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Effective Sentences

An effective sentence expresses a thought clearly. Faulty sentences leave the reader in doubt about what is being said.

I. Check the more effective sentence in each pair below. (Score: 24)

- 1. Sandy touched the bird's nest, which flew out chirping loudly. _____
Sandy touched the nest, and the bird flew out chirping loudly. _____
- 2. The story of Tom Sawyer has been enjoyed ever since it was written. _____
The story of Tom Sawyer has been enjoyed ever since he wrote it. _____
- 3. After Emily spoke to Miss O'Keefe, she disappeared. _____
Emily spoke to Miss O'Keefe and then disappeared. _____
- 4. She likes to paint more than her sister does. _____
Her sister does not like to paint as often as she does. _____
- 5. Open your book and turn to page 10. _____
Open your book and then you should turn to page 10. _____
- 6. Walking up the steps, the bell rang. _____
The bell rang while I was walking up the steps. _____
- 7. Our trip started by leaving early in the morning. _____
We started our trip early in the morning. _____
- 8. They enjoy the books they read so much that they are hard to put away. _____
It is hard for them to put away books they enjoy reading. _____
- 9. After Steve read the magazines, he gave them to a friend. _____
Steve gave magazines to a friend that he had read. _____
- 10. Rosa rushed to save the puppy not thinking of herself. _____
Not thinking of herself, Rosa rushed to save the puppy. _____
- 11. He put the glove on his hand, which had a hole in it. _____
The glove had a hole in it, but he put it on his hand. _____
- 12. The tree has only one branch left, caused by the hurricane. _____
In the hurricane the tree lost all but one branch. _____

II. Rewrite the sentences below to make them clear and effective. (Score: 10)

13. We have a tree house, which is an oak tree.

14. Coming into the room, the desks should look neat.

Kinds of Sentences

41b, c, d

Place an *S* before each statement, or declarative sentence, a *Q* before each question, or interrogative sentence, and an *E* before each exclamation, or exclamatory sentence.

Examples: *S* We saw a very old book in the museum.

 E How brittle its pages were!

 Q Were you allowed to touch it?

The First American Literature

- 1. At first American colonists were too busy to write books.
- 2. Some colonists wrote letters to friends in Europe.
- 3. How different their lives must have seemed to their friends!
- 4. Did they keep diaries of everyday events?
- 5. What did they write about life in the American colonies?
- 6. After a while the colonists found time for writing books.
- 7. Were most books written by the leaders of the colonies?
- 8. John Smith wrote about some of the opportunities in America.
- 9. Was one of his books a history of Virginia?
- 10. William Bradford's book told about some of the Pilgrims' adventures.
- 11. What sad experiences he sometimes wrote about!
- 12. A history of Pennsylvania was written by William Penn.
- 13. John Winthrop wrote about the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
- 14. Did his book tell about their form of government?
- 15. The books written by Roger Williams were full of many good ideas.
- 16. He believed that all people should help govern.
- 17. How long ago these early colonists wrote!
- 18. We still learn about life in the first American colonies from their books.
- 19. Do some libraries have copies of these books?

Ending Sentences Correctly

7a, 8a, 9a

Place a period at the end of a statement, a question mark at the end of a question, and an exclamation point at the end of an exclamation.

Examples: People used to get salt from the ocean.
Did they let the water evaporate?
How long that must have taken!



Salt of the Earth

1. Do you sprinkle salt on your food
2. Salt can help make some foods more flavorful
3. What a useful mineral salt is
4. Is it necessary in our diets
5. Body cells cannot work without some salt
6. All animals need salt
7. Many farmers put out salt blocks for their livestock
8. How the cattle gather around the salt block
9. Where does the salt we use come from
10. Some salt is found in oceans and lakes
11. Are there many underground salt deposits
12. How far beneath the earth's surface they lie
13. Miners take this salt out of the earth
14. Does some salt come from wells
15. Is the salt water pumped to the surface
16. Salt comes from many sources
17. There have been many uses for salt throughout history
18. Was salt used to preserve meat and fish
19. In some countries salt was used as a symbol for friendship
20. Weren't Roman soldiers sometimes paid with salt
21. The word *salary* comes from the Roman word for salt
22. American Indians were using salt before European settlers arrived
23. What long distances the Indians traveled to find salt
24. Was salt used for trade with other tribes
25. Oh, how glad they were to trade for it
26. American Indian tribes brought salt to the settlers



Using Capital Letters

🔑 1a, g, h, i, j, 5

The sentences below have been written without capital letters. Study the keys listed above and read the sentences. Underline each word that should begin with a capital letter. (Score: 1 for each word correctly underlined)

Example: on november 19, 1620, a ship named the mayflower reached america.

Early Settlements

1. the oldest town in the united states is st. augustine, florida.
2. did the spaniards settle in florida?
3. only a few spanish people settled near the atlantic ocean.
4. many spanish people settled in mexico and south america.
5. some groups of french people settled in canada.
6. many of the settlers along the atlantic ocean came from england.
7. the settlement of jamestown was named for king james of england.
8. jamestown was built next to the james river in virginia.
9. have you ever heard of a man named john smith?
10. john smith was one of the first leaders of jamestown.
11. another group of english people sailed to america on a ship named the *mayflower*.
12. it took many weeks for the *mayflower* to cross the atlantic ocean.
13. on the *mayflower* were about a hundred men, women, and children from england.
14. one reason these people came to america was to practice their faith freely.
15. they built the town of plymouth.
16. the town of plymouth became a part of massachusetts bay colony.
17. the settlers of plymouth chose john carver as their leader.
18. what a cold and lonely winter they had the first year!
19. how they longed to see family and friends they had left in europe!
20. the cold winter months of january and february caused much suffering.
21. in the spring it became warm enough to start planting crops.
22. some american indians living nearby showed the english how to plant corn.
23. the following fall the settlers celebrated their first thanksgiving.
24. they wanted to express thanks for the food they had grown.
25. soon other english colonies were established in connecticut and rhode island.
26. were colonies also established in new hampshire?

Other Things to Do: Using some of the names you underlined above, write two statements, two questions, and two exclamations about early settlers.

Punctuating Sentences

1c, f, g, i, 7, 8a, 9a

I. The following sentences have been written with some punctuation marks missing. Place periods, question marks, and exclamation points where they are needed. (Score: 33—1 for each punctuation mark correctly used)

Collecting Stamps

1. What a large stamp collection Maria has
2. Mrs Tewa has given many stamps to Maria
3. Maria has bought some stamps from J R Rey
4. What an interesting store Ms Rey has
5. Doesn't she sell stamps from all over the world
6. Did Maria buy those triangular stamps from Dr Woods
7. What interesting stamps these are
8. Did Colonel E J Lerman send them to Maria from Germany
9. Miss Yamato said that many stamps honor famous people
10. This U.S. stamp has a picture of Amelia Earhart on it
11. Wasn't Ms Earhart a well-known airplane pilot in our country
12. The scientist Albert Einstein is shown on this stamp
13. Here is a stamp with a picture of Eleanor Roosevelt on it
14. Mrs Roosevelt was a great humanitarian
15. What a beautiful stamp this is
16. Dr Martin Luther King, Jr, is honored on this stamp
17. Wasn't Dr King a civil rights leader
18. This stamp from Spain shows a picture of Charles A Lindbergh
19. Lindbergh was the first pilot to make a solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean
20. How interesting a stamp collection can be



II. Many of the following words can be abbreviated. Write the correct abbreviation on the line following each word. Place an X after the words that cannot be abbreviated. (Score: 1 for each abbreviation or X)

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| 21. Monday | _____ | 28. Florida | _____ | 35. Judge | _____ |
| 22. Street | _____ | 29. October | _____ | 36. Sunday | _____ |
| 23. January | _____ | 30. East | _____ | 37. May | _____ |
| 24. Missouri | _____ | 31. Boulevard | _____ | 38. February | _____ |
| 25. Avenue | _____ | 32. Thursday | _____ | 39. Doctor | _____ |
| 26. Utah | _____ | 33. Pennsylvania | _____ | 40. Northwest | _____ |
| 27. South | _____ | 34. June | _____ | 41. Saturday | _____ |