

Exercise VI

English Practice

Identifying Sentence Errors

Identify the errors in the following sentences. Choose the answer that fixes the error. If the sentence contains no error, select NO CHANGE.

- The mechanic repairs not only domestic cars but also he repairs foreign cars.
 A. NO CHANGE
 B. cars but he repairs
 C. cars, he repairs
 D. cars but also
- The clients requested information on what factors would effect the dividends that they would earn on their stocks.
 F. NO CHANGE
 G. will effect
 H. would affect
 J. effected
- My mother finds it peculiar that while I, and most of my female friends would do just about anything to get a taste of something sweet, my brother and his friends wait for dinner to eat.
 A. NO CHANGE
 B. that while, I
 C. that, while I
 D. that, while I,
- Through language, stereotypes and standards are communicated to those who are required to listen; therefore, schools are a medium through which the population is controlled.
 F. NO CHANGE
 G. listen; therefore,
 H. listen therefore,
 J. listen. Therefore
- The government, who attempt to use welfare as a means of controlling social classes, is ignoring the inherent problems of the system.
 A. NO CHANGE
 B. which attempt
 C. that attempts
 D. which attempts

Improving Sentences

The underlined portion of each sentence below contains some flaw. Select the answer that best corrects the flaw.

- The first baseman forgot to take his glove to the field, and he stops in the middle of the inning to retrieve his mitt.
 F. and he is stopping in the middle of the inning to retrieve his mitt.
 G. and he stopped in the middle of the inning to retrieve his mitt.
 H. and he stopped in the middle of the inning, retrieving his mitt.
 J. and he is stopping in the middle of the inning, retrieving his mitt.
- Clearing the bar at seven feet, a new high jump record was set.
 A. A new high jump record was set, while clearing the bar at seven feet.
 B. While clearing the bar at seven feet, a new high jump record was set.
 C. The athlete cleared the bar at seven feet, setting a new high jump record.
 D. A new high jump record, by clearing the bar seven feet, was set.
- The athlete was acclaimed for her performance by the judges.
 F. Acclaimed for her performance was the athlete by the judges.
 G. By the judges, the athlete was acclaimed for her performance.
 H. The judges acclaimed the athlete for her performance.
 J. The judges acclaimed the performance for the athlete.
- The college student enjoys swimming and to write but not studying.
 A. The college student enjoys swimming and writing but not to study.
 B. The college student enjoys swimming, and to write, but not to study.
 C. The college student enjoys to swim and writing but not studying.
 D. The college student enjoys swimming and writing but not studying.
- The musical was exceptional, the cast was only mediocre.
 F. Though the musical was exceptional, the cast was only mediocre.
 G. The musical was exceptional, the cast is only mediocre.
 H. The musical was exceptional because the cast was only mediocre, though.
 J. The musical was exceptional: but the cast was only mediocre.