

CHAPTER 17: Sentence Variety and Exact Language

Answer Key

PRACTICE 1

Answers will vary.

Possible answer

In 1998, there was a political scandal that involved President Bill Clinton. He had a relationship with an intern named Monica Lewinsky. However, he lied about the affair. He eventually had to testify before a grand jury, and then he told the truth. Clinton was impeached, but his presidency survived.

PRACTICE 2

1. Clearly, California congressman Randy “Duke” Cunningham was ~~clearly~~ a corrupt politician.
2. Shamelessly, he ~~shamelessly~~ accepted cars, a yacht, and a mansion from Mitchell Wade, a defense contractor.
3. Sometimes, Cunningham ~~sometimes~~ accepted cash gifts.
4. Generally, Wade ~~generally~~ received lucrative government contracts.
5. Obviously, both men were ~~obviously~~ corrupt.
6. Undoubtedly, Cunningham’s extravagant lifestyle ~~undoubtedly~~ attracted the attention of the FBI in 2004.

PRACTICE 3

1. At one time or another, every nation must deal with corrupt politicians ~~at one time or another~~.
2. For economic gain, public figures risk their careers ~~for economic gain~~.
3. In many states, the people ~~in many states~~ mistrust their elected officials.
4. At his trial, the senator defended his conduct ~~at his trial~~.
5. On election night, the scandal erupted ~~on election night~~.
6. In 2006, the congressman was sentenced to eight years in prison ~~in 2006~~.

PRACTICE 4

Answers will vary.

1. In some nations, a cult of personality surrounds the leader. *In such places, the* ~~The~~ mass media is unquestioning. *With flattery, reporters* ~~Reporters~~ constantly praise the great leader. *Always, the* ~~The~~ leaders expect extreme loyalty and do not tolerate any type of dissent.

2. In 2007, Turkmenistan's president for life died. Saparmurat Niyazov was very *Carefully, he* ~~He~~ eccentric. *During his presidency,* ~~He~~ maintained his image as the father of the nation. *Arrogantly, he* ~~He~~ renamed the months and days in the calendar after himself and members of his family. *Additionally, he* ~~He~~ named a town, an airport, schools, and a meteorite after himself. *In people's homes, a* ~~A~~ photo of Niyazov was at the top right corner of every television screen. *In the capital city, a* ~~A~~ gold-plated statue of the president rotated so that it would always face the sun. His photo adorned the walls of every office building. *Incredibly, even* ~~Even~~ brands of tea and vodka carried his image. *In an interview,* Niyazov once said, "I admit it, there are too many portraits, pictures, and monuments. I don't find any pleasure in it, but the people demand it because of their mentality."

PRACTICE 5

At one end of the hallway, a coloured poster, too large for indoor display, depicted an enormous face more than a metre wide; it was the face of a man of about forty-five with a heavy black moustache and ruggedly handsome features. Winston made for the stairs. The flat was seven flights up, and Winston, who was thirty-nine and had a varicose ulcer above his right ankle, went slowly, resting several times on the way. On each landing, opposite the lift-shaft, the poster with the enormous face gazed from the wall. It was one of those pictures which are so contrived that the eyes follow you about when you move. BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU, the caption beneath it ran.

PRACTICE 6

Answers will vary.

1. The housing crisis is (bad) overwhelming and out of control.

2. Some students must live in (bad) depressing, run-down, deteriorated conditions.
3. They must wait for weeks or months to get (good) adequate and affordable housing.
4. The student dorms are (in poor condition) old, decrepit, unsanitary.
5. (Someone) the mayor, city council, grass roots organizations should focus on the housing problem.
6. In our city, (many people) students, politicians, businesspeople, and social workers will help.
7. For example, Geo Construction has already (been helpful) donated shelves and desks.
8. Perhaps visiting students can be housed in (different locations) the student center, apartments, motels, or family homes.
9. You could (do something) help out with writing a letter to the mayor, organizing a protest, or starting an awareness campaign.

PRACTICE 7

Answers will vary.

1. Books about Henry VIII are a dime a dozen.
numerous; plentiful
2. When Henry VIII married Catherine of Aragon, his young bride was like a deer caught in the headlights.
naïve; innocent; scared
3. Henry VIII's second wife, Anne Boleyn, liked the finer things in life.
luxurious things; expensive gifts
4. During their courtship, Henry was as busy as a bee when he tried to impress the young maiden.
very occupied
5. Anne Boleyn refused to be the king's mistress; as his legitimate wife, she would be a person with status, position, and power the top dog.
6. After their marriage, King Henry was kind to Anne once in a blue moon.
rarely
7. On August 26, 1533, Queen Anne gave birth to a little bundle of joy named Elizabeth.
precious daughter
8. Henry got bored with Anne, and, in the blink of an eye, Anne was arrested and taken to the Tower of London.
very quickly; immediately

9. Finding no support, Anne was *very calm* as cool as a cucumber when she accepted her fate.
10. In May 1536, Anne Boleyn, who was *beautiful* as pretty as a picture, was charged with treason and executed.
11. Anne's cousin, Catherine Howard, also married Henry and was also executed; in fact, very few of Henry's wives *had long lives* lived to ripe old ages.
12. Henry searched for another wife, but the royal women of Europe, unwilling to throw take a chance caution to the wind, were understandably reluctant to marry the British monarch.

PRACTICE 8

Answers will vary.

1. In 1947, Republican Senator Joseph McCarthy became *upset; angry* freaked out about Communists.
2. According to McCarthy, many government employees had *friends* buddies in the Communist party.
3. For the next eight years, *men and women* dudes and chicks who worked for the government had to take loyalty oaths.
4. Also, actors, writers, directors, and other *prominent people* bigwigs had to testify before a committee headed by Senator McCarthy.
5. McCarthy even *criticized* took potshots at esteemed comedian Lucille Ball.
6. Some Hollywood directors provided the committee with the names of people who might be *traitors* double crossers.
7. Hollywood director Elia Kazan, for example, *exposed* ratted on some people.
8. Playwright Arthur Miller refused to be a *an informant* stool pigeon.
9. In 1954, the McCarthy trials were televised for the first time, and many Americans became *angry* ticked off with the senator.

relax

10. Government officials then asked the unpopular senator to chill out and stop harassing innocent people.

FINAL REVIEW

Answers will vary.

A.

In their private lives, many

1. ~~Many~~ politicians commit disagreeable or unusual acts ~~in their private lives~~. Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King, for example, was very eccentric. ~~He regularly~~ spoke with spirits, including his dead mother and Leonardo Da Vinci. ~~He~~ even spoke to his dead dogs, all named Pat, ~~with a crystal ball~~. ~~His~~ interest in the occult was never reported ~~during his lifetime~~. France's former president also had scandalous behavior that the press ignored. Francois Mitterand ~~publicly~~ had a mistress. ~~Nobody~~ cared. ~~He died in 1996~~. ~~His~~ wife, mistress, and illegitimate daughter were at the funeral.

B.

investigate

2. Many reporters like to ~~dig up dirt~~ on the private lives of politicians. In the past, however, journalists were more prudent. John F. Kennedy, for example, had a lot of extramarital affairs, but journalists ~~mined their own beeswax~~ and did not publish information about the affairs. Today, journalists look for scandals regarding ~~the head honchos~~. Rival politicians, who are often ~~green with envy~~, help the journalists.

monstrous

3. In 1987, Gary Hart made a ~~whopper of a mistake~~. In the middle of a campaign, he dared journalists to follow him. During a party on a boat, someone took a picture of the married presidential candidate with a ~~bimbo~~ sitting on his lap. Then, a few days later, a journalist took a picture of the same woman leaving the ~~dude's~~ hotel room. Hart could not ~~ditch~~ the reporters.

4. After the scandal exploded, Hart insisted that he was a loyal husband and would *leave* never ~~dump~~ his wife, but it was too late. His career *ended* ~~tanked~~. Hart took a big risk when he dared the media to follow him.