



Be Accurate (Sample Answers)

1. Rewrite each sentence to remove any sentence fragments, run-on, or comma splices. Try re-writing each sentence in two or three different ways, exploring how the linking words can shape and refine the meaning of the sentence.

The cost of internet is still too high, too many people cannot get high speed access.

The cost of internet is still too high. Too many people cannot get high speed access.

OR

The cost of internet is still too high, and so too many people cannot get high speed access.

The first fix is grammatically accurate, but leaves out a lot of meaning. The phrase “and so” helps to show the cause and effect relationship between the sentences.

Fixing sentences is not very exciting students do need the practice.

Fixing sentences is not very exciting even though students do need the practice.

OR,

Fixing sentences is not very exciting; however, students do need the practice.

In each case, the relationship between the two ideas is made more clear.

2. First, explain why the sentence does not make sentence. What is wrong with the reference for the modifier? Then, rewrite each sentence so that the reference for the modifier is clear.

To qualify for a scholarship, your address and email must be included.

First, note that “Your address and email” is the subject of the sentence. It is modified by the phrase “to qualify for a scholarship.” But “your address and email” cannot qualify for a scholarship ... only **you** can do that!

This makes more sense:

To qualify for a scholarship, **you** must include your address and email.

Released this week on the app store, we were excited to play the new game!

How **an** we be released on the app store? We were not released, the game was.

This makes more sense:

We were excited to play the new game which was released this week on the app store!

3. Finding the subject of each sentence, and rewrite so that the sentence is logical and grammatical.

By having learned how to edit videos was how she got a job in public relations.

“She” is the most logical subject of the sentence. So, revise:

Having learned how to edit videos, she got a job in public relations.



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The purpose of the lesson was written to help students with their writing.

In this case, the subject could be “the lesson” or “the purpose.” The remaining sentence must comply with the chosen subject. You can have the phrase “The purpose” or the phrase “was written,” but not both.

Revise:

The lesson was written to help students with their writing.

Or

The purpose of the lesson was to help students with their writing.
