

EXERCISE 15-3 Variety: Guided review

The following paragraph is grammatically correct but dull. Revise it to add variety. You may need to combine some sentences. The numbers in the margin refer to appropriate revision strategies in section 15 of *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition. The first revision has been done for you.

Martin Luther King's famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail" has a clearly thought-out structure. ^{*Beginning*} ~~Dr. King begins~~ with the statement that any nonviolent campaign has to go through four distinct stages. ⁻⁻ ~~He says these stages are~~ fact finding, negotiation, self-purification, and direct action. ^{^ -- *Dr. King*} ~~He says that he and his fellow campaigners have gone~~ through all these steps in Birmingham. King tries to reach his readers after that beginning by asking them how to answer his children's questions about why they cannot go to the amusement park advertised on TV. The letter discusses the difference between just and unjust laws, and it emphasizes the need for nonviolent direct action to dramatize the unjust ones. Next King mentions the "white moderates." He expresses his disappointment with white religious leaders and white churches who have failed to join the civil rights movement, but he praises the few who have helped. He describes the mistreatment he and his friends have suffered at the hands of the local police, and he gives thanks for the courage of the people involved in sit-ins and bus strikes. Dr. King writes finally of his faith that the movement will survive and prosper and that racial prejudice will soon pass away.

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