

Sentence Skills Activity One

Select the best version of the underlined part of the sentence. The first choice is the same as the original sentence. If you think the original sentence is best, choose the first answer.

1. Having finished her essay, washing the truck was the thing Maricela was ready to do.
 - A. washing the truck was the thing Maricela was ready to do
 - B. Maricela had another thing she was ready to do and that was washing the truck
 - C. washing the truck Maricela was ready to do
 - D. **Maricela was ready to wash the truck**

2. Many consider television to be eroding of our nation's imaginations.

What does the second sentence do?

 - A. to be eroding of our nation's imaginations
 - B. erosion of our nation's imaginations
 - C. **to erode our nation's imaginations**
 - D. to be eroding of the national imagination

3. Hearing a lot in the news that pet ownership is beneficial to health, especially for those with high blood pressure.
 - A. Hearing a lot on the news that
 - B. **One often hears on the news that**
 - C. The news hears a lot that
 - D. It is frequently heard on the news that

4. Raul, the most knowledgeable of us all, maintain that we would be needing better equipment.
 - A. maintain that we would be needing
 - B. maintains that we would be needing
 - C. **maintains that we would need**
 - D. maintain we would have needed

5. Does anyone have a guess that they would like to share before I reveal the answer?
 - A. **Does anyone have a guess that they would like**
 - B. Is anyone having a guess that they would like
 - C. Do anyone have a guess that they would like
 - D. Anyone with a guess would like

6. Even though she knew it would reflect badly, the politician withdrawing her last statement.
 - A. the politician withdrawing her statement
 - B. the politician withdraws her statement
 - C. the politician was going to withdraw her statement
 - D. **the politician withdrew her statement**