

EXERCISE 43/44/45-1 Spelling, the hyphen, and capital letters: Guided practice

Edit the following paragraphs to correct misspellings and errors in the use of the hyphen and capital letters. The numbers in the margin refer to appropriate rules in sections 43–45 of *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition. The first revision has been done for you, and a revision of these paragraphs appears in the back of the book.

Columbus’s return to Spain from his first exploration was difficult. The *Niña* and the *Pinta* were ~~seperated~~,
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 the *Niña* almost sank, and the governor on the island of Santa María put Columbus’s whole crew in jail. It seemed a miracle that both boats arrived in the harbor at Palos on the same day. 43d

As difficult as that return was, the reception at court quite made up for it. Columbus certainly made an all out effort to impress the court, the city, and the entire country. Lavishly attired, he recieved a grand welcome as he led his entourage into Barcelona, the spanish capital. It must have been a sight to behold: A procession like none Barcelona had ever seen before. Leading the parade was a gaudily bedecked horse carrying Columbus, followed by six captive “indians” and all the crew. Everyone but Columbus was carrying boxes, baskets, and cages full of interesting and exotic items. 44d
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When the group reached the throne room, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella stood up to greet Columbus formally and to admire his apron covered captives. Columbus asked the royal couple to except gifts of plants, shells, darts, thread, and gold. As intrigued as they were with the other gifts, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella basicly wanted gold. Luckily, Columbus had collected enough samples of it to satisfy them. 44b
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43d

By the end of the first week home, Columbus had such prestige that everyone wanted to accomodate the wishes of the Italian sailor at the court of Spain. Columbus had no doubt that he would receive a Commission for a second voyage of exploration or even colonization. 43d
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