

PRACTICE 10

Combining Sentences in Different Ways

Use what you have learned about the four kinds of sentences to improve this paragraph, which contains too many short, simple sentences. Use different methods of combining the sentences. You may want to refer to the chart on page 154 for a list of coordinators and subordinators.

Nonverbal Communication

¹Nonverbal communication, or body language, is used everywhere in the world. ²It is a very powerful means of communication. ³It communicates much more than spoken words. ⁴One example of nonverbal communication is what occurs between parents and child. ⁵Parents smile at their child. ⁶They communicate love, acceptance, and reassurance. ⁷The child feels comfortable and safe. ⁸The smile signifies approval. ⁹The child is happy and well-adjusted. ¹⁰Another example of such communication is the image a person projects in public. ¹¹A woman is walking alone on an unfamiliar and possibly dangerous street. ¹²She wants to appear confident. ¹³She should walk briskly. ¹⁴She may be tired. ¹⁵She should walk with her shoulders straight and her head held high. ¹⁶Her eyes should be focused straight ahead. ¹⁷Someone is looking at her. ¹⁸She should return the glance without hesitation. ¹⁹In contrast, a nervous woman will appear afraid. ²⁰She walks slowly with her shoulders drooping[†] and her eyes looking downward. ²¹Indeed, body language can express more than spoken language. ²²It is a very strong method of communication. ²³People use their body signals carelessly. ²⁴They can sometimes be misinterpreted.