative verbs.

are not = aren't is not = isn't

Study these examples.

Incorrect: I am going to **not** talk.

Correct: I am (I'm) not going to talk.

Incorrect: Jane not going to sing on Sunday.

Correct: Jane **is** not (isn't) going to sing on Sunday.

Incorrect: Brett and Erica **no** going to play soccer.

Correct: Brett and Erica are not (aren't) going to play soccer.

To make *will* negative, write the word *not* after it. Study this chart of *will* with the negative *not*.

I	will <u>not</u> write	we	will <u>not</u> write
you	will <u>not</u> write	you (plural)	will <u>not</u> write
he / she / it	will <u>not</u> write	they	will <u>not</u> write

NOTE: You can make a contraction with *will* and *not*.

will not = *won't*

Study these examples.

Incorrect: They will not **to** come to the party.

Correct: They will not (won't) come to the party.

Incorrect: The president not make a speech on television tonight.

Correct: The president will not (won't) make a speech on television tonight.

Incorrect: My company will **don't** give me a raise this year.

Correct: My company will not (won't) give me a raise this year.

ACTIVITY 6 Writing Original Sentences

Think of something important or special that you are going to do in the future. Answer these questions.

1. What is one important thing that you are going to do in your life?

2. How long will it take to do it?

3. What are you going to do to accomplish this goal? (Write at least three things.)

4. How will you feel when you accomplish this goal? Why?



Writer's Note

Verbs in Complex Sentences

Here is a rule for writing complex sentences about the *future*: Use the *simple present tense* in the clause with the time word. Use the *simple future tense* in the other clause. Do not use the simple future tense in both clauses.

Incorrect: When the rain **will** stop, I am going to rake the leaves.

Correct: When the rain stops, I am going to rake the leaves.

Incorrect: When Flight 873 **will** arrive in Paris, the police will arrest a passenger on the plane.

Correct: When Flight 873 arrives in Paris, the police will arrest a passenger on the plane.

ACTIVITY 7 Identifying Sentence Types

Read the following sentences. Some of the sentences are simple, some are compound, and some are complex. First, identify the type of sentence as S (simple), CD (compound), or CX (complex). If the sentence is compound or complex, insert a comma if necessary. The first three have been done for you.

1. S I am going to go scuba diving next weekend.
2. CD My father is going to retire next year, but my mother is going to continue working.
3. CX After he came home from the beach, Gerardo took a shower.
4. _____ Irene is going to call you when she gets home from work.
5. _____ We are going to go to the mall and the beach next Sunday.
6. _____ Ariel is going to go to college next year but her brother is going to get a job.
7. _____ When the game is over we are going to eat at Harvey's Grill.
8. _____ How often do you work out at the gym?
9. _____ Leslie and Serena are sisters but they do not get along very well.
10. _____ Billy and his friends went to the hockey game and cheered for their team.
11. _____ If the pilot gets sick during a flight the copilot takes over.
12. _____ The copilot plays an important role in the success of a flight.



For more practice with identifying sentence types, try Unit 6, Activity 6 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 8 Writing Complex Sentences in the Future

Answer the following questions. Use time words in your answer. If the question includes a time word, write a complex sentence for your answer. You can use the connecting words in the Sentence Variety section on page 149. The first one has been done for you.

1. What are you going to do after you graduate?

After I graduate, I am going to look for a job.

2. What are you going to do as soon as you finish this activity?

3. What are you not going to do before you go to bed tonight?

4. When are you going to do your homework?

5. When are you going to eat dinner?

6. What are you going to do after you eat dinner?

Articles A, An, and The

A, an, and the are three of the shortest words in English, but they are also three of the most important words. These words are called **articles**. They are very important in correct writing and speaking. In this section, you are going to learn about the uses of these three words.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Using Articles in a Sentence

Good writers always use articles in the correct places. There are many rules for using articles in English.

A/An—Indefinite Articles

In Unit 3, you learned to use *a/an* when you have a singular count noun and are talking about something in general. Use *a* if the next word begins with a consonant sound. Use *an* if the next word begins with a vowel sound.

I bought a sweater.

Wendy wants an ice cream cone.

Remember: there are some exceptions to the consonant/vowel rule. If the beginning letter *h* is silent (as in *honor*), use *an* before it. If the beginning letter *u* sounds like the word *you* (as in *university*), use *a* before it. Remember to pay attention to the sound of the beginning of the word, not the letter that it begins with.

Incorrect: Meet me at the library in a hour.

Correct: Meet me at the library in an hour.

Incorrect: John bought an unique gift for his mother.

Correct: John bought a unique gift for his mother.

Incorrect: Does your last name begin with a e or a n?

Correct: Does your last name begin with an e or an n?

The—Definite Article

The can be used with both singular and plural count and non-count* nouns. Here are some basic rules for using *the*.

1. Use *the* for the second (and subsequent) time you talk about something.

I bought a sweater and a coat yesterday.

The sweater is made of wool, but the coat is made of leather.

2. Use *the* when the speaker and the listener both know about or are familiar with the subject.

Are you going to the bank this afternoon?

3. Use *the* when the noun you are referring to is unique—there is only one.

The Sun and the Earth are both in the Milky Way galaxy.

The Eiffel Tower is a beautiful monument.

(See the Brief Writer's Handbook, pages 222–223, for a more complete list of when to use the article *the*.)

*Non-count nouns are nouns that do not use a plural form such as *money*, *butter*, *homework*, *gold*, and *honesty*.

Examples: Honesty is important. (not *the honesty*)

When people discuss politics, they often disagree. (not *the politics*)

(See the Brief Writer's Handbook, page 223, for a short list of common non-count nouns.)

Article Use Chart

Study this chart to help you remember the basic rules for using articles:

When Your Meaning Is:	Singular Count Nouns*	Plural Count Nouns	Non-count Nouns
General	<i>a/an</i>	\emptyset^{**}	\emptyset
Specific	<i>the</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>the</i>

*Count nouns are nouns that have a plural form:

book—books woman—women child—children house—houses

** \emptyset means do not use an article.



Writer's Note

Singular Count Nouns and Modifiers

A singular count noun (*car, woman*) can never stand on its own in a sentence. An article (*a, an, the*), a possessive adjective (*my, your, his*), or a quantifier (*one, another, some*) *must* come before it. (See the Brief Writer's Handbook, page 224, for more examples of possessive adjectives and quantifiers.)

Look at the following sentences.

Incorrect: April owns cat.

Correct: April owns a cat. (article)

Incorrect: I am reading book.

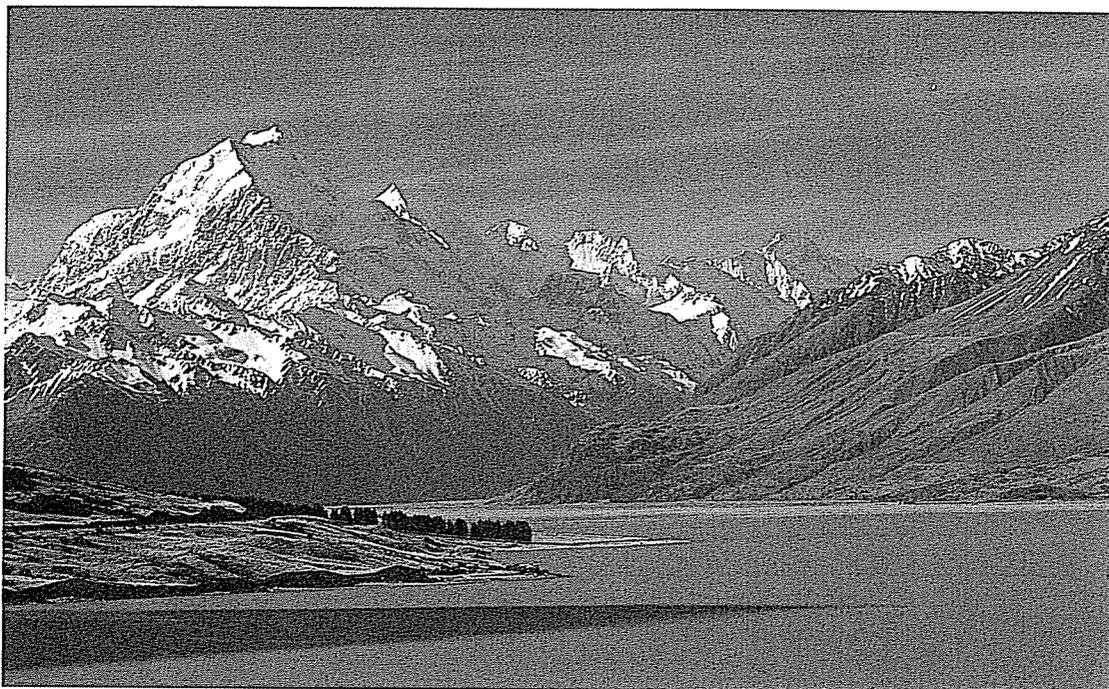
Correct: I am reading my book. (possessive adjective)

Incorrect: Give me spoon. This one is dirty.

Correct: Give me another spoon. This one is dirty. (quantifier)

ACTIVITY 9 Articles

Read the paragraph. Write a, an, or the in the blanks.



EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 59

A World Traveler

Robert likes to travel a lot, and next year he is going to go on (1.) _____ excellent trip. (2.) _____ trip is going to be to Egypt and New Zealand. He wants to meet a lot of new people and try interesting food. While he is in Egypt, he is going to see (3.) _____ Great Pyramids at Giza and (4.) _____ Sphinx of Cheops. He wants to take (5.) _____ cruise down (6.) _____ Nile River, but it is probably going to be too expensive. After he visits Egypt, he will fly to New Zealand to visit (7.) _____ cousin who lives there. His cousin's name is Thomas. Robert and Thomas are going to hike along the coast of New Zealand for a few weeks. They want to see (8.) _____ tuatara. Tuataras are lizards from (9.) _____ ancient reptile family. Because tuataras are **nocturnal**, it is going to be difficult to see them. Finally, they will take (10.) _____ bike trip on (11.) _____ North Island. It is going to be a fun trip.

nocturnal: active at night

ACTIVITY 10 Sentence Writing: Review

Create complete sentences and questions from the prompts below. Remember to add the correct article (a, an, the) to the sentences where necessary. Use the correct verb tense, punctuation, and capitalization. The first one has been done for you.

1. robert / go (negative) / to / beach / tomorrow

Robert is not going to go to the beach tomorrow.

2. laura's parents / visit / eiffel tower / in paris / last year

3. we / have / grammar test / next week (question)

4. weather / be / very / nice / for / picnic / last Saturday

5. carol / bob / see / owl / in / tree / in their backyard / last night / and

6. you / go / movies / every friday night (question)

7. computer / not work / anymore

8. I / bring / apple / sandwich / for lunch yesterday / and

9. after nicholas / graduate last week / his sister / give him / expensive gift

10. my dad / buy / me / bike / for / my last birthday / but / I / want / puppy



For more practice with definite and indefinite articles, try Unit 6, Activity 7 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

Questions and Answers: Structures with *Because*

You have learned that one way to write complex sentences is with words such as *after*, *before*, *when*, and *if*. In this section, you are going to learn how to write complex sentences with the connector *because*.

Sentence Development

Answering Questions with *Because*

How would you answer this question: *Why did you decide to study English?*

One popular way to answer a *why* question is to use the word *because* in the answer.

I am studying English because I wanted to learn a second language.

I am studying English because I want to study in an English-speaking country.

I am studying English because I like the way it sounds.

Notice how these sentences are organized. The first part of each sentence contains part of the question. It is then followed by *because*. The word *because* is followed by the reason (answer). Each example sentence has two clauses. (Remember: a clause has a subject and a verb.) In formal writing, a clause with *because* must be part of a complex sentence.

Fragments

If your sentence has *because* and one subject and verb only, the sentence is incorrect—it is a fragment. Fragments are not correct in formal writing. Study the following sentences.

Incorrect: We did not go to the beach. Because it was raining.
(FRAGMENT)

Correct: We did not go to the beach because it was raining.
(COMPLEX SENTENCE)

Incorrect: Megan is going to the disco. Because she likes to dance.
(FRAGMENT)

Correct: Megan is going to the disco because she likes to dance.
(COMPLEX SENTENCE)

NOTE: *Because* can also be used at the beginning of a sentence. When it is, you must put a comma at the end of the clause. This is a complex sentence.

Incorrect: Because his brother broke the computer Alan got angry.

Correct: Because his brother broke the computer, Alan got angry.

(See Unit 1, page 17, for more information on fragments.)

ACTIVITY 11 Sentence or Fragment?

Read each group of words. If it is a fragment, write F on the line. If it is a complete sentence, write S on the line and add correct capitalization and punctuation. The first two have been done for you.

1. S ^D Dante passed the test because he studied hard.
2. F because the test has 50 questions
3. _____ because it was raining we did not go to the beach
4. _____ because everyone had a wonderful time at the party
5. _____ she arrived late because her car broke down
6. _____ because he forgot about his appointment
7. _____ because I live in new york I go to the theater on broadway often
8. _____ because some committee members did not attend the conference
9. _____ the computers were down today because a storm knocked out the power
10. _____ we are going to postpone the meeting because the managers are out of the office

ACTIVITY 12 Using *Because* to Answer a Question

Answer the following questions using a complex sentence with *because*. Write complete sentences. The first one has been done for you.

1. Why are you studying English?

I am studying English because I want to enter Cornell University next year.

2. Why is soccer a popular sport?

3. Why is fast food popular in the United States?

4. Why do you like your hobby?

5. Why do some people like to drive fast?

6. Why are you using this book?

7. Why do you write letters to your family?
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8. Why do some people skip breakfast in the morning?
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9. Why do children learn to print before they learn cursive writing?
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10. Why is hip-hop music popular?
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Writer's Note

Using Commas between Words in a List

The comma (,) is one of the most important marks of punctuation in English sentences. Commas help to make the meaning of sentences clear.

Sometimes good writers write sentences that contain a list of three or more things. Here are some examples.

ITEM 1 ITEM 2 ITEM 3 ITEM 4

Jennifer will visit London, Paris, Rome, and Prague next year. (list of nouns)

ITEM 1 ITEM 2 ITEM 3

Andrea is going to grow pink, yellow, and white roses in her garden. (list of adjectives)

You must put a comma after each item in the list except the last one. In addition, try to keep the words the same part of speech. For example, if you have three words, all three words should be nouns (or verbs or adjectives). The point is not to mix up the kinds of words. (See the Brief Writer's Handbook, page 228, for more comma rules.)

ACTIVITY 13 Practicing Comma Rules

For each item, combine the sentences into one sentence. Remember the comma rules that you have practiced for compound sentences, complex sentences, and lists. You may have to change or delete some words. The first one has been done for you.

1. I bought a shirt and a skirt at the mall. I got a winter coat.

I bought a shirt, a skirt, and a winter coat at the mall.

2. Michael likes to play soccer. He likes to play hockey and football.

3. My friend Rick is angry with me. My friends Susan and Greg are angry with me.

4. John wants to go to the movies. Robert and Theo want to go, too.

5. I am going to bring sunglasses and a towel to the beach tomorrow. I am also going to bring a cold drink and a book.

6. At the dance, we ate food. We danced, and we played games.

7. In Moscow, Candice is going to visit the Kremlin and St. Basil's Cathedral. She is going to go to Gorky Park.

8. Ron and Harry rode the Ferris wheel at the fair. Elizabeth rode the Ferris wheel.

ACTIVITY 14 Editing: Grammar and Sentence Review

Read the following paragraph. There are 10 errors in the paragraph. Find and correct them. If you need help finding the errors, look at the numbers in parentheses on the left side of the paragraph. This number tells you how many errors are in each line. The first one has been done for you.



EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 60

My Winter Vacation

- (1) My winter vacation is going to be wonderful because I am going to go to ^Qquebec.
- (1) I am going to go with my best friend. We going to spend two weeks there, and it is going
- (2) to be a wonderful time. I have the aunt who lives there, and she going to show us all the
- (3) sights beautiful. We do not speak french very well so we are a little bit nervous. After I
- (3) arrive in Canada I am going to buy a lot of souvenirs for my parents brother and friends.

I cannot wait for my vacation to begin!



Building Better Sentences

Correct and varied sentence structure is essential to the quality of your writing. For further practice with the sentences and paragraphs in this unit, go to Practice 6 on pages 236–237 in Appendix 1.

**Building Better Vocabulary****ACTIVITY 15 Word Associations**

Circle the word or phrase that is most closely related to the word or phrase on the left. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

1. a reunion	a gathering of friends	a gathering of animals
2. presents	attendance	gifts
3. a speech	written communication	verbal communication
4. to celebrate	to have fun	to be quiet
5. formal	most common	most proper
6. to forget	to not graduate	to not remember
7. hardly	very difficult	almost not at all
8. angry	strong negative emotion	strong positive emotion
9. to hike	to walk	to run
10. honesty	lies	truth
11. few	not near	not many
12. ancient	very new	very old
13. nocturnal	awake during the day	awake at night
14. a vacation	a time for work	a time for fun
15. a cousin	your uncle's child	your mother's child

ACTIVITY 16 Using Collocations

Fill in each blank with the word on the left that most naturally completes the phrase on the right. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| 1. building / vacation | an ancient _____ |
| 2. about / for | to forget _____ something |
| 3. between / along | to drive _____ the coast of Nova Scotia |
| 4. sight / animal | a nocturnal _____ |
| 5. honest / unique | a(n) _____ experience |

6. ballroom / speech an informative _____
7. formal / honest this is a(n) _____ event
8. sights / souvenirs to visit all the _____
9. honest / angry to get _____
10. speech / cruise to attend a _____

ACTIVITY 17 Parts of Speech

Study the following word forms. In the sentences on the right, choose the best word and write it in the blank space. Be sure to use the correct form of the verb. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know. (NOTE: The word in bold is the original word that appears in the unit.)

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Sentence Practice
anger	anger	angry	1. She is going to be _____ when I tell her the news.
honesty	Ø	honest	2. The children _____ their mother yesterday.
nerve/nervousness	Ø	nervous	3. Please give me an _____ answer.
			4. _____ is the best policy.
			5. Bill was _____ about taking the exam.
			6. I can see the _____ in her expression.
formality	formalize	formal	7. The dance next week is going to be _____.
			8. Meeting the new university president is only a _____.
uniqueness	Ø	unique	9. The _____ of the Hungarian language makes it difficult to learn.
			10. Charmaine's style of dress is _____.

Noun endings: -y, -ness, -ity

Verb endings: -ize

Adjective endings: -y

Original Student Writing

ACTIVITY 18 Original Writing Practice

Reread the paragraph on Carmen Viera in Activity 5 on page 146. Then review your answers to Activity 6 on page 148. Use the information from Activity 6 to write about an event that is going to happen to you in the future.

Then follow these steps for writing. Put a check (✓) next to each step as you complete it. When you finish your paragraph, use the checklist that follows to edit your work. You may want to review What Is a Paragraph? in Unit 2 on page 39.

- Step 1 _____ In your first sentence, tell who you are and what you are going to do in the future.
- Step 2 _____ In the next two sentences, give more details to describe what you are going to do.
- Step 3 _____ In the next four or five sentences, describe how you are going to achieve this goal.
- Step 4 _____ In the last sentence, tell why it is important for you to achieve this goal. (Use the word *because* in the final sentence.)
- Step 5 _____ Try to use time words, such as *after* and *as soon as*, in some of your sentences in Step 3.
- Step 6 _____ Try to include a list of three or more items in one of the sentences in Step 3. Remember the comma rule!
- Step 7 _____ Write at least one compound and one complex sentence in your paragraph.
- Step 8 _____ Use at least three of the vocabulary words or phrases presented in Activity 15, Activity 16, and Activity 17. Underline these words and phrases in your paragraph.

✓ Checklist

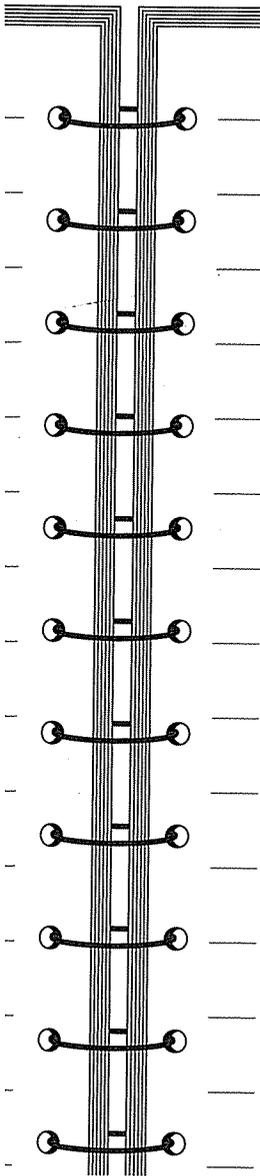
1. Make sure that you use *be going to* or *will* when you talk about the future.
2. Make sure that you use articles correctly in your sentences.
3. Make sure that you use commas correctly.
4. Make sure every sentence has a subject and a verb—no fragments!
5. Create a title for your paragraph.

ACTIVITY 19 Peer Editing

Exchange papers from Activity 18 with a partner. Read your partner's writing. Then use Peer Editing Sheet 6 on page 259 to help you comment on your partner's writing. Be sure to offer positive suggestions and comments that will help your partner improve his or her writing. Consider your partner's comments as you revise your own writing.

Additional Topics for Writing

Here are ten ideas for journal writing. Choose one or more of them to write about. Follow your teacher's directions. (We recommend that you skip a line after each line that you write. This gives your teacher a place to write comments.)

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- TOPIC 1:** Write about something that you plan to do in the next two weeks. Include the people who are going to be with you, where you are going to be, and why you are going to do this.
- TOPIC 2:** Write about something that you plan to do in the next six months. Be sure to include where this activity is going to happen, who is going to be with you, and why you chose this activity.
- TOPIC 3:** Choose a current topic in the news. Read about it. Then write about what you think will happen and tell why.
- TOPIC 4:** Write about one of your goals. Include what the goal is, why this goal is important to you, and how long it is going to take to achieve.
- TOPIC 5:** Write about what you are going to do before you return home today. Make a list: Who are you going to be with? Are you going to do this thing for work, school, or pleasure? How long is it going to take you to complete these things?
- TOPIC 6:** Describe what your wedding will be like. How big will the wedding party be? Who will be there? Where will it happen?
- TOPIC 7:** Describe the job you want to have when you finish school. What kind of job is it? What are your responsibilities going to be in this job? Are you going to work for a company or for yourself? How much money are you going to earn in this job?
- TOPIC 8:** Write about what you plan to study (your major) in college. Why did you choose this subject? What classes are going to be easy for you, and what classes are going to be difficult? How long is it going to take you to get your degree?
- TOPIC 9:** Describe what life is going to be like in the year 2050. What new things are going to be available? How is life going to be better than it is now? How is life going to be worse than it is now?
- TOPIC 10:** Write about the future of space travel. What planets are humans going to visit? What things are going to be discovered in space?

Timed Writing

How quickly can you write in English? There are many times when you must write quickly—on a test for example. It is important to feel comfortable during those times. Timed-writing practice can make you feel better about writing quickly in English.

Take out a piece of paper. Then read the writing prompt below this paragraph. Your teacher will give you 5 minutes to brainstorm ideas about the topic. You must write 8 to 10 sentences about this topic. You will have 20 minutes to write these sentences. At the end of the 20 minutes, your teacher will collect your work and return it to you later.

Describe something that you plan to do next year. Be sure to include who is going to be with you, where it will happen, and why you are going to do this.

More Writing

For extra writing practice, see the activities in Unit 8 and Appendix 2.

Writing Sentences with Adjective Clauses and Place Phrases

Unit 7

GOAL: To learn how to write sentences with adjective clauses and place phrases

***Grammar and Sentence Structure:** Place phrases; modals

***Sentence Development:** Sentences with adjective clauses

Writing with Adjective Clauses

It is important that the sentences in a paragraph have variety. If they do not, the paragraph can be boring to read. You have already learned some things about sentence variety. You learned about compound sentences in Units 3–5 and complex sentences in Unit 6. In this unit, you will learn about sentences with **adjective clauses**.

Recognizing Sentence Variety

Each of the following paragraphs contains similar information about tennis terms. However, one of the paragraphs sounds better than the other two. Read the three paragraphs. Which one do you think is the best? Why?

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 61A

Tennis Terms

Tennis has many special terms. Most people do not know what these terms mean. One special word is *love*. In tennis, *love* means “nothing” or “zero.” Another word is *deuce*. *Deuce* is a special term. *Deuce* means the score is tied at three points for each player. Another term is *volley*. A *volley* is a shot. Usually, a player runs to the net to try to end the point. The player hits the ball before it touches the ground. *Love*, *deuce*, and *volley* are special words. (86 words, 12 sentences)

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 61B

Tennis Terms

Tennis has many special terms. Tennis players understand these terms. Some people do not play tennis. Most of these people do not have any idea about the meaning of these terms. *Love* has a special meaning in tennis. For example, in tennis, *love* means “nothing” or “zero.” Another word is *deuce*. When tennis players use this word, it means each player has three points. In other words, *deuce* means the score is tied at three points for each player. Another term is *volley*. A volley is a shot. The player hits this shot before the ball touches the ground. Usually, a player runs to the net to try to end the point. The player hits the ball before it touches the ground. *Love*, *deuce*, and *volley* are special words. All tennis players certainly know these words. (136 words, 16 sentences)

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 61C

Tennis Terms

Tennis has many special terms that tennis players know. Most people who do not play tennis do not understand the meaning of these terms. For example, one special word is *love*. In tennis, *love* means “nothing” or “zero.” Another word that tennis players use is *deuce*. *Deuce* is a special term that means each player has three points. In other words, *deuce* means the score is tied at three points for each player. Another term that is used by tennis players is *volley*. A volley is a shot that the player hits before the ball touches the ground. Usually, a player runs to the net to try to end the point. The player hits the ball before it touches the ground. *Love*, *deuce*, and *volley* are special words that all tennis players certainly know. (134 words, 12 sentences)

Evaluating the Paragraphs

Here are one teacher's comments about these three example paragraphs.

Example 1: Many sentences are short and choppy. The information doesn't flow smoothly or connect well. Here are some poor sentences from Example 1:

Deuce is a special term.

Another term is *volley*.

A volley is a shot.

Example 2: This paragraph is better. For example, this complex sentence is an improvement.

When tennis players use this word, it means each player has three points.

However, there are still a few short, choppy sentences. Some information is repeated in different sentences. Here are some poor sentences from Example 2:

Tennis has many special terms. Tennis players understand these terms.

Another term is *volley*. A volley is a shot.

Example 3: Did you think this is the best paragraph? Well, it is. The sentence combinations and variety are much better. Here are some good sentences from Example 3:

Deuce is a special term that means each player has three points.

Another term that is used by tennis players is *volley*.

A *volley* is a shot that the player hits before the ball touches the ground.

Sentence Development

Combining Sentences with Adjective Clauses: *Who* and *That*

One way to combine two short sentences into a longer or better sentence is through the use of an adjective clause.

Reviewing Clauses

A clause is *any* group of words that includes a subject and a verb. (A sentence, for example, is a clause.) An adjective clause describes a noun. An adjective clause often begins with *who* or *that*.

NOTE: Use *who* in clauses that describe people. Use *that* in clauses that describe things.

Sentences with Adjective Clauses

Study these examples. Notice how the adjective clause comes *directly after* the noun it describes.

Two sentences: Joe bought a book. The book is very easy to read.

One sentence: Joe bought a book that is very easy to read.
ADJECTIVE CLAUSE

Two sentences: The teacher is Mrs. Habib. She cares about her students.

One sentence: The teacher who cares about her students is Mrs. Habib.
ADJECTIVE CLAUSE

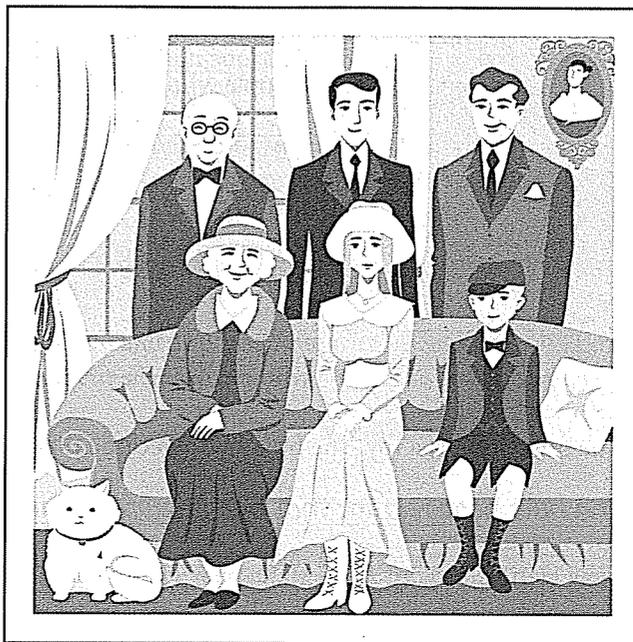
ACTIVITY 1 Practice with Adjective Clauses

Write that or who on the lines.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 62

An Old Family Photo

This is an old photo of my family. In fact, this is a photo (1.) _____ was taken about sixty years ago. I remember the old sofa (2.) _____ was in my parents' living room. The two women (3.) _____ are sitting on the sofa are my mother and my grandmother. The woman (4.) _____ has curly hair is my grandmother. The woman (5.) _____ has long hair is my mother. The little boy (6.) _____ is on the sofa is



Uncle Bob. The sofa in the picture is really old. In fact, this is the sofa (7.) _____ my grandmother received from her mother years before. The man (8.) _____ is standing behind my grandmother is my grandfather. The two men (9.) _____ are to the right of my grandfather are my father and Uncle Sam. The cat (10.) _____ you see next to the sofa was my mother's pet. The name (11.) _____ my mother gave her cat was Butterball because it was such a big, fat cat. This picture is so important to me because all of the people that I love the most are in it. **Certainly** this is a picture (12.) _____ I will **cherish** for many more years.

certainly: without a doubt; definitely

cherish: to treat with tenderness



For more practice with using *who* or *that*, try Unit 7, Activity 1 and Activity 2 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting



Writer's Note

Using *Who* or *That* for People

Remember that adjective clauses that begin with *who* describe people only. Adjective clauses that begin with *that* can be for people or things. However, it is preferable to use *who* when you are describing people.

Incorrect: I bought a fish **who** is orange and white.

Correct: I bought a fish that is orange and white.

Acceptable: Many people that watch basketball on TV also watch football.

Preferable: Many people who watch basketball on TV also watch football.

ACTIVITY 2 Adjective Clauses at the End of a Sentence

In each item, combine the two sentences into one by using an adjective clause. Add the second sentence to the end of the first one, using who or that. The first one has been done for you.

1. The hula hoop is a toy. The hula hoop became popular in the 1960s.

The hula hoop is a toy that became popular in the 1960s.

2. New Hampshire is a small state. New Hampshire is in the northeastern part of the United States.
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3. Romansch is a language. Romansch comes from Latin.
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4. Bolivia is a South American country. Bolivia does not have a coastline.
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5. Nasi lemak is a Malaysian dish. Nasi lemak uses white rice and coconut milk.
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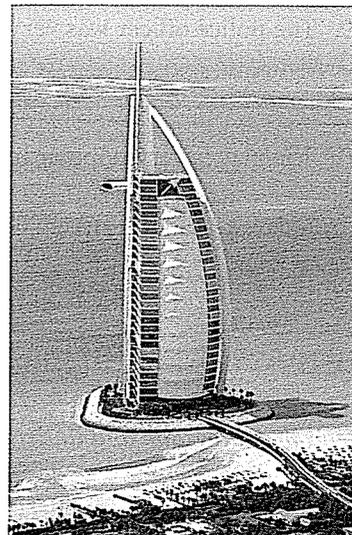
6. Dante Alighieri was an Italian writer. Dante Alighieri wrote *The Divine Comedy*.
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7. A meerkat is a rodent. It is a native of Africa.

8. The *Titanic* was a ship. It sank in the North Atlantic Ocean.

9. A coach is a person. A coach trains athletes to perform well in sports.

10. The Burj Al Arab is a famous building. The building is on the coast of Dubai.



ACTIVITY 3 Sentence Combining: Adjective Clauses in the Middle of a Sentence

In each item, combine the two sentences into one by using an adjective clause. Use the second piece of information in the middle of your new sentence. You will need to delete words from the second sentence. The first one has been done for you.

1. The food is called hummus. I like this food the best.

The food that I like the best is called hummus.

2. The movie was *Steel Magnolias*. We saw this movie on television last night.

3. The day was October 11. We arrived in Texas on this day.

4. The number was incorrect. Paul gave me this number.

5. The story was extremely interesting. Samir told this story.

6. The homework assignment was difficult. The grammar teacher gave us the homework assignment.

7. The man is my friend. The man is standing on the street corner.

8. The food got cold. We bought the food for dinner.

9. The police officer was very angry. The police officer gave me a speeding ticket.

10. The play is very popular in London. We are going to see this play tonight.

ACTIVITY 4 Identifying Adjective Clauses in a Paragraph

Read the paragraph and underline the three sentences that have adjective clauses.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 63

A Possible Problem with the Schools

The school **district** in our city has a problem. The teachers who work in the city's schools say they might **go on strike**. The problem is money. The teachers want to go on strike because they get **salaries** that are very low. They say the salaries are not fair, so they want the school **officials** to **raise** teachers' salaries. There will be an emergency meeting of the school board this evening, and the public is invited. The teachers hope the people who attend the meeting will agree with them about the low salaries. Will the teachers go on strike? We are going to learn the answer to this question at tonight's meeting.

a district: an official area or community

go on strike: to protest by not working

salary: money that a person earns

an official: a director, a leader

raise: to make higher

ACTIVITY 5 Examining Adjective Clauses

Look at the three sentences that you underlined in Activity 4. Copy each of them below. Then write the short sentences that were combined to make the longer sentence.

Sentence 1: _____

a. _____

b. _____

Sentence 2: _____

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

Sentence 3: _____

a. _____

b. _____



For more practice with identifying adjective clauses, try Unit 7, Activity 3 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 6 Sentence Combining: Adjective Clauses

Each paragraph is missing a sentence. Create the missing sentence from the sentences below the paragraph. Use all the ideas but not necessarily all the words. Your new sentence should have an adjective clause and be a good supporting sentence. Write your new sentence on the lines in the paragraph.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 64

Some English Spelling Problems

Some English words are difficult to spell. One word that many people misspell is *receive*.

Receive is a problem because some people write the *i* before the *e*: *recieve*. The correct spelling is *receive* with the *e* before the *i*. _____

Some people **confuse** *its* with *it's*. In addition, some people write the word *its* with an apostrophe: *its'*.

However, this last example is not an English word. Another example of bad spelling is *cemetery*.

Some people change the last *e* to *a* because of the pronunciation: *cemetary*. These are just a few of the words that cause spelling problems for native and nonnative English speakers.

confuse: to mix without order

a cemetery: a place where people are buried after they die

Missing sentence ideas: Another word is the word *its*. + This word causes spelling problems.



EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 65

How the Weather Affects Me

Some people do not believe that the weather can **affect** the way you feel, but the weather certainly affects me. On rainy days, I feel like watching a movie or staying in bed. Rainy weather makes me **lazy**. It makes me want to stay inside and take it easy. When the weather is bright and sunny, I feel energetic. This kind of weather makes me want to go outside. I want to play tennis or go to the beach. When the temperature is cool and the sun is shining, I feel like working. I feel **productive**.

As you can see, different kinds of weather have different effects on me.

affect: to change in some way

productive: able to get things done

lazy: not active

Missing sentence ideas: This is the weather. + I like this weather the most.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Using Modals to Add Meaning

Writers use **modals** to add extra information to the main verb in the sentence. The modal comes before the main verb, and the main verb is always in its base form. Add *not* after the modal to make it negative. Each modal has a different meaning. Below are some common modals, their meanings, and some example sentences.

Modal	Meaning	Example Sentence
will	to show the future	Next week, Rachel <u>will</u> travel to the Ivory Coast.
should	to give advice	It is going to rain. You <u>should</u> take an umbrella.
must	to show necessity	You <u>must</u> have a visa to visit that country.
might	to show possibility	The weather is good. We <u>might</u> go to the beach.
can	to show ability	Roberto <u>can</u> speak three languages.

Remember that you cannot use two modals together. For example:

Incorrect: We might **can** go to a new restaurant for dinner.

Correct: We might go to a new restaurant for dinner.

Do not use the word *to* between the modal and the verb.

Incorrect: We might **to** play football tomorrow.

Correct: We might play football tomorrow.

Incorrect: Can you **to** help us with this electricity bill?

Correct: Can you help us with this electricity bill?

Yes/No Questions

Modal	+	Subject	+	Main Verb (base form)	+	Other Parts
Will		you		stop		at the store for me?
Should		I		call		my parents tonight?
Must		we		go		to the party? (formal and implies a complaint)
Can		they		drive		us to work?

NOTE: *Might* is rarely used in question form in American English.

Wh- Questions about the Subject of the Sentence

Subject (Wh-Word)	+	Modal	+	Main Verb (base form)	+	Other Parts
Who		will		return		the books?
Who		should		pay		for the damage?
What		must		come		at the end of a question?
Who		can		help		us?

Wh- Questions about the Rest of the Sentence

Wh-Word	+	Modal	+	Subject	+	Main Verb (base form)	+	Other Parts
When		will		they		finish		the project?
Where		should		we		go		for dinner?
When		can		you		meet		me?

ACTIVITY 7 Using Modals

Answer the following questions about cooking a dinner for your friends. Use *should*, *must*, *might*, *can*, or *will*.

1. What should you do before your friends arrive at your house?

2. What must you do to the food before dinner?

3. What can your friends do for the dinner?

4. What might you cook if there are twenty guests?

5. What will you and your friends do after dinner tonight?

ACTIVITY 8 Choosing the Best Modal

Read the following paragraph. Underline the modal that best completes each sentence. Sometimes both answers are correct. Be prepared to explain your answers.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 66

Improve Your English More Quickly

Here is some good advice on how to improve your English more quickly. First, you (1. must / will) always speak English. This requirement (2. will / must) help improve your fluency. Second, you (3. should / can) also make friends with a native speaker. Then you (4. can / must) talk to your new friend in English all the time. They (5. can / will) also correct your mistakes because they know the language well. Third, you (6. should / might) read a lot in English. This will improve your vocabulary. Finally, you (7. might / should) keep a daily journal. This (8. must / will) give you practice writing in English. These suggestions (9. should / must) help your English get better more rapidly.



For more practice with modals, try Unit 7, Activity 4 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 9 Editing: Error Correction and Sequencing

The sentences below have some errors in capitalization and punctuation. First, find and correct the errors in each sentence. After you have corrected the errors, put the sentences in the correct order (1 through 6) to make a good paragraph. The first one has been done for you.

- a. 1 ^S -sudan is a country that is in the northeastern part of ^A africa.
- b. _____ it is a large country with many different people
- c. _____ in conclusion, different areas of this country have very different histories
- d. _____ the people who live in the southern part of the country were independent for many years
- e. _____ however, the people who live in the northern part of the country were under foreign control for long periods of time
- f. _____ some of the countries that ruled this northern area were egypt rome turkey and britain



For more practice with sequencing sentences, try Unit 7, Activity 5 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 10 Copying Sentences

Copy the sentences from Activity 9 in correct paragraph form. Be sure to add a title.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 67

Understanding Place Phrases

You learned that to make a sentence more interesting, it is important to add details such as adjectives and connectors. In Unit 6, you learned that time words can add variety to your sentences. Another way to give more information in a sentence is to add place phrases.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

Prepositional Phrases of Place

Prepositional phrases of place function as adverbs—they modify a verb. They tell *where*. Here are some examples.

at the picnic	on the little table	under the chair	next to the front door
at school	over my head	at home	near the stove

Notice that the phrases begin with small words such as *at*, *in*, and *on*. These words are called **prepositions**. (See the Brief Writer's Handbook, pages 225–226, for more information about prepositions.) Every preposition in a place phrase needs a noun or a pronoun. This noun or pronoun is called the **object of the preposition**. The combination of the preposition and the object is called a **prepositional phrase**.

Parts of a Prepositional Phrase (Place)				
prepositional phrase	preposition	article (a, an, the) OR demonstrative pronoun (this, that, these, those) OR possessive pronoun (my, your, her, etc.) OR quantifier (some, any, one, two, etc.) OR Ø	adjective	noun OR pronoun
at the picnic	at	the		picnic
on that little table	on	that	little	table
next to my friends	next to	my		friends
under two old chairs	under	two	old	chairs
near them	near			them

It is common to put place phrases at the end of a sentence.

Incorrect: We ate at the picnic lots of sandwiches and salad.

Correct: We ate lots of sandwiches and salad at the picnic.

Incorrect: Loretta in my house lives.

Correct: Loretta lives in my house.

Place Phrases and Time Words

In sentences where you have a place phrase and a time word or phrase, remember this rule:

At the end of a sentence, place phrases usually come *before* time words or phrases.

Incorrect: Meet me tomorrow afternoon in the library.
TIME WORDS PLACE PHRASE

Correct: Meet me in the library tomorrow afternoon.
PLACE PHRASE TIME WORDS

Incorrect: She saw him at 8 P.M. at the bank.
TIME WORDS PLACE PHRASE

Correct: She saw him at the bank at 8 P.M.
PLACE PHRASE TIME WORDS

Correct: At 8 P.M., she saw him at the bank.
TIME WORDS PLACE PHRASE

ACTIVITY 11 Practicing with Place Phrases and Time Words

Read the sentence parts below. Put the parts in the correct order. Then write the complete sentences on the lines provided. You may have to add articles or verbs to the phrases. Use correct capitalization and punctuation. The first one has been done for you.

1. Lucinda / in ten minutes / going to / drive to / video store

Lucinda is going to drive to the video store in ten minutes.

2. last week / the Johnson sisters / party / excellent / have

3. next Monday / new car / we / buy

4. at gym / exercise / Janie / every morning

5. did you take / yesterday morning / in Mrs. Smith's class / grammar test

6. leave / I / last night / my books / in car

7. two days ago / met Luis / they / at restaurant

8. Sara / the pie / right now / put / in oven

9. at airport / in ten minutes / our friends / arrive

10. squirrels / every day / nuts / bury / under our oak tree

ACTIVITY 12 Practicing Adverbs of Place and Time Words

Read the paragraph. It is missing three sentences. Below the paragraph are the parts of the missing sentences. Put the words in each sentence in the correct order. Then write the complete sentences in the spaces provided. You will have to add articles and use the correct verb tense. Remember to use correct capitalization and punctuation.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 68

A Long Flight

(1.) _____

However, Daniel lives in Bogotá, Colombia, so he has to catch a flight to Turkey before the meeting. Daniel is going to go to the airport today. (2.) _____

Because Daniel is going to take an international flight, he has to be at the airport at 3:00 P.M. If he does not leave his house by noon, he is going to be late. It is almost 11:30 now. (3.) _____

Then he will leave on his long trip.

1. attend / in Istanbul, Turkey / Daniel / important company meeting / in two days
2. his flight / at 5:00 P.M. / leave / from Gate 32
3. his suitcase / Daniel / put / in ten minutes / in the car



For more practice with place phrases and time words, try Unit 7, Activity 6 and Activity 7 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 13 Sentence or Fragment Review

Read each group of words. If it is a fragment, write F on the line. If it is a complete sentence or question, write S on the line. The first two have been done for you.

1. F Every year go to the beach in Hawaii.
2. S Johnny has an appointment with a chiropractor at 4:30 P.M.
3. We are going to have a big party to celebrate Mark's next birthday.
4. Ten years to become a medical doctor in the United States.
5. Next Tuesday am going to see the new action movie.
6. Did you get a nice gift for your birthday last week?
7. Wendy is eating lunch and talking to her friends in the cafeteria right now.
8. Because Mira works hard every day.
9. Peru and Argentina Spanish-speaking countries in South America.
10. Ralph left his wallet at his friend's house last night.

ACTIVITY 14 Editing: Grammar and Sentence Review

Read the following paragraph. It contains 10 mistakes: adjective clauses (1), fragments (1), word order of adjectives (1), possessive adjectives (1), commas (2), articles (1), compound sentences (1), and capitalization (2). Find and correct the mistakes. The first one has been done for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 69

Visiting a New Country

There are m

~~M~~any reasons to visit a new country. First, you can see beautiful interesting and distant places.

For example, you can visit a Kremlin and Red Square in moscow. Another reason to travel is to eat new types of food. If you visit Thailand, you can drink jasmine tea, you can eat coconut-flavored rice. Finally, you can meet new people which live in these exotic countries. you can talk to people and learn more about his likes and dislikes. As you can see, traveling to another country is important for reasons different.



For more practice with error correction, try Unit 7, Activity 8 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting



Building Better Sentences

Correct and varied sentence structure is essential to the quality of your writing. For further practice with the sentences and paragraphs in this unit, go to Practice 7 on page 237 in Appendix 1.



Building Better Vocabulary

ACTIVITY 15 Word Associations

Circle the word or phrase that is most closely related to the word or phrase on the left. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

1. a suitcase	a thing for holding clothes	a thing for holding money
2. to receive	to give something	to get something
3. evening	night	afternoon
4. a salary	money spent	money earned
5. to improve	to become better	to become worse
6. a flight	a ride in an airplane	a ride on a ship
7. exotic	strange and different	the same and ordinary
8. a journal	a type of writing	a type of speaking
9. distant	very close	far away
10. a district	an area	a government

ACTIVITY 16 Using Collocations

Fill in each blank with the word on the left that most naturally completes the phrase on the right. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

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| 1. salary / official | a low _____ |
| 2. bright / few | a _____ light |
| 3. hard / hardly | to work _____ |
| 4. for / with | to agree _____ someone |
| 5. on / in | to go _____ strike |

6. affect / effect one _____ of the rain
7. make / tell to _____ a suggestion
8. take / make to _____ a flight
9. phrases / problems to cause _____
10. under / below to be _____ someone's control

ACTIVITY 17 Parts of Speech

Study the following word forms. In the sentences on the right, choose the best word and write it in the blank space. Be sure to use the correct form of the verb. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know. (NOTE: The word in bold is the original word that appears in the unit.)

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Sentence Practice
assignment	assign	Ø	1. Yesterday's _____ was very easy.
energy	energize	energetic	2. My professor _____ too much homework last night.
pronunciation	pronounce	Ø	3. Carla's son is very _____.
confusion	confuse	confused/ confusing	4. He has a lot of _____.
decision	decide	decisive	5. Can you _____ the word <i>psychology</i> ?
			6. Lee's _____ needs work.
			7. There was a lot of _____ at the concert.
			8. The directions for the test were _____.
			9. The president _____ to run for re-election last week.
			10. Bindu made a _____ to drop out of college.

Noun endings: -ment, -tion, -sion

Verb endings: -ize

Adjective endings: -etic, -ed, -ing, -ive

Original Student Writing

ACTIVITY 18 Original Writing Practice

In your opinion, which is better—cooking and eating food at home or eating out in a restaurant? Write a paragraph in which you answer this question and tell why.



Follow these steps for writing. Put a check (✓) next to each step as you complete it. When you finish your paragraph, use the checklist that follows to edit your work. You may want to review What Is a Paragraph? in Unit 2 on page 39.

- Step 1 ____ In your first sentence, tell which type of food you prefer.
- Step 2 ____ In the supporting sentences, give two or three reasons why you prefer this type of food.
- Step 3 ____ Give details for each reason you give.
- Step 4 ____ In the last sentence, summarize your opinion about the type of food that you prefer.
- Step 5 ____ Write at least two adjective clauses.
- Step 6 ____ Use at least three of the vocabulary words or phrases presented in Activity 15, Activity 16, and Activity 17. Underline these words and phrases in your paragraph.
- Step 7 ____ Try to include time words and place phrases in some of the sentences in Step 2 or Step 3.
- Step 8 ____ Write at least one compound and one complex sentence in Step 2 or Step 3.

✓ Checklist

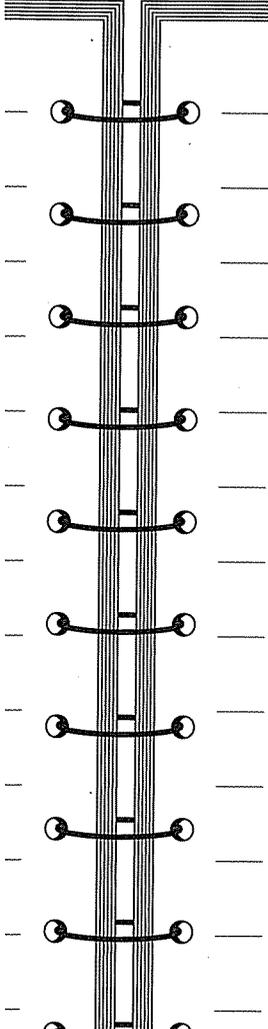
1. Did you use the simple present tense in your paragraph?
2. Make sure that you use articles correctly.
3. Check for correct punctuation.
4. Make sure every sentence has a subject and a verb—no fragments!
5. Create a title for your paragraph.

ACTIVITY 19 Peer Editing

Exchange papers from Activity 18 with a partner. Read your partner's writing. Then use Peer Editing Sheet 7 on page 261 to help you comment on your partner's writing. Be sure to offer positive suggestions and comments that will help your partner improve his or her writing. Consider your partner's comments as you revise your own writing.

Additional Topics for Writing

Here are ten ideas for journal writing. Choose one or more of them to write about. Follow your teacher's directions. (We recommend that you skip a line after each line that you write. This gives your teacher a place to write comments.)

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- TOPIC 1:** Write about an animal that you like. Describe the animal, tell where the animal lives, and tell why you like this animal so much.
- TOPIC 2:** Write about your dream house or apartment. Describe what this house looks like (how many rooms, what type of architecture, etc). Write about the location of the house (in the mountains? on the beach? in a big city?).
- TOPIC 3:** Organized sports in school help children grow up to become better adults. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?
- TOPIC 4:** Do you think that young children who know something about computers have an advantage in school today? Why or why not?
- TOPIC 5:** What is the worst decision that you have ever made? Give details about why it was a bad decision.
- TOPIC 6:** What is the best decision that you have ever made? Why was it a good decision? Did you come to this decision by yourself? How did you feel after you made this decision?
- TOPIC 7:** Write about a book that you like. Describe the book, briefly tell what happens in the story, and explain why you like this book.
- TOPIC 8:** Describe a painting that you like. Who painted it? What is in the painting? Describe the colors. What do you feel when you look at the painting?
- TOPIC 9:** Describe your favorite kind of shopping. Where do you shop? What do you shop for? What do you like about the experience?
- TOPIC 10:** Describe your favorite place to visit. Where is this place? When do you go there? Why do you go there?

Timed Writing

How quickly can you write in English? There are many times when you must write quickly—on a test for example. It is important to feel comfortable during those times. Timed-writing practice can make you feel better about writing quickly in English.

Take out a piece of paper. Then read the writing prompt below this paragraph. Your teacher will give you 5 minutes to brainstorm ideas about the topic. You must write 8 to 10 sentences about this topic. You will have 20 minutes to write these sentences. At the end of the 20 minutes, your teacher will collect your work and return it to you later.

Describe something that is important to you. It can be a person, place, thing, or idea. What is this thing? Why is it important to you? Give examples. Provide as many details as possible.

More Writing

For extra writing practice, see the activities in Unit 8 and Appendix 2.

Review: More Practice with Sentences and Paragraphs

Unit 8

GOAL: To practice sentence and paragraph skills from Units 1–7

Practice with Sentences and Paragraphs

This unit contains 27 activities for you to practice writing great sentences in great paragraphs. Some activities focus on sentences while others focus on paragraphs.

When you write the paragraphs in this unit, keep these things in mind:

Important Parts of a Paragraph

TOPIC SENTENCE

Only ONE TOPIC

INDENTED line

BODY and SUPPORTING SENTENCES

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

1. A good paragraph has a topic sentence that states the main idea.
2. All of the sentences in the paragraph are about one topic.
3. The first line of a paragraph is indented.
4. A good paragraph has a sufficient number of supporting sentences.
5. The last sentence, or concluding sentence, brings the paragraph to a logical conclusion.

ACTIVITY 1 Basic Punctuation and Capitalization

Read each set of sentences. Correct the punctuation and capitalization errors. Then number the sentences in the correct order. Rewrite the sentences in paragraph form on the lines below. Finally, add a title.

1. a. _____ in fact, the andes affect almost every aspect of peruvian life
- b. _____ it is located in the south-central part of the continent
- c. _____ peru is a country in south America
- d. _____ the andes mountains run through the middle of the country
- e. _____ the mountains affect weather agriculture and transportation

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 70

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2. a. _____ they are classified as birds but they cannot fly
- b. _____ instead, they are excellent swimmers because they have wings shaped like flippers
- c. _____ they live only in the cold regions in the southern hemisphere
- d. _____ penguins are very interesting animals
- e. _____ many people think that these birds live at the north pole but they do not

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 71

ACTIVITY 2 Word Forms

This activity will help you practice correct noun and adjective forms, verb tenses, and article usage. Read the paragraph. Underline the word that correctly completes each sentence.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 72

The Tomato: Fruit or Vegetable?

In supermarkets, people can find tomatoes in the vegetable section, but this common food is actually a (1. fruit / fruits). Many people (2. believe / believes) it is a (3. vegetable because / vegetable. Because) we eat it with (4. others / other) salty foods. For example, we eat (5. tomato / tomatoes) in salads and on sandwiches. We do not eat (6. tomato / tomatoes) for dessert or with anything sweet. However, the tomato is really a fruit. Now isn't that strange?



For more practice with word forms, try Unit 8, Activity 1 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 3 Editing in Four Steps

Read this paragraph. Then rewrite it according to the four editing steps on page 191.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 73

Our Family's Koi Pond

Today my father is going to build a koi pond in our backyard. First, he is going to dig a big hole in the center of the yard. Then he is going to lay a sheet of black plastic in the hole. Next, he is going to put rocks around the edge of the hole. After that, he is going to fill the new pond with water. Finally, he is going to add plants and fish. It is going to be a lot of hard work, but he is going to enjoy it.



ACTIVITY 4 Editing in Five Steps

Read this paragraph. Then rewrite it according to the five editing steps below.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 75

Our First Garden

Two years ago, my brother and I planted our first garden. First, we chose the location of the garden. We put it in a place that gets a lot of sunlight. Then we dug up the ground. After that, we added fertilizer. Next, we took seeds and planted them in rows in the garden. Finally, we watered the new garden. It was hard work, but we are proud of our garden.

Make the following changes to the paragraph above. Write your new paragraph on the lines below.

- Step 1. In the first sentence, change *my brother and I* to *Antonio*.
- Step 2. Change all the pronouns and possessive adjectives to fit the new subject.
- Step 3. In the first sentence, change the phrase *Two years ago* to *Tomorrow*.
- Step 4. Change all the simple past tense verbs to simple future tense verbs (*be going to*).
- Step 5. Check the other verbs to make sure that they are correct.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 76

Antonio's First Garden

ACTIVITY 5 Verb Forms

This activity will help you practice choosing the correct verb tense. Read the paragraph. Underline the correct verbs. Then answer the questions that follow the paragraph.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 77

An Important Invention

I (1. believe / believed) that the light bulb is one of the most important inventions in the world. In the past, people (2. used / are using) candles to see at night. This light was very weak and difficult to see with. However, the light bulb now (3. allowed / allows) us to see things easily in the dark. This invention also (4. help / helps) us to do more work in one day. Before the light bulb, most work (5. ends / ended) at sundown. Now people can continue to work outdoors or in their offices for much longer at night. In addition, people can do more fun things when it is dark. For example, sports fans (6. watch / watched) baseball games at night on lighted fields. Music lovers (7. listen / are listening) to a concert in a lighted stadium. Without the light bulb, people would not have as many choices for work or play.

1. What is the topic sentence of the paragraph?

2. How many sentences does the paragraph have? _____

3. What reasons does the writer give to support the main idea?

4. What two verb tenses does the writer use? Why?

ACTIVITY 6 Original Writing Practice with Verb Tenses

In Activity 5, you read one writer's opinion about an important invention in history. What do you think is an important invention in history? Write a short paragraph about it. Include a topic sentence and three examples to support your opinion. Create a title for your paragraph.

ACTIVITY 7 Verb Tense

This activity will help you practice choosing the correct verb tense. Read the paragraph. Underline the correct verbs. Then answer the questions on page 195.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 78

A Busy Day

Tomorrow (1. is / is going to be) a busy day for me. Usually, I (2. get / am getting) up at seven o'clock in the morning. However, tomorrow I (3. get / am going to get) up at five o'clock because I am going to go to the gym. After I finish at the gym, I (4. go / am going to go) to work. I usually (5. start / am starting) work at nine o'clock. Tomorrow I (6. start / am going to start) work at eight o'clock. After work, I frequently (7. have / am having) dinner with my friends. However, tomorrow I (8. go / will go) directly to my mother's house because it is her birthday. We (9. have / are going to have) a big party for her. I know I will have a lot of fun tomorrow.

1. What is the topic sentence of the paragraph?

2. How many sentences does the paragraph have? _____

3. What reasons does the writer give to support the main idea?

4. What two tenses does the writer use? Why?



For more practice with verb tense, try Unit 8, Activity 2 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 8 Original Writing Practice with Verb Tenses

In Activity 7, you read about one person's busy day. Write a paragraph describing a busy day in your life. It can be about a day in the past, present, or future. Include a topic sentence and three examples to support your opinion. Create a title for your paragraph.



Writer's Note

Adding Interest to Your Writing

Remember to use a variety of sentence types (simple, compound, complex) in your writing. Different kinds of sentences will make your writing more interesting. You can also use adverbs and adjectives to add variety and interest to your writing.

ACTIVITY 9 Connecting Sentences in a Paragraph

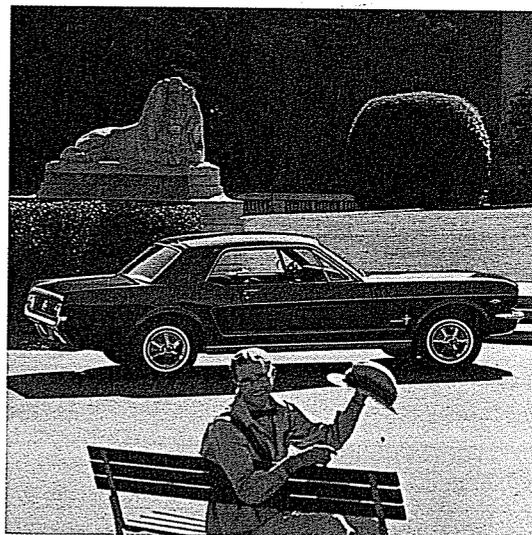
This activity will help you practice combining sentences with a connector. Combine each underlined pair of sentences. You may use and, but, or so to connect them. Remember to add a comma before the connecting word. You may have to delete some words. Rewrite the paragraph on the lines on page 197.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 79

My First Car

My first car was the best car in the world.

It was a Mustang. (1.) My Mustang was bright blue. It was very powerful. All my friends were jealous when they saw it. (2.) They wanted to drive it. I told them they could not. I said that they could be passengers or pedestrians. (3.) My friends did not want to walk. They always chose to be passengers. However, the best thing about my car was the way it made me feel. (4.) Every weekend, I drove to the movie theater in that car.



Every weekend, my friends rode with me. We felt like movie stars because everyone stared at us in my beautiful blue car. I will never forget the fun that I had in that cool car.

ACTIVITY 11 Articles

This activity will help you review the correct use of articles. Read the paragraph. Underline the article that correctly completes each sentence. (NOTE: Ø means "no article.")

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 81

Shark!

I will never forget my first encounter with (1. a / an / Ø) shark. I was nineteen, and I was visiting Australia with my family. My father and I went scuba diving on (2. a / the / Ø) Great Barrier Reef. We went out to (3. a / the / Ø) reef with many other tourists on (4. a / an / the) special boat. When we got to (5. a / the / Ø) reef, the scuba diving instructor helped us put on our equipment. Then we dove into (6. a / the / Ø) clear blue water. Everything was so beautiful! There were colorful fish and lots of different kinds of coral. I swam everywhere. Suddenly, I saw (7. a / an / the) huge gray shark swim towards me. I looked around for my father, but I was far away from him and (8. a / an / the) group of tourists. What could I do? (9. A / An / The) shark got closer and closer. I was so scared that I could not move. Just when I thought that it might bite me, (10. a / an / the) shark turned and swam (11. a / the / Ø) other way. Unbelievable! I quickly found my father. Now I never swim off by myself when I go scuba diving.

ACTIVITY 12 Editing for Articles

Follow these instructions:

1. Reread your writing in Activity 6 and Activity 8.
2. Choose three sentences from your paragraphs that contain articles. Write them below.
3. Ask a partner to check your sentences. Did you use the articles correctly?



For more practice with articles, try Unit 8, Activity 3 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 13 Adjective Clauses with *Who* and *That*

Read the paragraph. Underline the word that correctly completes each sentence. Circle the two unrelated sentences.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 82

How the Months of the Year Got Their Names

The names of all twelve months come from Roman culture and myths. First, there are several months (1. that / who) are named after Roman gods and goddesses. The Roman god of beginnings (2. that / who) gave us the month of January is Janus. The month (3. that / who) got its name from the Roman god of war is March. May and June honor the Roman goddesses Maia and Juno. Some months get their names from festivals. Both February and April come from special celebrations (4. that / who) appeared on the old Roman calendar. February usually only has 28 days. Two months (5. that / who) come in the summer got their names from Roman emperors. July is the month (6. that / who) honors Julius Caesar and August is named for Emperor Augustus. These months are usually hot. Finally, September, October, November, and December are named after the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth months of the Roman calendar. The month names (7. that / who) are so commonly used today certainly have a very rich history.



For more practice with adjective clauses with *who* and *that*, try Unit 8, Activity 4 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 14 Editing for Adjective Clauses

Follow these instructions:

1. Reread your writing in Activity 6 and Activity 8. Did you use adjective clauses in your writing?
2. If so, rewrite those sentences below.
3. If not, combine two of your sentences using an adjective clause.
4. Ask a partner to check your sentences. Did you use the adjective clauses correctly?

ACTIVITY 15 Topic Sentences and Supporting Sentences

This activity will help you recognize the difference between a topic sentence and supporting sentences. Each pair of sentences is about one topic. Decide which sentence is the topic sentence (T) and which is a supporting sentence (S). (Hint: The topic sentence gives more general information.)

1. Topic: Kennedy Space Center

_____ You can visit the Shuttle Plaza and walk through a life-size model of a space shuttle.

_____ Kennedy Space Center is a great place to visit.

2. Topic: The Definition of Patience

_____ A teacher often shows patience to young students at the end of the school day.

_____ Patience is the ability to continue doing something even if you do not see any results immediately.

3. Topic: The Capilano Bridge

_____ The Capilano Bridge is famous worldwide.

_____ The Capilano Bridge is 450 feet (137 m) long and rises 230 feet (70 m) above the Capilano River.

4. Topic: Making New Friends

_____ Some kids tried to be nice to me, but I did not want to talk to them.

_____ I learned the hard way how to make friends in a new school.

5. Topic: Cell Phones and Driving

_____ When drivers talk on cell phones, they get distracted and do not pay enough attention to driving.

_____ One of the recent developments of modern technology—cell phones—can be a threat to safe driving.



For more practice with topic sentences and supporting sentences, try Unit 8, Activity 5 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

ACTIVITY 16 Sentence Order in Paragraphs

Read all the sentences below. Then put them in a logical paragraph order. When you finish, write the sentences in correct paragraph format on the lines below. Be sure to add an appropriate title.

- a. _____ Instead, breakfast for them often consists of eggs with toast and coffee.
- b. _____ People in Malaysia eat rice for breakfast, too, but their rice is cooked in coconut milk.
- c. _____ Breakfast foods vary from country to country.
- d. _____ However, people in most countries in Central and South America do not eat rice for breakfast.
- e. _____ People eat this sweet, flavored rice with a red paste that is made of ground chili peppers and other ingredients.
- f. _____ In Japan, for example, it is common to eat rice, soup, and fish for breakfast.
- g. _____ From these varied breakfast items, it is clear that breakfast foods are different around the world.



For more practice with sentence order in paragraphs, try Unit 8, Activity 6 on the *Great Writing 1*
Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 83

ACTIVITY 17 Pre-reading Questions

Discuss the answers to these questions in a small group. Then read the paragraph.

1. Do you like to cook? If so, what is your favorite meal to prepare?
2. How much time do you spend in the kitchen?
3. Have you ever eaten linguine?

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 84

Something Easy to Cook

One of the quickest and easiest meals to prepare is linguine with tomato sauce. First, fill a large pot about three-quarters full with water. Bring the water to a boil and add about eight ounces of your favorite linguine. It will take about ten minutes for the pasta to cook thoroughly. While the pasta is cooking, heat a large skillet with about two tablespoons of olive oil. Slice three or four cloves of garlic and add them to the skillet. Stir frequently until the garlic cloves become a golden brown color. Add a large can of tomato sauce to the garlic and oil. Then add a pinch of salt and pepper. When the linguine is done, strain it in a colander and put the linguine in the skillet. Add some grated parmesan cheese and some chopped basil. Your delicious linguine dinner is ready.

Buon appetito!

ACTIVITY 18 Analyzing the Paragraph

Read each question about Example Paragraph 84 in Activity 17. Circle the best answer.

1. What is the main topic of the paragraph?
 - a. the health benefits of linguine
 - b. why linguine is inexpensive
 - c. cooking a quick linguine meal
2. What is the topic sentence of this paragraph?
 - a. One of the quickest and easiest meals to prepare is linguine with tomato sauce.
 - b. First, fill a large pot about three-quarters full with water.
 - c. Add some grated parmesan cheese and some chopped basil.

3. In your opinion, what does the paragraph explain?
 - a. It explains why cooking linguine is better than eating fast food.
 - b. It tells you that linguine is the easiest and most delicious food to make in the kitchen.
 - c. It lists the steps necessary to make a quick linguine dinner.
4. How many (food) ingredients does the author mention in the paragraph?
 - a. three
 - b. eight
 - c. ten
5. Read the paragraph again. What kind of verb is most often used?
 - a. simple past
 - b. present progressive
 - c. commands



Writer's Note

Words That Express an Opinion

When you write about your beliefs on a subject, you are giving your opinion. Here are some words and phrases that you can use when you write about your opinion:

believe	I <i>believe</i> that no one should smoke in public.
feel	I <i>feel</i> that smoking is a personal decision.
think	I <i>think</i> that smoking is bad for your health.
agree	I <i>agree</i> with the new laws that prohibit smoking.
disagree	I <i>disagree</i> with the new laws that prohibit smoking.
have mixed feelings	I <i>have mixed feelings</i> about smoking in public places. (This means the writer has more than one opinion on the topic, and the opinions conflict with each other.)



For practice with sentences that express an opinion, try Unit 8, Activity 7 on the *Great Writing 1* Web site: elt.heinle.com/greatwriting

Responding to Issues in the News

In the following section, you will read paragraphs that discuss topics in the news. You will also read people's opinions on these issues. Then you will write about your opinions.

ACTIVITY 19 Responding to a Reading Passage

Read the following paragraph. Then read the opinions that follow and answer the questions.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 85

Smoking in Public Places

In the last two decades, many U.S. cities voted to **ban** smoking in public areas. The main reason for doing this was public health. The action was **controversial** because smokers felt **discriminated against**. Some **activists** believe that **barring** smoking in public **establishments** is not the only solution to the problem. In fact, they propose establishing separate areas for smokers and nonsmokers, installing advanced ventilation systems, and using other measures. However, the **ruling** to ban smoking in public places is now a law.



ban: to prohibit, to make illegal

controversial: causing conflict or debate

discriminated against: judged or acted upon unfavorably

an activist: a person who works to support a political cause

barring: prohibiting, banning

an establishment: a business

a ruling: a decision

Opinion 1

Melinda:

Because secondhand smoke causes cancer, I believe that banning smoking in public places is correct. If smoking is not permitted in government buildings like the post office or courthouse, why should any other public place be different? One day smoking is going to be against the law, so this is not going to be an issue anymore. Until then, smokers should not create an unhealthy environment for people in public places.

1. What is the topic sentence of Melinda's paragraph?

2. In your own words, write one sentence about how Melinda feels about this issue.

3. What argument does Melinda use to support her opinion?

Opinion 2

Scott:

I am not a smoker, but I disagree with the new laws that prohibit smoking. I think it is unfair to single out smokers and make them feel unaccepted. People in public places like restaurants are allowed to eat as much greasy, unhealthy food as they want, which can cause a heart attack and other serious health problems. Overeating is just as unhealthy as smoking is, yet only the smokers are punished. Adults should be able to make their own decision about smoking. I think that fewer smokers will want to visit public places as much and businesses will suffer because of this law.

1. What is the topic sentence of Scott's paragraph?

2. In your own words, write one sentence about how Scott feels about this issue.

3. What argument does Scott use to support his opinion?

Opinion 3

Amanda:

I really have mixed feelings about this new law. On the one hand, I am glad that when I go into a restaurant, cigarette smoke does not ruin the smell and flavor of my food. In the past, some restaurants were so smoky that I had to leave because I could not enjoy my food. Now, that will not happen to me again. On the other hand, I believe that there can be a compromise. I go to places like zoos and airports that have special areas for smoking, and I have no problems there. Maybe the two groups can reach a compromise that will satisfy everyone.

1. What is the topic sentence of Amanda's paragraph?

2. In your own words, write one sentence about how Amanda feels about this issue.

3. How is Amanda's opinion different from Melinda's and Scott's?



Writer's Note

Should and the Tone of Verbs

You can use the word *should* to soften your verbs when you give your opinion. Study these examples.

Strong: People must not talk on their cell phones in their cars.

Strong: People have to stop talking on their cell phones in their cars.

Softer: People should not talk on their cell phones in their cars.

ACTIVITY 20 Original Writing

Now it is your turn to state your opinion about this issue. Write a paragraph that tells if you support or oppose the idea of banning smoking in restaurants. Indent your paragraph.

Be careful! Make sure that your first sentence (the topic sentence) states your opinion. Include good supporting sentences. Give your paragraph a title.



Writer's Note

Editing

Remember that it is very important to edit your writing. When you edit your writing, you find and correct your mistakes. You should also ask other people to edit your work. They may find mistakes that you missed.

(NOTE: See the Brief Writer's Handbook, pages 229–230, for more information on editing your writing.)

ACTIVITY 21 Peer Editing

Exchange books with a partner and look at Activity 20. Read your partner's writing. Then use Peer Editing Sheet 8 on page 263 to help you comment on your partner's writing. Be sure to offer positive suggestions and comments that will help your partner improve his or her writing. Consider your partner's comments as you revise your own writing.

ACTIVITY 22 Responding to a Reading Passage

Read the following paragraph. Then read the opinions that follow and answer the questions.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 86

A Medical Dilemma

Recently, there was a **controversy** in Great Britain involving **conjoined twins**. A woman from Malta gave birth to baby girls. Unfortunately, these girls were attached to each other. The parents, who were very religious, did not want doctors to separate the babies. They said it was murder. The doctors explained that with the operation, one baby would live. Without the operation, both babies would die. The British court made the final decision. The doctors performed the operation, and one of the babies died.

a controversy: a debate or a conflict

conjoined twins: twins that are physically attached

Opinion 1

Joseph:

A court must not have more power over someone's children than the family. It is unbelievable that the court forced its decision on this unlucky family. The birth of these girls was a natural event, and it was destiny that they were born conjoined twins. The parents did not want the operation because of their religion. That is a strong enough reason to let the parents make the final decision.

1. What is the topic sentence of Joseph's paragraph?

2. In your own words, write one sentence about how Joseph feels about this case.

3. What argument does Joseph use to support his idea?

Opinion 2

Rebecca:

When a human life is involved, the court must have some power in making the decision. Of course the case of these conjoined twin girls is a tragedy, but modern science could help them! The parents used their religion to make the decision. The court only wanted to save a human life. Maybe the parents did not realize that both little girls would die without the operation. To save one baby, I agree with the court.

1. What is the topic sentence of Rebecca's paragraph?

2. In your own words, write one sentence about how Rebecca feels about this case.

3. What argument does Rebecca use to support her idea?



Writer's Note

Varying Your Vocabulary

Vocabulary is a key part of good writing. Your level of vocabulary is an indication of your English proficiency. The reader's opinion of your writing will be higher if you use better vocabulary. Variety is important. In your paragraphs, try to use synonyms, phrases, and sometimes whole sentences to say the same information in a different way. Avoid using the same words all the time.

**Building Better Vocabulary****ACTIVITY 23 Word Associations**

Circle the word or phrase that is most closely related to the word or phrase on the left. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

1. transportation	driving	walking
2. an invention	a telephone	a mountain
3. a pedestrian	a walker	a rider
4. a ruling	a feeling	a decision
5. thoroughly	hardly	completely
6. banned	can do something	cannot do something
7. controversial	people disagree	people agree
8. established	started	finished
9. recently	in the near past	in the near future
10. to encounter	to understand or comprehend	to meet or find

ACTIVITY 24 Using Collocations

Fill in each blank with the word on the left that most naturally completes the phrase on the right. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know.

1. section / district	a _____ in the clothing store
2. put / give	to _____ the food in the refrigerator
3. allow / classify	to not _____ smoking in public
4. decision / solution	to make a _____ about something
5. about / against	to discriminate _____ a person
6. for / about	to vote _____ a candidate
7. give / classify	to _____ a ruling in court
8. reach / make	to _____ a compromise
9. from / against	to be banned _____ doing something
10. pedestrians / passengers	_____ on a train

ACTIVITY 25 Parts of Speech

Study the following word forms. In the sentences on the right, choose the best word and write it in the blank space. Be sure to use the correct form of the verb. If necessary, use a dictionary to check the meaning of words you do not know. (NOTE: The word in bold is the original word that appears in the unit.)

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Sentence Practice
transportation	transport	Ø	1. New York City's public _____ is excellent.
swimmers/swimming	swim	Ø	2. A truck driver _____ goods from one place to another.
difference	differ	different	3. Do you like the sport of _____?
			4. _____ have very muscular bodies.
			5. The twins _____ in their political views.
			6. There is a small _____ between British English and American English.
power	Ø	powerful	7. My car's engine does not have the _____ to drive up the mountain.
			8. Joann gave a very _____ speech.
disagreement	disagree	disagreeable	9. There was a _____ between the coach and his players.
			10. Many people _____ about the correct way to load a dishwasher.

Noun endings: -ation, -er, -ing, -ence, -ment

Adjective endings: -ent, -ful, -able

Original Student Writing

ACTIVITY 26 Original Writing

Reread Example Paragraph 86 in Activity 22. Then reread the two opinions and review your answers. Write a paragraph that states your opinion about this case. Tell if you agree or not with what the court decided about the twins. Use at least three of the vocabulary words or phrases presented in Activity 23, Activity 24, and Activity 25. Underline these words and phrases in your paragraph.

Be careful! Make sure that the first sentence you write (topic sentence) states the opinion you agree with. Include good supporting sentences. Give your paragraph a title.

ACTIVITY 27 Peer Editing

Exchange books with a partner and look at Activity 26. Read your partner's writing. Then use Peer Editing Sheet 9 on page 265 to help you comment on your partner's writing. Be sure to offer positive suggestions and comments that will help your partner improve his or her writing. Consider your partner's comments as you revise your own writing.

More Writing

For extra writing practice, see the activities in Appendix 2.

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Definitions of Useful Language Terms

- Adjective** An adjective is a word that describes a noun.
Lexi is a very smart girl.
- Adverb** An adverb is a word that describes a verb or an adjective.
The secretary types quickly.
- Article** The definite article is *the*. The indefinite articles are *a* and *an*.
The teacher gave an assignment to the students.
Jillian is eating a banana.
- Clause** A clause is a group of words that has a subject-verb combination. Sentences can have one or more clauses.
Roger wants to go to Harvard University. (one clause)
SUBJ. VERB
Christopher needs to write his report because he wants to pass the class.
SUBJ. VERB SUBJ. VERB
CLAUSE 1 CLAUSE 2
- Noun** A noun is a person, place, thing, or idea.
Sandra likes to eat sandwiches for lunch.
Love is a very strong emotion.
- Object** An object is a word that comes after a transitive verb or a preposition.
Jim bought a new car.
I left my jacket in the house.
- Predicate** A predicate is the part of a sentence that shows what a subject does.
Mr. Johnston walked to the park.
SUBJECT PREDICATE
My neighbor's cat was digging a hole in the yard.
SUBJECT PREDICATE
- Preposition** A preposition is a word that can show location, time, and direction. Some common prepositions are *around, at, behind, between, from, on, in, near, to, over, under, and with*. Prepositions can also consist of two words (*next to*) or three words (*in addition to*).
- Punctuation** Punctuation includes the period (.), comma (,), question mark (?), and exclamation point (!).
- Subject** The subject of a sentence tells who or what the sentence is about.
My science teacher gave us a homework assignment. It was difficult.

Tense

A verb has tense. Tense shows when the action happened.

Simple Present: She walks to school every day.

Present Progressive: She is walking to school now.

Simple Past: She walked to school yesterday.

Past Progressive: She was walking to school when she saw her friend.

Future: She is going to walk to school tomorrow.

Future: She will walk to school tomorrow.

Verb

A verb is a word that shows the action of a sentence.

They speak French.

My father works at the power plant.

Review of Verb Tenses

Verb Tense	Affirmative	Negative	Usage
Simple Present	I work you take he studies she does we play they have	I do not work you do not take he does not study she does not do we do not play they do not have	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for routines, habits, and other actions that happen regularly • for facts and general truths
Simple Past	I worked you took he studied she did we played they had	I did not work you did not take he did not study she did not do we did not play they did not have	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for actions that are finished • for facts
Present Progressive	I am working you are taking he is studying she is doing we are playing they are having*	I am not working you are not taking he is not studying she is not doing we are not playing they are not having*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for actions that are happening now • for future actions if a future time adverb is used or understood
Simple Future (<i>be going to</i>)	I am going to work you are going to take he is going to study she is going to do we are going to play they are going to have	I am not going to work you are not going to take he is not going to study she is not going to do we are not going to play they are not going to have	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for future actions

Verb Tense	Affirmative	Negative	Usage
Simple Future (will)	I will work you will take he will study she will do we will play they will have	I will not work you will not take he will not study she will not do we will not play they will not have	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for future actions
Present Perfect	I have worked you have taken he has studied she has done we have played they have had	I have not worked you have not taken he has not studied she has not done we have not played they have not had	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for actions that began in the past and continue until the present • for actions in the indefinite past time • for repeated actions in the past
Past Progressive	I was working you were taking he was studying she was doing we were playing they were having*	I was not working you were not taking he was not studying she was not doing we were not playing they were not having*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for longer actions that are interrupted by other actions or events

*Have can be used in progressive tenses only when it has an active meaning in special expressions, such as

- have a party
- have a good time
- have a bad time
- have a baby

Capitalization Rules

1. The first word in a statement or question is capitalized.

I go to the movies every week.

Do you like to play tennis?

2. The pronoun *I* is always capitalized.

Larry and I are brothers.

3. People's formal and professional titles begin with capital letters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are on vacation.

Lisa saw Dr. Johansen at the bank yesterday.

4. Proper names (specific people and places) begin with capital letters.

The Coliseum in Rome is a beautiful old monument.

Irene met her brother Don at the park.

5. Names of streets begin with capital letters.

Ruth lives on **Wilson Avenue**.

6. Geographical locations (cities, states, countries, continents, lakes, and rivers) begin with capital letters.

I am going to travel to **London, England**, next week.

The **Arno River** passes through **Tuscany, Italy**.

7. The names of languages and nationalities begin with capital letters.

My grandmother speaks **Polish**.

Jessica is going to learn **Japanese**.

Melissa is **Venezuelan**, but her husband is **Cuban**.

8. Most words in titles of paragraphs, essays, and books are capitalized. The first letter of a title is always capitalized, and the other important words in a title are capitalized. Do not capitalize prepositions (*to, in*), conjunctions (*and, but*), or articles (*a, an, the*) unless they are the first word of the title.

The Life of Billy Barnes

Crime and Punishment

The Catcher in the Rye

In the Bedroom

9. Specific course names are capitalized.

Are you taking **History 101** at 10:00 A.M.?

Are you taking **history** this semester? (general subject—no capital letter)

Spelling Rules for Regular Simple Past Tense Verbs

1. Add *-ed* to the base form of most verbs.

start started

finish finished

wash washed

2. Add only *-d* when the base form ends in an *e*.

live lived

care cared

die died

3. If a verb ends in a consonant + *y*, change the *y* to *i* and add *-ed*.

dry	dried
carry	carried
study	studied

4. If a verb ends in a vowel + *y*, do not change the *y*. Just add *-ed*.

play	played
stay	stayed
destroy	destroyed

5. If a verb has one syllable and ends in a consonant + vowel + consonant (CVC), double the final consonant and add *-ed*.

stop CVC	stopped
rob CVC	robbed

6. If a verb ends in a *w* or *x*, do not double the final consonant. Just add *-ed*.

sew	sewed
mix	mixed

7. If a verb that ends in CVC has two syllables and the second syllable is stressed, double the final consonant and add *-ed*.

ad mit'	admitted
oc cur'	occurred
per mit'	permitted

8. If a verb that ends in CVC has two syllables and the first syllable is stressed, do *not* double the final consonant. Just add *-ed*.

hap' pen	happened
lis' ten	listened
o' pen	opened

Irregular Simple Past Tense Verbs

These are some of the more common irregular verbs in English.

Base Form	Simple Past
be (am/is/are)	was/were
become	became
begin	began
bite	bit
bleed	bled
blow	blew
break	broke
bring	brought
build	built
buy	bought
catch	caught
choose	chose
come	came
cost	cost
cut	cut
do	did
drink	drank
drive	drove
eat	ate
fall	fell
feel	felt
fight	fought
find	found
flee	fled
forget	forgot
get	got
give	gave
grow	grew
have	had
hear	heard
hide	hid
hit	hit
hold	held

Base Form	Simple Past
hurt	hurt
keep	kept
know	knew
leave	left
let	let
lose	lost
make	made
pay	paid
put	put
read	read
run	ran
say	said
see	saw
sell	sold
send	sent
set	set
sing	sang
sit	sat
sleep	slept
speak	spoke
spend	spent
stand	stood
steal	stole
swim	swam
take	took
teach	taught
tell	told
think	thought
throw	threw
understand	understood
wear	wore
win	won
write	wrote

Spelling of the *-ing* (Present Participle) Form of Verbs

1. Add *-ing* to the base form of most verbs.

catch	catching
wear	wearing
go	going

2. If a verb ends in a consonant + *e*, drop the *e* and then add *-ing*.

write	writing
drive	driving
take	taking

3. If a verb has one syllable and ends in a consonant + vowel + consonant (CVC), double the final consonant and add *-ing*.

run CVC	running
sit CVC	sitting
stop CVC	stopping

4. If a verb ends in a *w*, *x*, or *y*, do not double the final consonant. Just add *-ing*.

sew	sewing
mix	mixing
say	saying

5. If a verb that ends in CVC has two syllables and the second syllable is stressed, double the final consonant and add *-ing*.

be gin'	beginning
ad mit'	admitting
re fer'	referring

6. If a verb that ends in CVC has two syllables and the first syllable is stressed, do *not* double the final consonant. Just add *-ing*.

o' pen	opening
lis' ten	listening
hap' pen	happening

Common Stative (Non-action) Verbs

Below is a list of common stative, or non-action, verbs. In general, these verbs do not use the progressive tense because they do not show an action, so they rarely have *-ing*.

Incorrect: She is drinking coffee because she is **disliking** green tea.

Correct: She is drinking coffee because she **dislikes** green tea.

Common Stative (Non-action) Verbs			
agree	hear	own	taste
be	know	prefer	think
believe	like	remember	understand
cost	love	see	want
dislike	mean	seem	
hate	need	smell	

Definite Article *The*

Use the article *the* when you are writing about a specific noun.

1. Use *the* for the second (and subsequent) time you write about something.

I bought a new coat yesterday. **The** coat is blue and gray.



2. Use *the* when the writer and the reader both know about or are familiar with the subject.

Are you going to **the bank** this afternoon?

(Both the writer and the reader know which bank they are talking about.)

3. Use *the* when the noun you are referring to is unique—there is only one.

The Sun and **the Earth** are both in **the Milky Way Galaxy**.

The Eiffel Tower is a beautiful monument.

4. Use *the* with specific time periods.

You must be very quiet for **the next hour**.

5. Use *the* when the other words in your sentence make the noun specific.

The cat in the picture is very pretty. (*In the picture* specifies which cat you are talking about.)

6. Do not use *the* before names or when you talk about something in general.

Mikhail Bulgakov is a famous Russian writer.

Jason is going to make a table with wood.

7. Some geographic locations require *the*, but others do not. Cities, states, countries, continents, and lakes do not use *the*.

Sylvie is from Venezuela. She lives near Lake Maracaibo.

COUNTRY NAME

LAKE NAME

However, if the location ends in *-s* (plural), or the words *united*, *union*, *kingdom*, or *republic* are in the name of the country, use *the*.

We are going to **the Bahamas** for our vacation. (The country name ends with *-s*.)

Who is the president of **the United States**? (*United* is in the country name.)

Most buildings, bodies of water (except lakes), mountain chains, and deserts use *the*.

The White House is in Washington, D.C.

BUILDING NAME

The Amazon is a very long river in South America.

RIVER NAME

Lake Baikal is a large freshwater lake in Russia.

LAKE NAME

(NO *THE*)

Common Non-count Nouns

Count nouns can be counted: *three* dogs, *two* computers, *one* house, *ten* tomatoes. A non-count noun cannot be counted. Study these commonly used non-count nouns.

Food Items: butter, sugar, salt, pepper, soup, rice, fish, meat, flour, bread

Liquids: milk, coffee, water, juice, cream

School Subjects: English, math, science, music, biology

Abstract Ideas: love, honesty, poverty, crime, advice, luck, pain, hate, beauty, humor

Others: homework, information, money, furniture, traffic

NOTE: Non-count nouns use quantifiers such as *much* and *a little*.*

We do not have much time to finish the assignment.

Can you give me a little water? I am thirsty.

Count nouns use quantifiers such as *many* and *a few*.*

There are many cars in the parking lot.

Dayna only has a few dollars in her wallet.

*See Quantifiers on page 224 for more information.

Possessive Adjectives

In general, subject pronouns come before the main verb in a sentence. Possessive adjectives come before a noun.

Subject Pronoun	Possessive Adjective	Example
I	my	I went to Rome last summer with <u>my</u> family.
you (singular)	your	<u>You</u> ate <u>your</u> ice cream already!
he	his	Bill wanted to play soccer. <u>He</u> called <u>his</u> friends.
she	her	Ana rushed to class, so <u>she</u> forgot <u>her</u> cell phone at home.
it	its	The bird fell. <u>It</u> hurt <u>its</u> wing.
we	our	My family and I went on a trip. <u>We</u> visited <u>our</u> relatives.
you (plural)	your	The boss told the workers, " <u>You</u> must do <u>your</u> work quickly."
they	their	The students enjoyed class. <u>They</u> liked <u>their</u> teacher.

Quantifiers

Quantifiers give more information about the quantity, or number, of a noun. Quantifiers usually go in front of a noun. Here are some common examples.

Quantifier	Example
<i>Count</i>	
one, two, three (all numbers) a few few many another several a pair of a couple of	<u>Several</u> students went to the school office. <u>Many</u> people wanted to leave the city. Elizabeth put <u>a few</u> coins in the parking meter.
<i>Non-count</i>	
a little little much	There is only <u>a little</u> milk left in the refrigerator. Hurry! We do not have <u>much</u> time.
<i>Count or Non-count</i>	
some (quantity meaning only) any a lot of the other other	They got into <u>a lot of</u> trouble. Mrs. Jones has <u>a lot of</u> friends. Joanne does not have <u>any</u> money.

The Prepositions *At, On, and In*

Prepositions express different ideas. They can indicate time, location, and direction. Remember that a preposition is usually followed by a noun (or pronoun).

Three very common prepositions in English are *at*, *on*, and *in*. In general, we use *at* with small, specific times and places, *on* with middle-sized times and places, and *in* with larger, more general times and places.

	Time	Place
Small	at 1:00 P.M.	at the bus stop
Middle	on Monday	on Bayview Avenue
Big	in July in spring in 2004 in this century	in Toronto in Ontario in Canada in North America

The Preposition *At*

Location

Use *at* for specific locations.

Angela works **at** the First National Bank.

I always do my homework **at** my desk.

Jeff met Joanne **at** the corner of Polk Street and Florida Avenue.

Time

Use *at* for specific times.

My grammar class meets **at** 9:00 A.M. every day.

I'll see you **at** noon for lunch!

Carla does not like to walk alone **at** night.

Direction

Use *at* for motion toward a goal.

My brother threw a ball **at** me.

The robber pointed his gun **at** the policewoman.

The Preposition *On*

Location

Use *on* when there is contact between two objects. We also use *on* with streets.

The picture is **on** the wall.

He put his books **on** the kitchen table.

Candice lives **on** Bayshore Boulevard.

Time

Use *on* with specific days or dates.

Our soccer game is **on** Saturday.

Your dentist appointment is **on** October 14.

I was born **on** June 22, 1988.

The Preposition *In***Location**

Use *in* when something is inside another thing.

The books are **in** the big box.

I left my jacket **in** your car.

Barbara lives **in** Istanbul.

Time

Use *in* for a specific period of time, a specific year, or a future appointment.

I am going to graduate from college **in** three years.

My best friend got married **in** 2006.

Mr. Johnson always drinks four cups of coffee **in** the morning.

We will meet you **in** ten minutes.

More Prepositions

Here are a few more common prepositions. Remember that a preposition is usually followed by a noun (or pronoun).

with to for by near under from

Examples:

I am going **to** France **with** my cousin.

Marta bought a gift **for** her grandmother.

Please put that box **by** the door.

The student union is **near** my dorm.

Pedro keeps his shoes **under** his bed.

Did you get a job offer **from** that company?

Connectors**Coordinating Conjunctions**

Coordinating conjunctions are used to connect two independent clauses (sentences).

NOTE: A comma usually appears before a coordinating conjunction that separates two independent clauses. (An exception is when the two clauses are both very short.)

Purpose	Coordinating Conjunction	Example
To show reason	for*	He ate a sandwich, <u>for</u> he was hungry.
To add information	and	Carla lives in Toronto, <u>and</u> she is a student.
To add negative information	nor**	Roberto does not like opera, <u>nor</u> does he enjoy hip-hop.
To show contrast	but†	The exam was difficult, <u>but</u> everyone passed.
To give a choice	or	We can eat Chinese food, <u>or</u> we can order a pizza.
To show concession/contrast	yet†	The exam was difficult, <u>yet</u> everyone passed.
To show result	so	It was raining, <u>so</u> we decided to stay home last night.

*The conjunction *for* is not common in English. It may be used in literary writing, but it is almost never used in spoken English.

**Notice that question word order is used in the clause that follows *nor*.

†The conjunctions *but* and *yet* have similar meanings. However, *yet* is generally used to show a stronger contrast.

Many writers remember these conjunctions with the acronym *FANBOYS*. Each letter represents one conjunction: *F* = *for*, *A* = *and*, *N* = *nor*, *B* = *but*, *O* = *or*, *Y* = *yet*, and *S* = *so*.

Subordinating Conjunctions

Subordinating conjunctions are used to connect a dependent clause and an independent clause.

NOTE: When the sentence begins with the dependent clause, a comma should be used after the clause.

Purpose	Subordinating Conjunction	Example
To show reason/cause	because since as	He ate a sandwich <u>because</u> he was hungry. <u>Since</u> he was hungry, he ate a sandwich. <u>As</u> he was hungry, he ate a sandwich.
To show contrast	although even though though while	<u>Although</u> the exam was difficult, everyone passed. <u>Even though</u> the exam was difficult, everyone passed. <u>Though</u> the exam was difficult, everyone passed. Deborah is a dentist <u>while</u> John is a doctor.
To show time relationship	after before until while as	<u>After</u> we ate dinner, we went to a movie. We ate dinner <u>before</u> we went to a movie. I will not call you <u>until</u> I finish studying. <u>While</u> the pasta is cooking, I will cut the vegetables. <u>As</u> I was leaving the office, it started to rain.
To show condition	if even if	<u>If</u> it rains tomorrow, we will stay home. We will go to the park <u>even if</u> it rains tomorrow.

Some Common Comma Rules

1. Put a comma before *and*, *but*, *for*, *or*, *nor*, *so*, and *yet* when they connect two independent clauses.
Richard bought Julie a croissant, but he ate it himself.
2. Put a comma between three or more items in a series.
Jennifer brought a towel, an umbrella, some sunscreen, and a book to the beach.
3. Put a comma after a dependent clause (a clause that begins with a subordinating conjunction) when that clause begins a sentence.
Because it was raining outside, Alex used his umbrella.
4. Put a comma before or after the name of a person spoken to.
“Hamad, do you want to play soccer?” Ana asked.
“Do you want to play soccer, Hamad?” Ana asked.
5. Commas separate parts of dates and places. Put a comma between the day and the date. Put a comma between the date and the year. Put a comma between a city and a state or a country.
I was born on Tuesday, June 27, 1989.
The concert was in Pusan, Korea.
The headquarters of that company is located in Osaka, Japan.
6. Use a comma to separate an introductory word or phrase from the rest of the sentence.
Finally, they decided to ask the police for help.
Every afternoon after school, I go to the library.
NOTE: *Then* is not followed by a comma.
7. Put a comma to separate information that is not necessary in a sentence.
Rome, which is the capital of Italy, has a lot of pollution.
George Washington, the first president of the United States, was a military officer.
8. Put a comma after the salutation in personal letters and after the conclusion in personal and business letters.
Dear Roberta, Dear Dr. Gomez, Dear Ms. Kennedy,

With love, Sincerely, Yours truly,
Grandma Jonathan Alicia

Order of Adjectives

Adjectives can go before nouns.

He has a white car. It is a new car.

When more than one adjective is used before a noun, there is a certain order for the adjectives.

Incorrect: He has a white new car.

Correct: He has a new white car.

In general, there are seven kinds of adjectives. They are used in this order:

1. size *small, large, huge*
2. opinion *beautiful, nice, ugly*
3. shape *round, square, oval*
4. condition *broken, damaged, burned*
5. age *old, young, new*
6. color *red, white, green*
7. origin *French, American, Korean*

It is common to have two adjectives before a noun but rare to have three or more adjectives before a noun. When there is more than one adjective before a noun, follow the order above. The noun always goes last. Remember that this list is only a general guideline.

Incorrect: a white small Japanese truck

Correct: a small white Japanese truck

Incorrect: a broken large dish

Correct: a large broken dish

Editing Your Writing

While you must be comfortable writing quickly, you also need to be comfortable with improving your work. Writing an assignment is not always a one-step process. It is often a multiple-step process. During your timed writings in Units 3–7, you probably made some changes to your work to make it better. However, you may not have fixed all of the errors. The paper that you turned in to your teacher is called a **first draft**, which is sometimes referred to as a **rough draft**.

A first draft can often be improved. One way to improve your writing is to ask a classmate, friend, or teacher to read it and make suggestions. Your reader may discover that your paragraph is missing a topic sentence or that there are grammar mistakes. You may not always like or agree with your reader's comments, but being open to suggestions will make you a better writer.

This section will help you become more familiar with how to identify and correct errors in your writing.

Step 1

Below is a student's first draft for a timed writing. The writing prompt for this assignment was "Write about a very happy or a very sad event in your life." As you read the first draft, look for areas that need improvement and write your comments in the margin. For example, does every sentence have a subject and a verb? Does the writer always use the correct verb tense and the correct punctuation? Does the paragraph have a topic sentence with controlling ideas?

My Saddest Day

The day I came for the U.S. is my saddest. That night my family gave me a big party. We staid up all night. In the morning, all the people were go to the airport. We cryed and said good-bye. they kissed and huged me. i think i will not see them ever again. i was sad in united states for six months. now i feel better. that was my saddest day.

Step 2

Read the teacher comments on the first draft of "My Saddest Day." Are these the same things that you noticed?

My Saddest Day

Remember
to indent was

The day I came for the U.S. (is) my saddest. That night my family gave me a big party. We (staied)
There is no "be" form with simple past
 up all night. In the morning, all the people (were go) to the airport. We (cryed) and said good-bye.
Always put "the" in front of "United States"
(i) kissed and (huged) me. (i think) that (i) will not see them ever again. (i) was sad in (united states)
 for six months. (now i) feel better. (that) was my saddest day.

You have some good ideas in this paragraph. I really like your topic sentence and concluding sentence. However, you write about three different time frames. You write about the night you left your country, the day you arrived in the United States, and six months after you arrived. Choose one of these times and write about that. I'd really like to learn about your party.

Verbs: You must review the spelling rules for the simple past tense. You had a very hard time with this. Also, be careful with irregular forms. The incorrect forms distract from your ideas. I corrected your first mistake. Fix the others I've circled.

I underlined some capitalization errors. Please fix these, too.

Step 3

Now read the second draft of this paper. How is it the same as the first draft? How is it different? Did the writer fix all the sentence mistakes?

My Saddest Party

The night before I came for the U.S. was my saddest party. That night my family gave me a big party. All my family and friends were come to it. We sang, danced, and ate many food. We stayed up all night. We talked about my new life. When everyone left, we cried and said good-bye. They kissed and hugged me. I think I will not see them ever again. Finally, I went to bed at 4:00 in the morning. However, I could not sleep because I was so sad. I was sad in the United States for six months. Now I feel better, but that was my saddest day.

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Appendix 1



Building Better Sentences

Being a good writer involves many skills including correct grammar usage, varied vocabulary, and conciseness. Some student writers like to keep their sentences simple. They feel that they will make mistakes writing longer, more complicated sentences. However, writing short choppy sentences one after the other is not considered appropriate in academic writing. Study the examples below.

The time was yesterday.

It was afternoon.

There was a storm.

The storm was strong.

The movement of the storm was quick.

The storm moved towards the coast.

The coast was in North Carolina.

Notice that every sentence has an important piece of information. A good writer would not write all these sentences separately. Instead, the most important information from each sentence can be used to create ONE longer, coherent sentence.

Read the sentences again; this time, the important information has been circled.

The time was yesterday.

It was afternoon.

There was a storm.

The storm was strong.

The movement of the storm was quick.

The storm moved towards the coast.

The coast was in North Carolina.

Here are some strategies for taking the circled information and creating a new sentence.

1. Create time phrases to begin or end a sentence: *yesterday + afternoon*
2. Find the key noun: *storm*
3. Find key adjectives: *strong*
4. Create noun phrases: *a strong + storm*
5. Change word forms: *movement = move; quick = quickly*
moved + quickly
6. Create place phrases: *towards the coast*
towards the coast (of North Carolina)
or
towards the North Carolina coast

Better Sentence:

Yesterday afternoon, a strong storm moved quickly towards the North Carolina coast.

Here are some other strategies for building better sentences.

7. Use connectors and transition words.
8. Use pronouns as referents for previously mentioned information.
9. Use possessive adjectives and pronouns.

Study the following example.

Susan went somewhere. That place was the mall. Susan wanted to buy new shoes. The shoes were for Susan's mother.

Improved, Longer Sentence:

Susan went to the mall because she wanted to buy new shoes for her mother.

Practices

This section contains practice for the sentences and paragraphs in Units 1–7. Follow these steps for each practice:

- Step 1** Read the sentences. Circle the most important information in each sentence.
- Step 2** Write an original sentence from the information you circled. Use the strategies listed on pages 232–233.
- Step 3** Go back to the page in the unit to check your sentence. Find the sentence on that page. Compare your sentence with the original sentence. Remember that there is more than one way to combine sentences.

Note that the first exercise in Practice 1 has been done for you.

Practice 1. Unit 1

A. page 7

1. John is my friend.
2. John works.
3. The work is in Chicago.

My friend John works in Chicago.

B. page 3

1. There are boxes.
2. The boxes are on the table.
3. The boxes are heavy.

C. page 24

1. Caroline attends classes.
2. The classes are at Jefferson Community College.
3. The classes are on Wednesdays.

D. page 27

1. Tuscany is a region.
 2. This region is in Italy.
 3. This region is beautiful.
-
-

Practice 2 Unit 2

A. page 37

1. There are books.
 2. The books are rare.
 3. The books are in the library.
-
-

B. page 45

1. Drivers have more accidents.
 2. The accidents happen on roads.
 3. The roads are snowy.
-
-

C. page 60

1. Aspirin is good for headaches.
 2. Aspirin is good for colds.
 3. Aspirin is good for pain.
-
-

Practice 3 Unit 3

A. page 67

1. Charlie is a man.
 2. Charlie is wonderful.
 3. Charlie is my uncle.
-
-

B. page 79

1. Gretchen studies veterinary medicine.
 2. She studies at the University of Florida.
 3. The University of Florida is in Gainesville.
-
-

C. page 82 (Hint: Use a coordinating conjunction.)

1. The students take a test.
 2. The test happens every Friday.
 3. There are scores.
 4. The scores are not very high.
-
-

Practice 4 Unit 4

A. page 96 (Hint: Use a coordinating conjunction.)

1. The government in Hunan was corrupt.
 2. Lao-Tzu decided to leave.
 3. Lao-Tzu left his home.
-
-

B. page 104 (Hint: Use a coordinating conjunction.)

1. My parents were not rich.
 2. My parents were always happy.
-
-

C. page 111

1. This book gives us information.
 2. There is a lot of information.
 3. The book gives us the information now.
 4. The information is important.
 5. The information is about life in the fourteenth century.
-
-

Practice 5 Unit 5

A. page 119 (Hint: Use a coordinating conjunction.)

1. Mr. Jimenez loves monkeys.
 2. Rosario loves monkeys.
 3. Mr. Jimenez and Rosario are walking around the exhibit.
 4. The exhibit is about monkeys.
-
-

B. page 124 (Hint: Use a coordinating conjunction.)

1. Bolivia is a country.
 2. Bolivia is landlocked.
 3. Bolivia is in South America.
 4. Switzerland is a country.
 5. Switzerland is landlocked.
 6. Switzerland is in Europe.
-
-

C. page 130 (Hint: Use a coordinating conjunction.)

1. There are many great places to visit.
 2. These places are in this city.
 3. You cannot see all these places.
 4. This cannot happen in one day.
-
-

Practice 6 Unit 6

A. page 146

1. First, Carmen arrives.
 2. Then Carmen will perform some dances.
 3. These dances will be formal.
 4. Carmen is going to do these dances with her friends.
-
-

B. page 157

1. I go to the theater.
 2. The theater is on Broadway.
 3. I do this often.
 4. The reason I do this is that I live in New York.
-
-

C. page 160

1. First, I will arrive in Canada.
 2. Next, I will buy many souvenirs.
 3. There will be souvenirs for my parents.
 4. There will be souvenirs for my brother.
 5. There will be souvenirs for my friends.
-
-

Practice 7 Unit 7

A. page 169

1. The two women are my mother and grandmother.
 2. The women are sitting on the sofa.
-
-

B. page 173

1. These are words.
 2. There are just a few of these words.
 3. These words cause spelling problems for English speakers.
 4. These speakers are native and nonnative.
-
-

C. page 182

1. Wendy is eating lunch.
 2. Wendy is talking to her friends.
 3. Wendy is in the cafeteria.
 4. Wendy is doing these things right now.
-
-

Appendix 2

Extra Writing Activities

Writing Activity 1 Writing a Paragraph (Unit 2)

Read the paragraph and follow the steps below to create a new paragraph. Write the new paragraph on the lines provided.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 87

California

¹California is a large state. ²It is located in the western part of the United States. ³The population of California is approximately 36 million. ⁴The biggest cities in California are Los Angeles and San Francisco. ⁵Millions of tourists visit this state every year. ⁶They come for the beaches, the mountains, and the cities that this large state is famous for.

1. In Sentences 1, 3, and 4, change *California* to *Florida*. Do the same for the title.
2. In Sentence 2, change *western* to *southeastern*.
3. In Sentence 3, change the population number from *36 million* to *18 million*.
4. In Sentence 4, change the names of the cities from *Los Angeles and San Francisco* to *Miami, Tampa, and Orlando*.
5. In Sentence 6, change *mountains* to *parks*.
6. In Sentence 6, change *cities* to *great weather*.

Writing Activity 2 Writing a Paragraph (Unit 2)

Read the paragraph and follow the steps below to create a new paragraph. Write the new paragraph on the lines provided.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 88

My Older Sister

¹I would like to tell you about my older sister. ²Her name is Natalie. ³She is 26 years old. ⁴She is an elementary school teacher. ⁵She loves children. ⁶She is very patient and kind. ⁷My sister Natalie is a wonderful person.

1. In Sentences 1 and 7, change *sister* to *brother*. Do the same for the title.
2. In Sentences 3, 4, 5, and 6, change *she* to *he*.
3. In Sentence 2, change *her* to *his*. Be sure to use a capital letter.
4. *Natalie* is a girl's name. In Sentences 2 and 7, change *Natalie* to a boy's name of your choice.
5. In sentence 7, change *wonderful* to *great*.

Writing Activity 3 Writing a Paragraph (Unit 2)

Read the paragraph and follow the steps below to create a new paragraph. Write the new paragraph on the lines provided. The current title is simple. Write a better or more interesting title for your paragraph.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 89

My House

¹I live in a big house. ²It is located on Princeton Street. ³My house number is 915. ⁴My house is new. ⁵It is two years old. ⁶The sides of my house are light yellow. ⁷The roof is light gray. ⁸In front of the house, there are many flowers. ⁹I am so lucky to live in this house!

1. In Sentence 1, change *big* to *little*.
2. In Sentence 2, change the name of the street from *Princeton Street* to *Hillside Road*.
3. In Sentence 3, change the house number from *915* to *710*.
4. In Sentence 4, change *new* to *very old*.
5. In Sentence 5, change the number *two* to an appropriate number for a very old house.
6. In Sentences 6 and 7, change the color of the side of the house from *light yellow* to *white*. Change the color of the roof from *light gray* to *dark gray*.
7. In Sentence 8, change the phrase *many flowers* to *some small bushes and trees*.

Writing Activity 4 Writing a Paragraph (Unit 2)

Read the paragraph and follow the steps below to create a new paragraph. Write the new paragraph on the lines provided.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 90

A Desert Plant

¹The cactus is an interesting plant. ²It grows in the desert. ³It likes very hot temperatures. ⁴It does not need a lot of water to live. ⁵Its leaves are spiky. ⁶Many people grow this plant in their gardens.

1. In Sentence 1, change *the cactus* to *seaweed*.
2. In Sentence 2, change *desert* to *ocean*. Do the same in the title and also change *a* to *an*.
3. In Sentence 3, make the verb *likes* negative.
4. In Sentence 4, make the verb *does not need* affirmative.
5. In Sentence 5, change *spiky* to *long and thin*.
6. In Sentence 6, change *gardens* to *aquariums*.

Writing Activity 5 Changing Nouns to Subject Pronouns (Unit 2)

Fill in each blank with the correct subject pronoun (they, she, he, or it) for the noun in parentheses (). Then copy the new paragraph on the lines below. Give the paragraph a title.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 91

Susan Brown and Joey Chen are actors. (1. Susan and Joey) _____ have very interesting careers. Susan acts in plays in the theater. (2. Susan) _____ works in New York City. (3. New York City) _____ is the best place to work in the theater. Joey acts in movies. (4. Joey) _____ works in Los Angeles. (5. Los Angeles) _____ is an exciting city. (6. Film studios) _____ make lots of movies there. Susan and Joey are very happy with their jobs. (7. Susan and Joey) _____ would not do anything else.

Writing Activity 6 Changing Nouns to Object Pronouns (Unit 3)

Read the paragraph and follow the steps below to create a new paragraph. Write the new paragraph on the lines provided. Be sure to write a title for your paragraph.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 92

¹Jane and I moved into a new apartment last week. ²We were very excited. ³We moved many big things into (our new apartment). ⁴I had a television. ⁵We put (the television) in the living room next to the window. ⁶Jane's brother helped (Jane and me) move our couch and chairs. ⁷We told (Jane's brother) to put (the couch and chairs) in front of the television. ⁸Finally, we moved in our beds. ⁹It took a long time to bring (the beds) in. ¹⁰Jane said she would move her bed alone, but her brother had to help (Jane). ¹¹Moving is a lot of hard work. I hope we do not have to move again soon!

1. Change all the words in parentheses into an object pronoun (*me, you, her, him, us, them, it*).
2. In Sentence 9, make the verb negative.
3. In Sentence 10, change the word *alone* to the phrase *by herself*.

Writing Activity 8 Sentence Combining (Unit 4)

Read the paragraph. It is missing three sentences. Combine the sentences that follow the paragraph. Use and, but, or so. Then write the three new sentences in the correct place in the paragraph.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 94

Lars's New Career

Lars is studying nursing. (1.) _____

Lars also practices nursing at a local hospital. (2.) _____

He is not ready to do that yet. (3.) _____

_____ Because of this, it will be easy for him to get a good job. Then he can help as many people as possible.

- Missing Sentence 1:* He has to go to school five days a week.
He takes several classes every day.
- Missing Sentence 2:* He helps with everyday work there.
He cannot help with emergencies.
- Missing Sentence 3:* Lars's grades are very good.
He will graduate with honors.

Writing Activity 10 Adjective Clauses (Unit 7)

Read the paragraph below. Three pairs of sentences are underlined. Combine each pair of sentences by using an adjective clause. Rewrite the paragraph with your new sentences on the lines provided. The first two sentences have been combined for you.

EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH 96

The Discovery of the *Titanic*

¹There were many scientists and explorers. They searched for the *Titanic* for a long time. They finally found it in 1985. It was deep in the Atlantic Ocean. This water was too deep for humans to visit without protection. Scientists solved this problem. ²In order to explore the wreck, they used a **submersible**. This submersible was **controlled** by people on the surface of the ocean. Explorers took pictures of the *Titanic* with the submersible. ³They even brought things to the surface. These things were on the **sunken** ship. Because of these people's efforts, we now understand more about the remains of the *Titanic*.

a submersible: a vehicle that can go very deep underwater

control: to guide

sunken: covered by water

The Discovery of the *Titanic*

There were many scientists and explorers who searched for the *Titanic* for a long time.

Appendix 3

Peer Editing Sheets

Peer Editing Sheet 1 Unit 1, Activity 27, page 32

Writer: _____ Date: _____

Peer Editor: _____

1. In three or four words, what is the topic of the paragraph? (What did the writer write about?)

2. How many sentences did the writer write? _____

3. Does each sentence begin with a capital letter? _____ If not, which sentences need to be fixed?

4. Does each sentence have a period or question mark at the end? _____ If not, which sentences need to be fixed?

5. What is the longest sentence? _____ How many words does it have? _____

6. Do you see an error in any of the sentences? _____ If so, write one of the sentences here, but correct the error.

Peer Editing Sheet 2 Unit 2, Activity 21, page 64

Writer: _____ Date: _____

Peer Editor: _____

1. Where does the writer want to go? _____

2. What is one reason that the writer wants to visit this place?

3. How many sentences are in the paragraph? _____

4. Did the writer remember to indent the first line of the paragraph? _____

5. Does the paragraph have a topic sentence? _____

6. Write the topic sentence here. _____

7. Does the paragraph contain any adjectives? If so, write them here. _____

8. Do you have any questions about what the writer wrote? (Are there any unclear sentences?) If so, write your questions here. _____

Peer Editing Sheet 3 Unit 3, Activity 24, page 91

Writer: _____ Date: _____

Peer Editor: _____

1. What sport did the writer choose to write about? _____

2. Did you know about this sport before you read this paragraph? _____

3. Does the paragraph have a topic sentence? _____ If so, write it here. _____

4. How many sentences are in the paragraph? _____

5. Does each sentence begin with a capital letter? _____ If not, write the sentences that need to be fixed here. _____

6. Does each sentence have a period or question mark at the end? _____ If not, write the sentences that need to be fixed here. _____

7. Which sentence has the most adjectives in it? Write the sentence here and circle the adjectives.

8. Does every sentence have a verb? _____ If not, write one of the sentences that is missing a verb here and add a correct verb.

9. If there is a compound sentence in the paragraph, write it here. Circle the connecting word.

10. Did the writer use any object pronouns? If so, write a sentence that contains one here. Circle the object pronoun.

11. Write another sentence about the topic here. (Write your own original sentence.)

Peer Editing Sheet 4 Unit 4, Activity 20, page 115

Writer: _____ Date: _____

Peer Editor: _____

1. Who did the writer write about? _____
2. Why do you think the writer chose this person? _____

3. Can you find a sentence that tells where the person lived? _____
4. Write the topic sentence here. _____

5. Now circle the subject in the topic sentence. Underline the verb.
6. How many sentences are there? _____ How many verbs are there? _____
7. In general, it is not good to have the same number of verbs and sentences. If these two numbers are the same, this means that the writer uses subject-verb order and simple sentences too often. The writer needs to work on sentence variety. Suggest that the writer try to combine sentences.
8. Write a few of the simple past tense verbs here. _____
9. How many times did the writer use *was*? _____ *Were*? _____ Irregular simple past verbs? _____
Simple past negative verbs? _____
10. Are there any compound sentences that use *but*? _____ If not, suggest two sentences that can be connected with *but*. Write them here.

11. Did the writer use any time phrases? If so, write them here.

12. Is there an additional piece of information about the person that you would like to know? Write a question about this information.

Peer Editing Sheet 5 Unit 5, Activity 17, page 137

Writer: _____ Date: _____

Peer Editor: _____

- 1. Is the first line of the paragraph indented? _____
- 2. How many *-ing* verbs can you find in the paragraph? _____
- 3. Can you find a sentence that has *and* or *so* as a connector? Write it here.

- 4. Does every sentence have a subject and a verb? _____ If not, write one of the incorrect sentences here. Then correct it. _____

- 5. Adjectives help make writing easy to see or imagine. Can you find a sentence that does not have any adjectives? Write it here and add two adjectives. Circle the two adjectives that you added.

- 6. Does the paragraph have any sentences that contain adverbs of manner? If so, write one of them here.

7. Can you find any spelling mistakes? _____ Write the misspelled words and their correct spelling below.

Misspelled Word

Correctly Spelled Word

a. _____

a. _____

b. _____

b. _____

c. _____

c. _____

d. _____

d. _____

8. What do you think of the content of the paragraph? Do you have any comments or suggestions for the writer? If so, write them here.

Peer Editing Sheet 6 Unit 6, Activity 19, page 164

Writer: _____ Date: _____

Peer Editor: _____

1. What goal does the writer describe in this paragraph? _____

- 2. Check for these features:
 - a. Is there a topic sentence? _____
 - b. Do all the sentences relate to one topic? _____
 - c. Is the first line indented? _____

3. What is the topic sentence? Write it here. _____

4. Check for mistakes with subject-verb agreement. If the subject is singular, is the verb singular, too? If the subject is plural, is the verb plural, too? If you find any mistakes, circle them.

5. Is it easy for you to understand the meaning of the sentences in this paragraph? _____
If not, write a sentence that is hard for you to understand.

6. Does the writer have articles in every place where they are needed? _____ If not, add them to the paragraph.

7. Do you have any ideas or suggestions for improving the paragraph? _____

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Writer: _____ Date: _____

Peer Editor: _____

1. What is the writer's opinion about cooking food at home or eating in a restaurant? Check one.

_____ Cooking food at home is better.

_____ Eating in a restaurant is better.

_____ Both options are about the same.

2. What is one reason that the writer gives for his or her choice? _____

3. Write the sentence here that tells you the answer to Item 2. _____

4. Does the sentence in Item 3 have a subject and a verb? _____ If so, underline the subject one time and the verb two times. If not, add the missing words.

5. Is the first line indented? _____ If not, draw an arrow to show that the line needs to be indented.

6. Does the paragraph have a complex sentence? _____ If so, write it below. If not, make a suggestion about combining two simple sentences from the paragraph.

7. Do you think this paragraph is too long, too short, or just right? _____

If you think it is too long, what information should the writer cut? If you think it is too short, what information should the writer add?

8. Does the writer include adjective clauses in the paragraph? If so, write the clauses below.

9. Do you have any suggestions for making this paragraph better? _____

Writer: _____ Date: _____

Peer Editor: _____

1. What is the writer's opinion about smoking in restaurants? _____

2. Do you agree with the writer's opinion? _____

3. Explain your answer in Item 2. _____

4. Check for these features: a. Is there a topic sentence? _____

b. Do all the sentences relate to one topic? _____

c. Is the first line indented? _____

5. What is the topic sentence? Write it here. _____

6. Are articles used correctly? Circle any errors with articles.

7. Was it easy for you to understand the language in the paragraph? _____ If not, write one of the confusing parts (sentences) here. _____

8. How many sentences does this paragraph have? _____
How many sentences do *not* have a verb? _____

9. Can you think of anything to make this a better paragraph? _____

Writer: _____ Date: _____

Peer Editor: _____

1. What is the writer's opinion about what to do in this case? _____

2. Do you agree or disagree with the writer's ideas? _____

3. Please explain your answer to Item 2. _____

4. Are all the verbs in the correct tense? If not, write a sentence here with an incorrect verb. Then make the correction.

5. Does every sentence end with the correct punctuation? _____ If not, put a circle around any incorrect punctuation.

6. Can you understand everything the writer wanted to say? _____ If not, write one of the unclear parts here. _____

Why is this unclear to you? _____

7. Can you add two or more interesting adjectives in front of two nouns? (Add them on the student's paper. Draw an arrow to show where they should go.) What are your two adjectives? Use the Brief Writer's Handbook (page 228) if you need help with the correct order. _____

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