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Use the correct word from the bank to complete each sentence.

calm calmly

Alexandria _____ approached the witness stand.

How did she stay so _____ while testifying?

Add commas to make the sentence correct.

The lawyers plaintiff and defendant were all ready to begin so the judge called the court to order.

Vague pronouns have unclear antecedents. Ambiguous pronouns are a kind of vague pronoun. They occur when a pronoun has more than one possible antecedent.

Circle the vague pronoun. Rewrite the sentence to be clearer.

(You may use multiple sentences and add details as needed.)



- ☐ The lawyers had different analyses of the evidence.
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(1) **vacare** – to be empty (2) **testis** – witness

Circle the words in the sentence below that share roots with the Latin words above. Then write each word in the correct row number and give a definition.

After the witness finished giving her testimony, the judge ordered everyone to vacate the courtroom.

	word	definition
1		
2		

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Use the correct pronoun from the box to complete each sentence. Write **R** (reflexive) or **I** (intensive) to identify what kind it is.

themselves

themselves

himself

hisself

_____ Journey and Sonny bought new clothes for _____ for the party.

_____ Westley has very specific tastes, so he planned his party _____.

Complete the table with the indicated forms of the adjective **fancy**.

setup – 1 word

(n) the way something is arranged

(adj) related to setting something up



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instructions?

_____ Scarlett helped them _____
the food table.

_____ This is a very classy _____!

Add punctuation to make the sentence correct.
Fill in the blanks with the correctly capitalized letters.

David _____sked _____hat time are we meant to arrive

Rewrite the sentence correctly.

Yes them did a fantastick job seting everything up. (4 errors)

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Add variety to this text by combining the two middle sentences. Write your new middle sentence on the line.

Tornadoes can cause lots of damage. Their winds can reach over 300 mph. They can reach over 2 miles wide. They can travel many miles before stopping.



Check the box next to the sentence that uses an idiom.

☐ My fair-weather friends didn't help me when I got sick.

Circle the misspelled word, then spell it correctly on the line.



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Underline the restrictive appositive. Add the missing comma(s) around the nonrestrictive appositive.

Canada and the United States use the Enhanced Fujita scale a scale that measures tornado intensity. The first version of the scale was made by the meteorologist Ted Fujita in 1971.



Sort the adverbs based on what they show. Then use **two** in a sentence.

here
often

somewhere
never

really
very

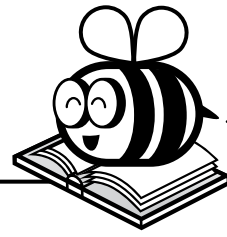
frequency

place

degree

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Rewrite the sentence correctly.

I think mirror strike, a local band will make it big so I want they're autografs. **6 errors**

Circle the homophone in each sentence.
Then match the correct spelling to each description.

It took nearly an hour to get through the queue.

Different pairs of tenses are used to make different kinds of conditional statements. Two common forms are:

If [simple present], then [simple future].

If [simple past OR were + infinitive], then



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Add the missing semicolons and commas.

The volume was a bit overpowering nonetheless it was a good show.

Dad prefers rock music still he enjoyed the R&B group.

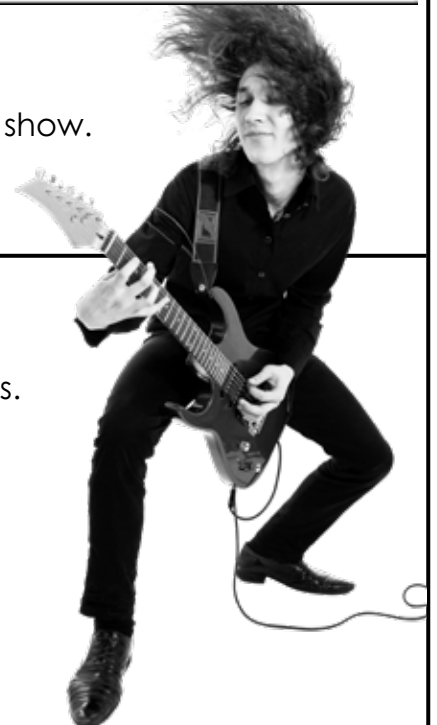
Check the box next to the sentence that contains a comma splice.

☐ We could buy cheap tickets, or we could shell out for better seats.

☐ Since Naima bought the tickets, I volunteered to drive.

☐ Leo loves that band, he's never been to one of their concerts.

Write a word you could add after the comma to fix it.



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North American ecosystems and economies came under a new threat near the turn of the century. In the years since, tens of millions of ash trees have died. Animals that lived in ash trees suffer. So do animals and plants relying on the cool shade those trees provide. People whose jobs rely on ash trees suffer too. So, what is this threat that billions of dollars have been spent facing?

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a beautiful insect that is little more than an annoyance in northeast Asia. Birds and wasps keep the beetles' numbers in check in their native habitat. The ash trees there also evolved to resist EABs over time; it is often only already sick or dying trees that the EABs infest. But none of that is true where they were accidentally introduced in North America.



Identify the main cause and effect in the text.



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What is one way sentence 1, paragraph 2 contributes to the text?

- a. It explains why emerald ash borers are so destructive.
- b. It describes how emerald ash borers spread to Northeast Asia.
- c. It acknowledges that emerald ash borers are not entirely bad.

Draw lines to divide the word into syllables.

a n n o y a n c e

Circle the word with a more negative connotation.

scarce **rare**

Underline the letters that
should be capitalized.

the united states forest
service has researched
ways to fight eabs.

Use the best word from the box to complete the sentence.

why **where** **when**

There are several reasons _____ dead ash trees are
expensive to remove.

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Add commas to make the sentence correct.

The lawyers, plaintiff, and defendant were all ready to begin, so the judge called the court to order.

Wayne told Rowan that he needed to focus on the trial.

Answers will vary but must clarify who it is that needs to focus. Accept either interpretation.

Check the box next to the sentence with no errors.

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	word	definition
1	vacate	empty; exit; leave
2	testimony	account of what one witnessed

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cause: Emerald ash borers were introduced to North America.

effect: Answers may vary but must indicate harm to environment and/or economy.

a. to dig or tunnel through

c. It acknowledges that emerald ash borers are not entirely bad.

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an|noy|ance

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why where when

There are several reasons why dead ash trees are expensive to remove.