

EXERCISE 14-3 Subordination

In each of the following sentences, the idea that the writer wished to emphasize is buried in a subordinate construction. Restructure each sentence so that the independent clause expresses the major idea and lesser ideas are subordinated. Example:

Although
Catherine has weathered many hardships, ~~although~~ she has rarely become discouraged. [*Emphasize that Catherine has rarely become discouraged.*]

- a. Gina worked as an aide for the relief agency, distributing food and medical supplies. [*Emphasize distributing food and medical supplies.*]
- b. For the past three years, Ms. Brooks has been an attorney at Pepco, where she has done an excellent job. [*Emphasize that Ms. Brooks has done an excellent job.*]
- c. The visiting period was nearly over when the prison guard tapped me on the shoulder. [*Emphasize the guard's tapping the writer on the shoulder.*]
- d. My grandfather, who raised his daughters the old-fashioned way, was born eighty years ago in Puerto Rico. [*Emphasize how the grandfather raised his daughters.*]
- e. The Narcan reversed the depressive effect of the drug, saving the patient's life. [*Emphasize that the patient's life was saved.*]
1. The ivy-covered dormitories, located about a mile from most of the classrooms, date from the early nineteenth century. [*Emphasize where the dormitories are located.*]
2. I was losing consciousness when my will to live kicked in. [*Emphasize the will to live.*]
3. Louis's team worked with the foreign mission by building new churches and restoring those damaged by hurricanes. [*Emphasize the building and restoring.*]
4. The rotor hit, gouging a hole about an eighth of an inch deep in my helmet. [*Emphasize that the rotor gouged a hole in the helmet.*]
5. Sophia's country kitchen, which overlooks a field where cattle graze among old tombstones, was formerly a lean-to porch. [*Emphasize that the kitchen overlooks the field.*]