

## PRACTICE EXERCISE 1 (Page 7)

1. When we were halfway across the lake, we were surprised to find that  
○ ○ ○ ○  
our supply of gasoline were dangerously low.

[Subject and verb do not agree: "were dangerously" should be "was dangerously."]

2. Wearing a sparkling dress, the elephants were led into the circus ring  
○ ● ○ ○ ○  
by a beautiful young woman.

[Dangling modifier: This should read "Wearing a sparkling dress, a beautiful young woman led the elephants into the ring."]

3. English and mathematics are the most valuable subjects taught  
○ ○ ○  
in school, and it will be of great use to you in the future.

[Faulty pronoun reference: "it" should be "they."]

4. Full of high spirits, the family set off on its annual camping trip  
○ ○ ○ ●  
into a remote area of British Columbia.

[Correct]

5. The wage settlement which labor and management finally agreed to  
○ ○ ○  
was thought to be acceptable. Though not to everyone.

[Incomplete sentence: This should read "The wage settlement which labor and management finally agreed to was thought to be acceptable, though not to everyone."]

6. During her first week at college, Susan had to buy her textbooks,  
meet her professors, and trying hard not to miss any classes.

[Faulty parallelism: "trying" should be "try."]

7. While on a trip across Canada, the traveller will pass through  
many different types of landscape.

[Correct]

8. His friend offered to write the biology exam for him, wisely he was  
smart enough not to accept the offer.

[Run-on sentence: The comma after "him" should be either a period or a semi-colon.]

9. Although November is usually a rainy month in western Canada,  
but it can have the occasional sunny day.

[Redundant subordination/coordination: Either "although" or "but" should be removed from the sentence.]

10. He went downtown with the intention of buying a bicycle for his son  
with those new wide handlebars.

[Misplaced Modifier: The sentence should read "He went downtown with the intention of buying his son a bicycle with those new wide handlebars."]

## PRACTICE EXERCISE 2 (Page 8)

1. A photographer must decide what to take a picture of, how to compose the picture, and then selecting the focus and exposure.

[Faulty parallelism: "selecting" should be "select."]

2. At that gas station, if you buy a full tank of gas, you get a free car wash. Which is great.

[Incomplete sentence: "Which is great" should be either "This is great," or there should be a comma after "wash" followed by "and this is great."]

3. When Donald bought a full tank of gas, and got the free car wash, he only made one mistake, he forgot to roll up the window and got soaked.

[Run-on sentence: The comma after "mistake" should be either a period or a semi-colon.]

4. Biking several kilometres a day, or walking several kilometres, will help to get you in excellent physical condition.

[Correct]

5. The Canucks hockey team didn't win many games last season and often they were very boring.

[Faulty pronoun reference: "they" should be "the games."]

6. Although most students at university dress quite informally, but  
some of them still wear expensive clothes.

[Redundant subordination/coordination: either “although” or “but” should be removed from the sentence.]

7. Many scientists believe that one of the biggest problems faced  
by Canadians today are the result of acid rain.

[Subject and verb do not agree: “are” should be “is.”]

8. We were very impressed by the number of trees that grew along  
Vancouver’s streets after our first drive through the city.

[Misplaced modifier: This should read “After our first drive through the city, we were very impressed by the number of trees that grew along Vancouver’s streets.”]

9. Too much cannot be said about the importance of developing  
good study habits while you are a college or a university student.

[Correct]

10. Looking out the window in the early morning, the world was covered  
in a thick and sparkling frost.

[Dangling modifier: The sentence should read “Looking out the window in the early morning, I saw that the world was covered in a thick and sparkling frost.”]

### PRACTICE EXERCISE 3 (Page 9)

1. Because I was anxious to see her, I arrived at the restaurant

where we were to have dinner an hour early.

[Misplaced modifier: "an hour early" should follow "arrived."]

2. Although the food in Canada is very different from the kind of food

I am used to, but now I am getting to like it.

[Redundant subordination/coordination: Either "although" or "but" should be removed from the sentence.]

3. Because her plane arrived early, none of her family was at the airport

to meet her, and so she felt very disappointed.

[Correct]

4. A good rule in life is that people should not be judged

by his or her looks.

[Faulty pronoun reference: "his or her" should be "their."]

5. Having spent the last two weeks in bed, my doctor said that I

was suffering from a bad bout of the flu.

[Dangling modifier: The sentence should read "Having spent the last two weeks in bed, I was told by my doctor that I was suffering from a bad bout of the flu."]

6. If skiing conditions are to be ideal, there should be a clear sky, lots of powder snow, and not having to wait in a long line at the chair lift.  
[Faulty parallelism: "not having to wait" should be "no waiting" or "you should not have to wait."]
7. Some people are convinced in their own minds that a number of strange things happen whenever there is a full moon.  
[Correct]
8. In the centre of the city there are a large football stadium.  
[Subject and verb do not agree: "are" should be "is."]
9. Brian has always been interested in selling, and that is why he wants to become one in a large company.  
[Faulty pronoun reference: "one" should be "a salesman."]
10. The automobile is, relatively speaking, a recent invention, but now millions of people have cars in all parts of the world.  
[Misplaced modifier: The last part of this sentence should read "but now millions of people in all parts of the world have cars."]

## PRACTICE EXERCISE 4 (Page 10)

1. Although Pete paid a lot of money for his new snowboard,

but he says it was really worth it.

[Redundant subordination/coordination: Either “although” or “but” should be removed from the sentence.]

2. The fire inspector did not know what had started the fire in the

community’s only arena, he suspected that it might have been

the work of an arsonist.

[Run-on sentence: the comma after “arena” should be either a period or a semi-colon.]

3. The way life is lived in Canada is quite different from the way

life is lived in either Europe or Asia.

[Correct]

4. Having a faulty exhaust system, Rupert has always had trouble

getting his car through Air Care.

[Dangling modifier: The sentence should read “Since his car has a faulty exhaust system, Rupert has always had trouble getting it through Air Care.”]

5. Recent statistics shows that more people from other provinces

are moving to British Columbia than to any other Canadian province.

[Subject and verb do not agree: “shows” should be “show.”]

6. Across the street from our house, there are three large chestnut trees that, when they are in leaf, have the shape of a huge elephant.

[Correct]

7. If you're lucky enough to own a jeep, you can use them to go skiing, camping, or driving along dusty back roads.

[Faulty pronoun reference: "them" should be "it."]

8. In my opinion, the government should be working to increase the availability of low income housing, to create jobs, and lowering the deficit.

[Faulty parallelism: "lowering" should be "to lower."]

9. Tony decided that he would stay in the library until six o'clock, have dinner, and then go home. Which was wise.

[Incomplete sentence: The sentence should read "Tony decided that he would stay in the library until six o'clock, have dinner, and then go home. This was wise."]

10. I was really lucky to get a beautiful photograph of the sun setting over Lake Okanagan with Bob's camera.

[Misplaced modifier: The sentence should read "With Bob's camera, I was really lucky to get a beautiful photograph of the sun setting over Lake Okanagan."]