

EXERCISE 43/44/45-5 Spelling, the hyphen, and capital letters: Guided review

Correct any errors in spelling or in use of the hyphen or capital letters in the following paragraphs. 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.

After being feted, feasted, and honored on his return from his first voyage across the ocean, Columbus must have told and ^{retold}~~re-told~~ the story of his trip. He would have told listeners how, after the ships had sailed for twenty one days, his men threatened to turn back because they had never sailed so far west before. Columbus, sure of his special calling as an explorer, promised them that they would sight land within three days. On the evening of the third day, at ten o'clock, he thought he saw a light and alerted a nearby servant. Both of them lost sight of it almost at once. But at two o'clock the next morning, a cannon shot sounded from the *Pinta*. "Land! Land!" cried the sailors. Columbus had kept his promise. No wonder he began to sign his name with a secret code to show that he was more special than other people.

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Retelling the story of his voyage, Columbus would have described the beautiful Island that the ships first landed on. He named it San Salvador. He would have told how, at every island he and his men visited, natives had flocked to the boats to see the strangers. One day, more than a thousand people had come in just one hour. Columbus had spent three months exploring and setting up a fort before leaving for the return trip to Spain. And on their return, eight months later, he and his crew had recieved a royal welcome.

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Yes, he had had a few problems on the trip out, and the return trip had been very hard, but one set of memories was indelibly imprinted on Columbus's brain: The memories of that remarkably successful first voyage.

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