

Sentence Skills Activity Four

Rewrite the sentence in your head following the directions given below. Keep in mind that your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

1. If he needs help with his schoolwork, he will get a tutor.

Rewrite, beginning with

He won't get a tutor

The next words will be

- A. if he needs help.
 - B. when he needs help.
 - C. although he needs help.
 - D. unless he needs help.
2. If I had the resources, I would buy an energy-efficient car.

Rewrite, beginning with

I cannot buy an energy-efficient car

The next words will be

- A. when lacking the resources.
- B. because I lack the resources.
- C. although there are the resources.
- D. without lacking the resources.

3. After twenty minutes of "debate," Talia felt weary of Jacob's stubbornness.

Rewrite, beginning with

Talia felt weary of Jacob's stubbornness

The next words will be

- A. "debating" him for twenty minutes.
 - B. having "debated" him for twenty minutes.
 - C. and they "debated" for twenty minutes.
 - D. despite having "debated" him for twenty minutes.
4. Tortoises have life expectancies of over 180 years, much longer than humans' life expectancies.

Rewrite, beginning with

Unlike tortoises,

The next words will be

- A. humans can live
- B. humans do not live
- C. it is not easy to live
- D. long lives are difficult

5. Kelli felt excited and nervous when she moved into her first apartment.

Rewrite, beginning with

Moving into her first apartment,

The next words will be

- A. excitement and nervousness were felt by Kelli.
- B. when Kelli felt excited and nervous.
- C. Kelli felt excited and nervous.
- D. Kelli feeling excited and nervous.

6. The music began to play, and everyone started to dance.

Rewrite, beginning with

Everyone started to dance

The next words will be

- A. and the music
- B. before the music
- C. after the music
- D. although the music