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Sentences and Editing Practice

1) This is difficult to understand because it has many fragments. Please rewrite the following paragraph with appropriate edits to create a well-written story.

Back from my vacation. At Sara's Arizona home. Fantastic time! We went horseback riding every day. A sunset. Sara has a horse. Whom she named Sprite. During one ride. The horse galloped away. Almost throwing me!

2) Combine the sentence fragment with the complete sentence. Add punctuation and join words as needed.

1) Keith keeps a diary. About his thoughts and experiences.

2) Everyone in my class went to the party. That Bryan gave.

3) Filling balloons with water. The children had fun.

4) From my bedroom window. I can see the park.

5) My faithful friend Alise. I trust.

3) Read the following paragraph, identify the errors and rewrite the corrected version. There should be 8 corrected fragments.

Mahogany is a wood. That is frequently used for furniture making. Mahogany does not shrink or swell. Unless it is mistreated. Carpenters, who are fine furniture makers. Often select this wood.

Mahogany is a handsome wood. Valued for its warm color. Mahogany is a color that sometimes changes. Growing darker in sunlight. Mahogany has a feathery pattern, or grain. If cut lengthwise.

Mahogany is grown only in the tropics and must be imported. Makes it costly.

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Journaling activity

Please read the prompt below and answer it in 8 complete sentences. Be sure you are using correct grammar, punctuation and sentence structure.

Prompt:

"We have not passed that subtle line between childhood and adulthood until we move from the passive voice to the active voice – that is, until we have stopped staying "It got lost," and say, "I lost it."

~Sidney J. Harris

Harris uses grammar to make a larger point: that only when we start taking responsibility for our actions can we call ourselves adults. Write about a moment when you were tempted to use the passive voice (that is, to refuse to take responsibility) but ultimately decided to use active voice.
