Fix It! Grammar

Little Mermaid

STUDENT BOOK LEVEL 6

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Instructions

The list below shows the components to each Fix It! Grammar weekly exercise. **Editing Marks** Although in Levels 1-4 students could choose to either Mark It or Fix It first, in Levels 5 and 6, students must complete the passages in this order: Read It, Mark It, Fix It. After Week 2 students should number the sentence openers after the passage has been ¶ indent marked and fixed. Students should discuss their work with the teacher after working through each daily insert passage. However, older students may work with their teacher on a weekly basis. Students should actively be involved in comparing their work with the Teacher's Manual. The repetition of finding and fixing their own mistakes allows them to recognize and Y delete avoid those mistakes in the future. Fix It! Grammar should be treated as a game. Keep it fun! capitalize Learn It! On the first day of the new Week, read through the Learn It section. lowercase Each Learn It covers a concept that the student will practice in future passages. Instructions for marking and fixing passages are included in each Learn It. J reverse order Read It! Read the day's passage. add a space Look up the bolded vocabulary word in a dictionary and pick the definition that fits the context of the story. Maintain a list of vocabulary words and their definitions. close the space The vocabulary definitions are printed in the Teacher's Manual. Mark It! Mark the passage using the guide at the top of the daily practice page. Helpful Hints Fix It! Correct the passage using the guide at the top of the daily practice page. Use different colors The Teacher's Manual includes detailed explanations for grammar for Mark It and Fix It. concepts and punctuation in each daily passage. **Rewrite It!** After marking, correcting, and discussing the passage with the teacher, copy the corrected passage on the lines provided or into a separate notebook.

- Copy the corrected story, not the editing marks.
- Indent and use capital letters properly.
- Copy the corrected punctuation.

Appendix I Complete Story Familiarize yourself with the story that you will be editing by reading the complete story found in Appendix I.

Appendix II Grammar Glossary Reference the Grammar Glossary found in Appendix II of the Teacher's Manual for more information about the concepts taught in the *Fix It! Grammar* series.

Additional Resource

Fix It! Grammar Cards are an optional product that will enhance the *Fix It! Grammar* learning experience.

Fix It! Grammar Cards

Thirty full color grammar cards highlight key *Fix It! Grammar* concepts for quick and easy reference.

For a more relaxed and entertaining way to drill and review grammar concepts learned, instructions for a download of multiple game ideas are included in the card pack.

Fix It! Grammar Cards are beautifully designed and come in a sturdy card box for easy storage.

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On the chart below *Fix It! Grammar Cards* are listed in the order that the information is taught in this book.

WEEK	Fix It! Grammar Cards for Little Mermaid Level 6
1	Editing Marks, Capitalization, Indentation, Subject-Verb Pair, Preposition, Prepositional Phrase, Conjunction, Coordinating Conjunction, Clause, Dependent Clause, www Word
2	Adverb, Sentence Openers, #3 -ly Adverb Opener, #4 -ing Opener, Apostrophes
3	Run-On
4	Number Words/Numerals
5	Adjective, Commas with Adjectives before a Noun, Quotation, Interjection
13	Verb, Linking Verb, Helping Verb, Noun, Pronoun
Not Used	l Indefinite Pronoun, Title, Comparative and Superlative Adjectives and Adverbs

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Cards

Grammar

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Scope and Sequence

Week numbers indicate when a concept is introduced or specifically reinforced in a lesson. Once introduced the concept is practiced throughout the book.

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Parts of Speech

Noun/Pronoun Function								1	13 1	.4													
Pronoun]	13											2	27		
Verb																							
action, linking, helping]	13														
-ing word						9						17	,										
transitive/intransitive													18	8				23					
mood															2	0							
voice																			24			29	
Conjunction																							
coordinating	1		4														21						
subordinating										1	L5									2	27		
correlative]	.9		21						
Adjective																							
possessive		2																					
cumulative				5																			
coordinate				5																			
participle						9						17	,										

Punctuation

Commas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		11	12		16		19	22 23		
Apostrophe		2																
Semicolon						6						15					26	
Italics														18				
Em Dash																22	26	
Parentheses																22	26	
Colon																	26	
Clauses																		

Main Clause	1													
Dependent Clause	1	3												
adjective clause	1	3		7									28	29
noun clause	1	3				1	3						28	
adverb clause	1	3						16				27		29

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Phrases

Prepositional	1	2	4																		27		
Participial		2			7	8	9	10															
Appositive					7																		
Gerund							9				13												
Infinitive									11		13												
Verbals																							
Participle							9	10						17									29
Gerund							9				13			17									29
Infinitive									11		13												29
Nonessential/Essentia	l El	emer	nts																				
Adjective Clause					7					12									25				
Appositive Phrase					7					12									25				
Participial Phrase					7	8				12									25				
Transitions																							
Prepositional Phrase			4																25				
Conjunctive Adverb				6															25				
Openers				6															25				
Interrupters																	2	2	25				
Other Concepts																							
Capitalization	1																						
End Mark	1																						
Indentation	1																						
Subject-Verb Pairs	1											14											
Number Words/Numerals			4																				
Misplaced Modifier								10				14	15										
Parallelism																2	1						
Expletive																				26			
Sentence Fragment																						28	

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Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Run-Ons

Fused Sentence	3											
Comma Splice	3											
Fix												
period	3		6			15	17					
comma + cc		4	6			15	17					
semicolon			6			15	17					
www word						15	17					

Usage

farther/further	12		
and then	12		
sit/set		18	
rise/raise		18	
die/dye		18	
lie/lay		18	
like/as			23

Sentence Openers

#1 Subject	2														
#2 Prepositional	2									18				27	
#3 -ly Adverb	2											23			
#4 -ing	2			8	10										
#5 Clausal	2							16	17					27	
#6 Vss	2														
#T Transitional			6												

Vocabulary

 azure	2 artistically	³ bestowed	4 luminous	5 picturesque	6 loftier
merpeople	tutored	singular	endure	verdant	apathetic
pliant	delicate	rendering	reticent	cavorting	resplendent
amber	spacious	venerable	recounted	timorous	forlorn
7 dignified	8 crest	⁹ turbulent	¹⁰ imminent	¹¹ dissipated	12 shrouding
attire	commemorated	unfurling	splintering	boarding school	confounded
tinted	celestial	baleful	consumed	bay	dispirited
becalmed	amiable	asunder	floundered	vital	divulged
¹³ despondent	¹⁴ unflaggingly	15 resolved	¹⁶ inconceivable	17 gala	18 acclamation
confidante	precariously	perish	rationally	iridescent	mournfully
gilded	ruefully	transitory	lamented	harmonious	reverberating
ventured	aspired	cherish	loathe	fervently	intimidates
¹⁹ dominions	20 chortled	21 resolute	22 trifle	23 pernicious	24 metamorphosed
tentacles	cackled	excruciatingly	abnegate	translucent	presaged
twitched	resolve	exhorted	implored	ensured	arrayed
fallow	trepidation	fade	unflinchingly	listless	solace
25 assuage	26 exquisite	27 converse	28 impending	29 anguished	³⁰ contemplated
plaintively	implausible	sublime	contentedly	relinquished	flung
perilous	auspicious	earnest	reveled	plunge	mellifluous
elapsed	obligate	feigned	searing	hasten	magnanimous

Weekly Lessons

Week 1	1
Week 2	7
Week 3	13
Week 4	19
Week 5	25
Week 6	31
Week 7	37
Week 8	43
Week 9	49
Week 10	55
Week 11	61
Week 12	67
Week 13	73
Week 14	79
Week 15	85

Week 16	
Week 17	
Week 18	
Week 19	
Week 20	115
Week 21	
Week 22	
Week 23	
Week 24	
Week 25	145
Week 26	151
Week 27	157
Week 28	
Week 29	
Week 30	

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Learn It!

Capitalization

Capitalize the first word of a sentence. Capitalize proper nouns and proper adjectives. Capitalize the personal pronoun *I*.

End Mark

Use a period at the end of a statement. Use a question mark at the end of a question. Use an exclamation mark at the end of a sentence that expresses strong emotion.

Indentation

An **indentation** shows the start of a new paragraph. In fiction (stories) there are four reasons to start a new paragraph: new speaker, new topic, new place, new time.

Fix It! Place three short lines below letters that should be capitalized. Draw a slanted line through letters that should be lowercase.

Place the correct end mark at the end of each sentence.

Add the ¶ symbol (known as a pilcrow) in front of each sentence that should start a new paragraph. When you rewrite the passage, indent.

¶ The Merpeople regarded sea king as ruler of the Kingdom.

Conjunction

A **conjunction** connects words, phrases, or clauses. A **coordinating conjunction** (cc) connects the same type of words, phrases, or clauses. The items must be grammatically the same: two or more adjectives, two or more prepositional phrases, and so forth.

Prepositional Phrase

A **prepositional phrase** begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun, which is called the object of the preposition. A prepositional phrase adds imagery or information to a sentence because the entire phrase functions as an adjective describing a noun or as an adverb modifying a verb or an adjective.

A **preposition** is the first word in a prepositional phrase. It shows the relationship between its object (a noun or pronoun) and another word in the sentence. An **object of the preposition** is the last word in a prepositional phrase. It is always a noun or pronoun.

Do not put a comma in front of a prepositional phrase.

Mark It! Write *cc* above each coordinating conjunction. Underline each prepositional phrase.

Fix It! Insert or remove commas. Follow the comma rules.

<u>Under the sea</u> they wove baskets and mats, <u>with strands</u> of seaweed.

Capitalize Sea King, Little Mermaid, and Sea Witch in this story because they are used as names, proper nouns.

Coordinating Conjunctions

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for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so

Prepositions

aboard, about, according to, across, after, against, along, amid, among, around, as, at, because of, before. behind. below, beneath, beside, besides, between, beyond, by, concerning, despite, down, during, except, for, from, in, inside, instead of, into, like, minus, near, of, off, on, onto, opposite, out, outside, over, past, regarding, since, through, throughout, to, toward, under, underneath, unlike, until, unto, up, upon, with, within, without

Pattern:

preposition + noun (no verb) Verb Test:

I____. It____.

Main Clause

Contains: subject + verb

stands alone

ependent

lause

Subject and Verb

A **verb** shows action, links the subject to another word, or helps another verb. Every verb has a subject. The subject and verb (s v) belong together. A **subject** is a noun or pronoun that performs a verb action. It tells who or what the clause is about.

Find It!	Read the sentence and look for the verb.
	Ask, "Who or what (verb)?"
Mark It!	Write <i>v</i> above each verb and <i>s</i> above each subject.

Clause

A **clause** is a group of related words that contains both a subject and a verb. Label the subject-verb pairs to determine how many clauses are in each sentence. Focus on the word that begins the clause and on its placement in the sentence to determine if it is a main clause or a dependent clause.

A **main clause** expresses a complete thought, so it can stand alone as a sentence. Place square brackets around each main clause [MC].

[Fish glided through the palace windows]. Every sentence must have a main clause.

A **dependent clause** does not express a complete thought, so it cannot stand alone as a sentence. Place parentheses around each dependent clause. There are three types of dependent clauses: adjective, noun, adverb.

An **adjective clause** describes the noun it follows. If an adjective clause begins with a form of *who* or *which*, write *w/w* above the word *who* or *which*. If an adjective clause begins with *that*, write *that* above the word *that*.

s w/w s v v v [The structure, (which was built of coral), rested on the sea floor]. begins with who, whom, whose, which, when, where, that (relative pronoun)

use commas unless essential

A **noun clause** functions as a noun. It usually acts as a subject or an object.

<u>s</u> v that s v [Little Mermaid noticed] (that the sun sparkled above the surface). commonly begins with *that* (relative pronoun)

do not use commas

An **adverb clause** modifies a verb in the sentence. Write *AC* above the www word.

AC s v (Because she longed to visit the world above the sea),

<u>s</u> v v AC s v [Little Mermaid could not wait] (until she turned fifteen). begins with a www word (subordinating conjunction)

use a comma after but not before AC, MC MC AC

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Contains:

subject + verb

cannot stand alone

www Word:

when, while, where, as, since, if, although, because, after, before, until, unless, whenever, whereas, than, as if, as soon as, as much as, even though, so that Read It!Mark It!Fix It!Day 11 vocabulary1 coordinating conjunction (cc)1 indent5 prepositional phrases1 capital2 [main clauses]1 comma1 who/which clause (w/w)1 adverb clause (AC)4 subject-verb pairs (s v)

Week 1

Beneath the surface of the sea, the water, which

appeared as **azure** as the petals, of the loveliest Cornflower

and as clear as the purest glass, was very deep. It was

deeper than any anchor cable could reach.

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Read It!	Mark It!	Fix It!	Day 2
1 vocabulary	5 prepositional phrases	2 capitals	
	2 [main clauses]	1 comma	
	1 who/which clause (w/w)		
	3 subject-verb pairs (s v)		

Many Church towers would have to be placed

on top of each other to stretch from the bottom

of the sea, to the water's surface. The beings who

lived there were Merpeople.

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Read It!	Mark It!	Fix It!	Day 3
1 vocabulary	2 coordinating conjunctions (cc)	1 capital	
	4 prepositional phrases	1 comma	
	3 [main clauses]		
	1 that clause (that)		
	1 adverb clause (AC)		
	5 subject-verb pairs (s v)		

More could be found at the bottom of the Sea, than bare

sand. The most marvelous trees and plants grew there.

They had such **pliant** trunks, stems, and leaves that the

slightest movement of the water caused them to move

as if they were alive.

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Read It!	Mark It!	Fix It!	Day 4
1 vocabulary	2 coordinating conjunctions (cc)	3 capitals	
	7 prepositional phrases	1 comma	
	4 [main clauses]		
	1 that clause (that)		
	5 subject-verb pairs (s v)		

Large and small fishes slipped among their branches, in the

same way that birds flew among the trees upon the land.

At the deepest spot stood sea king's Palace. The walls

were built of coral, and the tall pointed windows were

made of the clearest amber.

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Sentence Opener

A **sentence opener** is a descriptive word, phrase, or clause that is added to the beginning of a sentence.

1 subject s

[The mermaids enjoyed life under the sea].

begins with the subject of the sentence (may include article or adjective)

(2) prepositional

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In the deep dark sea, [they swam with fish].
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c

begins with a prepositional phrase

PATTERN preposition + noun (no verb)

| if 5 + words or transition

no comma if the main clause has the verb before the subject

3 -ly adverb

S

Strikingly, [the yellow boxfish had large black spots].

begins with an -ly adverb

I if adverb modifies sentence (It was _____ that _____)

4 -ing

Playing tag with the fish, [the mermaids laughed].

begins with a participial phrase

PATTERN -ing word/phrase, main clause

after phrase (The thing after the comma must be the thing doing the inging.)

5 clausal

(While they played tag with the fish), [the starfish watched].

begins with a www word (subordinating conjunction)

PATTERN www word + subject + verb

| after clause (AC, MC)

6 vss

[They loved the sea].

2-5 words, complete sentence with subject + verb

Mark It! Determine the type of opener that begins the sentence and number it. Number every sentence opener except questions and quoted sentences. Number the openers after the passage has been marked and fixed.

Fix It! Insert or remove commas. Follow the comma rules.

Apostrophe

An **apostrophe** (') is used to indicate missing letters or ownership.

A **contraction** combines two words into one. It uses an apostrophe to show where a letter or letters have been removed.

Little Mermaid declared, "I'll have my turn!"

A **possessive adjective** shows ownership and answers the question *whose*.

Little Mermaid's longing grew after her sisters' trips above the sea.

Practice It!

To form a singular possessive adjective Write the singular form of the noun: mermaid, man. Add an apostrophe + *s*: mermaid's, man's.

To form a plural possessive adjective

Write the plural form of the noun: mermaids, men.

If the plural noun ends in s, add an apostrophe after the s: mermaids'.

If the plural noun does not end in *s*, add an apostrophe + *s*: men's.

singular noun	singular possessive	plural noun	plural possessive
mermaid	mermaid's	mermaids	mermaids'
man	man's	men	men's
girl			
child			
princess			
person			
fish			

Think About It!

Plural nouns and possessive adjectives sound the same. However, they do not look the same. Plural nouns do not use an apostrophe. Possessive adjectives do.

The students submitted their papers.

Both *students* and *papers* are plural nouns.

The teacher graded the student's paper.

Whose paper? student's, singular possessive adjective

The teacher graded one paper belonging to one student.

The teacher graded the students' papers.

Whose papers? students', plural possessive adjective The teacher graded papers (plural) belonging to more than one student.

Read It!	Mark It!	Fix It!	Day 1
Number the sentence	openers after the passage has been marked and	fixed.	
1 vocabulary	1 coordinating conjunction (cc)	1 capital	
	4 prepositional phrases	2 commas	
	2 [main clauses]	1 apostrophe	
	2 who/which clauses		
	2 adverb clauses (AC)		
	6 subject-verb pairs (s v)		
	2 openers		

Artistically, the roof was formed of shells, which

opened and closed as the water flowed over them.

Their appearance was magnificent because, in each shell

lay a gleaming pearl, which would be a prize gem

in a Queens crown.

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Read It!	Mark It!	Fix It!	Day 2
1 vocabulary	1 coordinating conjunction (cc)	1 indent	
	2 prepositional phrases	1 capital	
	3 [main clauses]	2 commas	
	1 who/which clause (w/w)	3 apostrophes	
	1 adverb clause (AC)		
	5 subject-verb pairs (s v)		
	2 openers		

For many year's, Sea King had been a widower, so his aged

Mother kept house for him. Truly she deserved praise

because she also **tutored** the young sea princess's, who

were her granddaughters'.

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Read It!	Mark It!	Fix It!	Day 3
1 vocabulary	1 coordinating conjunction (cc)	1 capital	
	3 prepositional phrases	2 commas	
	5 [main clauses]	2 apostrophes	
	1 adverb clause (AC)		
	6 subject-verb pairs (s v)		
	4 openers		

Although all six were lovely Mermaids the youngest was

the most beautiful. Her skin was as **delicate** as a rose petal,

and her eyes were as blue as the deepest sea. Like her sisters,

she didnt have feet. She had a fishes tail.

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Read It!	Mark It!	Fix It!	Day 4
1 vocabulary	1 coordinating conjunction (cc)	1 capital	
	6 prepositional phrases	3 commas	
	2 [main clauses]	1 apostrophe	
	1 who/which clause (w/w)	1 usage	
	3 subject-verb pairs (s v)		
	2 openers		

Throughout the day, they played in the **spacious** halls of

the palace, which had living flowers growing out of the

walls. Opening the large amber windows the Grandmother

allowed the fishes to swim, into the palace and nibble from

the mermaids hand.

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Dependent Clauses

One of the keys to punctuating sentences properly is being able to identify dependent clauses accurately. Every dependent clause functions as either an adverb, an adjective, or a noun.

Visually see the clauses by placing main clauses in square brackets and dependent clauses in parentheses. Identify the clause by focusing on the word that begins the clause and the clause's placement in the sentence. Once you determine if a dependent clause is an adverb, an adjective, or a noun, it is easy to punctuate it.

An **adverb clause** begins with a www word (subordinating conjunction) and includes a subject and a verb. It modifies a verb in the sentence by telling when, where, why, how. The acronym *www.asia.b* reminds you of the eight most common www words. However, other words may function as www words.

Memorize It! when while where as since if although because after before until unless whenever whereas than as if as soon as as much as even though so that AC S S V ν (Since the king liked the sea), [he did not discuss the other world]. The dependent clause begins with since. This is an adverb clause that modifies the verb discuss and tells why. AC S v S [A fountain sprayed water] (where the statue stood). The dependent clause begins with *where*. This is an adverb clause that modifies the verb *sprayed* and tells where.

Use a comma after an adverb clause that comes before a MC. **AC, MC**

Do not use a comma before an adverb clause. **MC AC**

An **adjective clause** begins with a relative pronoun (who, whom, whose, which, when, where, that). An adjective clause comes immediately after a noun and describes that noun.

[Little Mermaid dug in her garden], (where the statue stood). The dependent clause begins with *where* and comes immediately after the noun *garden* and describes it. You can test to see if this *where* clause is an adjective clause by inserting *which was* before the clause: Little Mermaid dug in her garden, (which was) where the statue stood. It is nonessential because without the clause Little Mermaid still dug in her garden.

s w/w s v v [The mermaid (who loved adventure) longed to visit the other world]. The dependent clause begins with *who* and comes immediately after the noun *mermaid* and describes it. This is essential because it defines which mermaid longed to visit the other world. (Week 7 further explains essential and nonessential.)

use commas unless essential



Adverb Clause

Pattern: www word + subject + verb

First Word:

when, while, where, as, since, if, although, because, after, before, until, unless, whenever, whereas, than, as if, as soon as, as much as, even though, so that

Commas: after, not before

Marking: AC

Adjective Clause

Location: describes the noun it follows

First Word:

who, whom, whose, which, when, where, that

Commas:

unless essential

Marking: w/w if it begins with who or which

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A **noun clause** functions as a noun. It usually acts as a subject or an object. Many noun clauses begin with that, but they can also begin with other words, including how, what, when, where, whether, which, who, why.

	direct object (of main clause)
Noun Clause	s v that s v v [Little Mermaid knew] (that she would love the other world).
First word:	The dependent clause begins with <i>that</i> . Little Mermaid knew what?
that, invisible that	that she would love the other world This that clause functions as the direct
	object of the main clause, a noun.
Commas:	s (of main clause) V that s V
no commas	[(That she longed for another world) was understandable].
	The dependent clause begins with <i>that</i> . What was understandable?
	That she longed for another world. This that clause functions as the subject
	of the main clause, a noun.
	direct object (of main clause)
	[Little Mermaid felt] (<i>(that</i>) her garden needed more flowers).
	An invisible noun clause occurs when the word <i>that</i> is understood, not stated
	directly.
	do not use commas
	Run-On
	A run-on occurs when a sentence has main clauses that are not connected properly.
	There are two types of run-ons: fused sentence and comma splice.
	A fused sentence is two main clauses placed in one sentence without any
	punctuation between them.
Fused sentence:	Little Mermaid planted flowers she fertilized them with seaweed.
MC MC	Little Mermaid planted howers she fertilized them with seaweed.
Me Me	A comma splice is two main clauses placed in one sentence with only a comma
	between them.
Comma Splice:	A statue graced her garden, a weeping willow grew beside it.
MC, MC	fibilitie grueea ner garden, a weeping winten gren beside in
Me, Me	Period
These patterns are	A period is the simplest way to fix a run-on.
always wrong!	A period is the simplest way to fix a full-on.
Fix:	Little Mermaid planted flowers . S he fertilized them with seaweed.
MC. MC.	Place a period at the end of each main clause.
	<i>Fix It!</i> Fix the run-on.
	A statue graced her garden, a weeping willow grew beside it. $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbf{s}$

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Read It!	Mark It!	Fix It!	Day 1
1 vocabulary	3 coordinating conjunctions (cc)	1 indent	
	4 prepositional phrases	3 commas	
	3 [main clauses]	1 run-on	
	1 who/which clause (w/w)		
	1 adverb clause (AC)		
	6 subject-verb pairs (s v)		
	2 openers		

To each princess Sea King bestowed a garden

plot where she could dig and plant, as she

pleased, the older princesses arranged their flowerbeds

in the shapes of whales and mermaids, but the youngest

only planted flowers which were flaming red like a sunset.

Rewrite It!

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Read It!	Mark It!	Fix It!	Day 2
1 vocabulary	2 coordinating conjunctions (cc)	1 indent	
	3 prepositional phrases	3 commas	
	2 [main clauses]	1 apostrophe	
	1 that clause (that)		
	1 adverb clause (AC)		
	4 subject-verb pairs (s v)		
	2 openers		

Being quiet and pensive the youngest mermaid was a

singular child. Whereas her sisters were thrilled with the

treasure's, that they obtained from the wrecks of vessels

the youngest princess cherished only her lovely flowers

and a marble statue.

Rewrite It!

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Week 3

The pure white stone statue which had fallen

to the seabed when a ship had sunk was the **rendering**

of a handsome boy beside the statue, the youngest

mermaid had planted a rose-colored weeping willow.

Rewrite It!

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Read It! Mark It! Fix It! Day 4 1 vocabulary 1 coordinating conjunction (cc) 1 indent 4 prepositional phrases 4 capitals 2 [main clauses] 3 commas 1 that clause (that) 1 apostrophe 1 adverb clause (AC) 4 subject-verb pairs (s v) 2 openers

Week 3

Freely, it had grown and hung it's fresh branches

over the statue. Since little mermaid was enchanted

with the World, above the sea she persuaded her

venerable Grandmother to tell her all that she knew

of the towns.

Rewrite It!

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Unclear Pronoun

A **pronoun** takes the place of a noun. Without pronouns, a passage would sound repetitive, even strange. An **antecedent** is the word the pronoun refers to. If the antecedent is not mentioned or if it is unclear, confusion occurs.

She ran on the beach and yelled, "Give us that!"

Who is she? Who is us? What is that? This is confusing because the pronouns are missing antecedents.

The princess and her friend prepared for the prince's arrival. She was

excited.

Who was excited, the princess or her friend? The antecedent is unclear. Usually, a pronoun refers to the last-mentioned noun that it agrees with, but that is not always the case. If the antecedent is unclear, use a noun, not a pronoun.

Review It!

Sentence Openers #2 and #5

A **#2 prepositional opener** begins with a preposition and ends with a noun. An **invisible #2 opener** begins with a phrase indicating time. The preposition *on* or *during* is implied. When *on* or *during* is inserted, the words follow the pattern.

A **#5 clausal opener** begins with a subordinating conjunction (www word) and includes a subject and a verb.

A **reduced #5 opener** is an adverb clause opener reduced to a phrase. The subject and *be* verb are implied. When the implied words are inserted, the implied subject of the adverb clause is the same as the subject of the main clause and the words follow the pattern.

Number each sentence as a #2 prepositional opener or a #5 clausal opener.

Label the subjects and verbs in the #5 clausal openers. If the subject and *be* verb are implied, insert them.

Label the nouns in the #2 prepositional openers. If the preposition is implied, insert it.

- [] The day of her first class, Little Mermaid was nervous.
- [] Although hoping to learn about human behavior, she did not know what to expect.
- [] When the instructor entered the classroom, Little Mermaid looked alert.
- [] When teaching, the instructor gave many examples.
- [] At first, however, he asked students to tell about their families.

(2) prepositional Pattern: preposition + noun (no verb)

comma if 5+ words or transitional

5 clausal

Pattern: www.word + subject + verb

comma after clause AC,MC

To distinguish a #2 prepositional opener from a #5 clausal opener, check for a verb: if there is a verb, it is a #5; if there is not a verb, it is a #2.

A reduced #5 will not have a visible verb, only an implied one. If you can insert a subject and verb, it is a #5.

- [] As she listened to the others, Little Mermaid smiled.
- [] While waiting their turn, the students listened attentively.
- [] That afternoon the instructor assigned a paper.
- [] In the evening Little Mermaid did her homework.

Think About It!

A prepositional phrase has a distinct pattern. **PATTERN preposition + noun (no verb)** A prepositional phrase must begin with a preposition.

If a word group begins with the word *at*, *in* or *of*, the word group must be a prepositional phrase because *at*, *in*, and *of* are prepositions.

If a word group begins with the words *when*, *while*, or *where*, it cannot be a prepositional phrase because *when*, *while*, and *where* are never prepositions.

If a prepositional phrase refers to time, the preposition *on* or *during* can be dropped.

A prepositional phrase must end with a noun.

If a word on the preposition list is not followed by a noun, it is functioning as a different part of speech, probably an adverb or a conjunction. When a word functions as a preposition, a noun follows. This means every prepositional phrase must contain at least two words: a preposition and a noun.

A prepositional phrase does not include a verb.

If there is a verb (stated or implied), the words probably form an adverb clause, e.g., as she listened, after listening.

If there is not a verb, the words form a prepositional phrase, e.g., as a student.

Find It!

Find the six words that can begin either an adverb clause or a prepositional phrase. Subordinating conjunctions (www word) begin adverb clauses.

when	while	where	as	since	if
although	because	after	before	until	unless
whenever	whereas	than	as if	so that	as soon as
as much as	even though				

Prepositions begin prepositional phrases.

aboard	around	between	in	opposite	toward
about	as	beyond	inside	out	under
above	at	by	instead of	outside	underneath
according to	because of	concerning	into	over	unlike
across	before	despite	like	past	until
after	behind	down	minus	regarding	unto
against	below	during	near	since	up, upon
along	beneath	except	of	through	with
amid	beside	for	off	throughout	within
among	besides	from	on, onto	to	without

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Read It!	Mark It!	Fix It!	Day 1
1 vocabulary	3 [main clauses]	1 faulty parallelism	
	1 who/which clause (w/w)	1 passive voice	
	1 that clause (that)	1 unclear pronoun	
	1 adverb clause (AC)		
	6 subject-verb pairs (s v)		
	3 openers		

That evening the magnificent ship was boarded

by them. In the moonlight, when everyone was asleep,

Little Mermaid watched for her sisters who swam to the

surface, and waved to her. Nodding and with smiles she

wished she could **converse** with them.

Rewrite It!

Read It!	Mark It!	Fix It!	Day 2
1 vocabulary	3 [main clauses]	2 run-ons	
	2 that clauses (that)	1 expletive	
	1 adverb clause (AC)	1 unclear pronoun	
	8 subject-verb pairs (s v)		
	3 openers		

Ultimately they sailed into the harbor where church bells

rang, and trumpets sounded, there were festivals and

balls that entertained the guests every day when the

princess arrived, she acknowledged that she had never

witnessed more sublime beauty.

Rewrite It!

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Read It!	Mark It!	Fix It!	Day 3
1 vocabulary	5 [main clauses]	2 run-ons	
	1 who/which clause (w/w)	1 faulty parallelism	
	1 that clause (that)	1 unclear pronoun	
	1 adverb clause (AC)	1 usage	
	8 subject-verb pairs (s v)		
	2 openers		

The princess' laughing blue eyes shone both with truth and

purity. "It was you" exclaimed the prince. "Who found

me, when I lay/laid lifeless on the beach, my earnest

hopes are fulfilled," He rushed to tell her the news

oblivious, that Little Mermaid had saved him from drowning.

Rewrite It!

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Read It!	Mark It!	Fix It!	Day 4
1 vocabulary	4 [main clauses]	1 run-on	
	2 adverb clauses (AC)	1 illegal #4 (misplaced)	
	6 subject-verb pairs (s v)	1 rewrite reduced AC	
	4 openers	1 passive voice	
		1 unclear pronoun	

Riding through the streets the next day, the wedding was

proclaimed by the heralds. She wearing a golden silk gown

held the brides train. Although devastated by the event,

she **feigned** delight to please the prince, after marrying

the church bells rang joyously.

Rewrite It!

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