

LANGUAGE: EXPRESSION**● Lesson 13: Sentences**

Directions: Choose the best way to express the idea. Fill in the circle for the correct answer.

Example

- A.**
- (A) Though once calm in the morning, the seas were choppy by afternoon.
 - (B) The seas became choppy in the afternoon, and it was calm in the morning.
 - (C) The seas were calm in the morning, but by the afternoon they had become choppy.
 - (D) The seas were calm in the morning, because they were choppy in the afternoon.



If you are not sure which answer is correct, say each one to yourself. The correct answer will usually sound the best.

● Practice

Read the story. Use it to complete numbers 1–2.

(1) Last Saturday, the Wilson family drove to Chicago to watch a Cubs baseball game. (2) The bustling streets around the ballpark were filled with activity. (3) The children spotted a booth outside the stadium that was selling Cubs' baseball caps. (4) They begged their dad to buy each of them a hat. (5) He insisted that they wait until they got inside the park. (6) When they got to the front of the line, the children saw a woman handing out free Cubs' hats. (7) It was free hat day. (8) Mr. Wilson smiled and the children cheered.

1. How is sentence 1 best written?

- (A) On a drive to Chicago last Saturday, the Wilson family was watching a Cubs baseball game.
- (B) To watch a Cubs baseball game, the Wilson family drove to Chicago last Saturday.
- (C) Last Saturday, the Wilson family was driving to Chicago and watching a Cubs baseball game.
- (D) As it is

2. What is the best way to combine sentences 4 and 5 without changing their meaning?

- (F) They begged their dad to buy each of them a hat, but he insisted that they wait until they got inside the park.
- (G) They begged their dad to buy each of them a hat, because he insisted that they wait until they got inside the park.
- (H) They begged their dad to buy each of them a hat; therefore, he insisted that they wait until they got inside the park.
- (J) Since their dad insisted that they wait until they got inside the park, they begged him to buy each of them a hat.

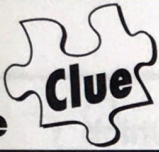
LANGUAGE: EXPRESSION**Lesson 14: Paragraphs**

Directions: For A and numbers 1–2, choose the best topic sentence for the paragraph.

Example

A. _____. Snails produce a liquid on the bottom of their feet. Then they “surf” on the rippling waves of this sticky liquid. Sea stars have slender tube feet with tiny suction cups that help them grip. Dolphins whip their tails up and down to thrust their bodies through the water.

- (A) Animals eat a variety of foods found in nature.
- (B) There are many different animals in the United States.
- (C) Animals move about in many unusual ways.
- (D) Animals have different kinds of feet.



A paragraph should be about one idea. The correct answer is the one that fits best with the rest of the paragraph.

Practice

1. _____. A honeybee collects pollen and nectar from a flower. When the bee goes to the next flower, some of the pollen from the first flower falls onto the second. The second flower uses this pollen to make seeds.

- (A) It is estimated that honeybees pollinate billions of dollars worth of crops each year.
- (B) The most important role of the honeybee is to pollinate plants.
- (C) If you are stung by a bee, remove the stinger carefully.
- (D) Bees are considered pests.

2. _____. Toads and tree frogs croak in the evenings. Sometimes the chirping of the crickets is so loud that you can't hear the little frogs. But the booming of the big bullfrogs can always be heard. I don't know how Lane Roy sleeps.

- (F) Crickets are louder than frogs.
- (G) Swamps are homes to many different creatures.
- (H) Frogs make a variety of sounds.
- (J) The swamp behind the house is filled with sound.

For number 3, find the answer choice that best develops the topic sentence.

3. **Anne Frank was born into a prosperous German family.**

- (A) Her father, Otto, was a businessman. But the Franks were Jews and when Adolf Hitler took power, Otto moved his family to Amsterdam.
- (B) For two years, Anne and seven other people lived in a secret annex. They had to remain still and quiet during the day.
- (C) When Otto was released from the concentration camp, he returned to Amsterdam. He was the only person in his family who had survived.
- (D) Anne found comfort writing in her diary. She wrote about the cramped space she lived in, about the quarrels and difficulties of life in their hiding place, and about her fears and joys.

