

EXERCISE 11-2 Mixed constructions Before working this exercise, read section 11 in *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition.

Correct the mixed constructions in the following sentences. Example:

What European first set eyes on America? If you say Amerigo Vespucci, from whom the name “America” is said to derive, ~~so~~ you’ll be only half right.

1. Although Vespucci claimed to have found a new continent, but there is no evidence that he ever got to any land in the Western Hemisphere.
2. Columbus may have seen parts of the Americas first, but when a German mapmaker believed Vespucci’s claim and put Vespucci’s name on the map explains why the lands became known as America.
3. If Vespucci wasn’t the first European to find land across the Atlantic, so who was?
4. For most British historians who have worked on the question say John Cabot got there first.
5. Early mariners, a very dangerous occupation, often sailed under several names.
6. “John Cabot” was the name for Italian mariner Giovanni Caboto used when he worked for the English.
7. Some people say that Leif Eriksson saw the coast of North America first; their reason is because he established a small community on Newfoundland about A.D. 1000.
8. Even though Eriksson’s community was established five hundred years before the time of Vespucci, Columbus, and Cabot, but the Norse sagas claim that Bjarni Herjulfsson sighted North America before Eriksson did.
9. The growth in the number of theories increases as new evidence is found.
10. So who was the first European on American shores? As these bits of history indicate that no one can really answer that question.