

**EXERCISE 14-4 Emphasis: Guided review**

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Edit the following paragraph to put major ideas in independent clauses and minor ideas in subordinate clauses or phrases. The numbers in the margin refer to appropriate rules in section 14 of *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition. The first revision has been done for you.

Teachers are not always right about their pupils. Certainly Albert Einstein's teachers, <sup>misjudging</sup> ~~misjudged~~ his ability in math, ~~and they~~ failed to spot the most brilliant student they had ever had. Giuseppe Verdi's teachers made similar errors in judging their pupil's musical ability. Verdi was Italian. He lived in the nineteenth century. He wanted to be a composer. He applied to the Conservatory of Music in Milan, and he was rejected because he "showed no aptitude for music." Today his works are performed more than those of any other opera composer. Scientists have also been underestimated. Everyone has heard of Charles Darwin, the British scientist. This man, who also had trouble in school, first proposed the theory of evolution. He did so poorly at his school, which was the University of Edinburgh, that his teachers considered him hopeless, as a result of which they dismissed him. The first American physicist to win the Nobel Prize for physics was also misjudged by his teachers. Albert Abraham Michelson was a student at Annapolis. He was in the naval academy there. One of his teachers told him to pay less attention to science and concentrate on naval gunnery. Luckily, Einstein, Verdi, Darwin, and Michelson refused to accept their teachers' evaluations of them.

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