

EXERCISE 43/44/45-3 The hyphen Before working this exercise, read section 44 in *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition.

The writer of the following sentences got hyphen-happy. Remove six of the eleven hyphens. If a sentence needs no hyphens removed, mark it “OK.” Example:

Columbus’s all-consuming goal made him think that God/himself had worked/out the fortuitous marriage Columbus made in 1478.

1. Marrying into a noble-family when he was thirty-three gave Columbus direct-access to the king of Portugal.
2. When the king firmly-declined Columbus’s request to finance an exploratory-voyage, this well-known sailor decided he was supposed to go to Spain.
3. Queen Isabella was anxious to make everyone into a practicing-Christian; because Columbus was religious, she did not consider the voyage a half-witted proposal.
4. After his discovery of “India,” Columbus received confirmation of his self-given title, Admiral of the Ocean Seas and Viceroy of the Indies.
5. When the *Santa María* was wrecked, Columbus saw the incident as his God-given opportunity to go back posthaste to Spain, get more men, and return to this newly-found land.