

Sentence Skills Activity Three

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. While shark attacks on humans are very rare, sometimes surfers look like seals on their boards, which can entice a passing shark.

Rewrite, beginning with

Shark attacks on humans are very rare,

The next words will be

- A. but sometimes surfers
 - B. and sometimes surfers
 - C. even though sometimes surfers
 - D. nevertheless sometimes surfers
2. The teacher saw no horseplay as he monitored the halls.
- Rewrite, beginning with
- As he monitored the halls,
- The next words will be
- A. no horseplay could be seen
 - B. then the teacher saw no horseplay
 - C. and seeing no horseplay
 - D. the teacher saw no horseplay

3. It can be difficult to learn to play guitar, but the same cannot be said of the kazoo.

Rewrite, beginning with

Unlike the kazoo,

The next words will be

- A. it can be difficult to learn the guitar.
 - B. we cannot easily learn the guitar.
 - C. the guitar can be difficult to learn.
 - D. the guitar is difficult to be learned.
4. The whistle was sounded, and the kickoff began.

Rewrite, beginning with

The kickoff began

The next words will be

- A. after the whistle was sounded.
- B. and the whistle was sounded.
- C. although the whistle was sounded.
- D. the whistle was sounded.

5. It is unusual to see wild orcas alone, since they are social animals

Rewrite, beginning with

Orcas are social animals,

The next words will be

- A. so it is unusual to see them alone in the wild.
- B. wild orcas are not usually seen alone.
- C. and seeing wild orcas alone is unusual.
- D. so it is alone that wild orcas are not seen.

6. The show began, and everyone shuffled to their seats.

Rewrite, beginning with

Everyone shuffled to their seats

The next words will be

- A. beginning the show.
- B. when the show began.
- C. although the show began.
- D. and the show began.