

English Toolkit: Indicator 3.1.8

Goal 3.0 Controlling Language

Expectation 3.1 The student will demonstrate understanding of the nature and structure of language, including grammar concepts and skills, to strengthen control of oral and written language.

Indicator 3.1.8 The student will expand sentences by positioning phrases and clauses to accomplish a purpose.

Assessment Limits:

Expanding sentences by using correctly placed modifiers, including appositives, verbals, dependent clauses, and restrictive or nonrestrictive clauses

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Public Release #1 - Selected Response Item - Released in 2005

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Handout(s):

- English Resource: Carry On, Pigeons!

Mariah is interested in carrier pigeons and decides to write an essay about them. The draft of Mariah's essay requires revisions and edits. Read the draft, and answer the following question.

Which of these sentences most clearly and effectively adds supporting details to Sentence 5?

- There are also remote outposts where birds still carry messages in Orissa, India, to and from a police station there.
- Also, in Orissa, India, a police station still uses the birds to carry messages to remote outposts.
- Still using the birds as well, is also a police department in Orissa, India, sending messages to outposts that are remote.
- The birds also carry messages from a police department in Orissa, India, to outposts that are still remote.

Public Release #2 - Selected Response Item - Released in 2006

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Handout(s):

- English Resource: The *SS Central America*: A Treasure of Gold

Miriam is writing a draft of an essay about the *SS Central America*, a ship that sank in 1857. The draft of Miriam's essay requires revisions and edits. Read the draft. Then answer the following:

Which sentence most clearly and effectively adds supporting details to Sentence 4?

- The *SS Central America*, which was a 280-foot steamship with a side paddle-wheel when a storm hit, was off the coast of the Carolinas.
- The *SS Central America* was a 280-foot steamship with a side paddle-wheel, which was off the coast of the Carolinas when a storm hit.
- The *SS Central America*, a 280-foot steamship with a side paddle-wheel, was off the coast of the Carolinas when a storm hit.
- The *SS Central America* was off the coast of the Carolinas when a storm hit, and it was a 280-foot steamship with a side paddle-wheel.

Public Release #3 - Selected Response Item - Released in 2007

English Indicator 3.1.8

Handout(s):

- English Resource: A Spoon Reborn

Students in an art appreciation class conducted research and wrote about different ways of creating art. Richard wrote an article about a Baltimore sculptor. The draft of Richard's article, "A Spoon Reborn," requires revisions and edits. Read the draft. Then answer the following:

Which sentence most clearly and effectively adds supporting details to Sentence 7?

- A. An example of his "kitchen" art is "Art Ducko," a Donald Duck-like sculpture he made from a discarded aluminum water pitcher, salt shakers, and a copper lid.
- B. An example of his "kitchen" art is a sculpture that looks like Donald Duck and that he called "Art Ducko" because it is made from a discarded aluminum water pitcher, salt shakers, and a copper lid.
- C. "Art Ducko" is an example of his "kitchen" art, and it looks like Donald Duck, a sculpture made from a discarded aluminum water pitcher, salt shakers, and a copper lid.
- D. "Art Ducko" is a sculpture that is an example of his "kitchen" art, and it is Donald Duck-like since he made it from a discarded aluminum water pitcher, salt shakers, and a copper lid.

Handouts

Carry On, Pigeons!

¹You have probably seen pigeons pecking for peanuts in the park and thought they were very ordinary. ²The ancient Greeks used these carrier pigeons to send news about the Olympic games. ³For centuries, armies have used pigeons to send news to and from the front lines where the battles were taking place. ⁴Now, a hospital on the Northwest coast of France uses a flock of forty pigeons to carry tiny samples of human blood to larger testing facilities. ⁵There is also a police department in Orissa, India, that still uses the birds.

⁶In Orissa there are 27 police pigeon cages, called lofts, where the officers care for the birds. ⁷When the pigeons are about six weeks old, they are taken a short distance from their lofts and allowed to find their way home. ⁸This is how their training begins. ⁹The officers gradually increase the distance, and eventually the pigeons can fly as far as 310 miles, stop for a meal of wheat and millet, and then returned to their homes. ¹⁰In good weather conditions, the pigeons fly as fast as fifty-five miles per hour. ¹¹The message a pigeon carries is in a tiny plastic capsule that is attached to its leg.

The *SS Central America*: A Treasure of Gold

¹During the California Gold Rush of the 1850s, miners would leave the Sierra foothills to go to San Francisco to have their gold minted into \$20 gold coins. ²Because the railroad would not be completed for nearly 20 years, the gold was sent by ship from San Francisco to Panama, then overland to the Atlantic coast and transferred to ships that continued to New York City. ³In 1857, one ship laden with gold coins never made it to its destination.

⁴The *SS Central America* was off the coast of the Carolinas when a storm hit. ⁵The storm pounded the ship for three days. ⁶It tossed the ship about on waves 20 feet high or higher. ⁷On Saturday, September 12, 1857, the ship sank with its fantastic treasure of gold coins and gold bars still aboard.

⁸In 1987, 130 years after the ship sank, the wreck of the *SS Central America* was located. ⁹Using state-of-the-art electronic equipment, sonar, and an undersea robot. ¹⁰Each coin and artifact was carefully and individually recovered from the bottom of the ocean.

¹¹Amazingly, the coins looked just as they had when they were minted 130 years before. ¹²Now, each coin is a gold time capsule that preserves memories of the excitement and dangers of the Gold Rush.

A Spoon Reborn

¹When I was a child, I used to make “music” using pots and pans from my family’s kitchen, but I just read about an artist who uses kitchen utensils to create another kind of art. ²From spoons, recycled pots, and other consumer products, Jim Opasik creates sculptures of realistic and fantastic animals. ³Which are quickly becoming collectors’ items.

⁴Opasik took classes at Schuler School of Art in Baltimore where he studied anatomy and made clay statues. ⁵Wanting to be a little less “normal,” he began laminating wood, Plexiglas, and foam into sandwiches and then carved ballet dancers from these sandwiches. ⁶He also experimented with wire and spray foam and created a whole baseball team.

⁷“Art Ducko” is an example of his “kitchen” art and is a sculpture that looks like Donald Duck. ⁸When he wanted to make a snake, he looked at many pictures of snakes and then said, “Spoons!” ⁹Starting with small spoons for the tail and gradually using larger spoons, he overlapped them, and they ended up looking just like the scales of a snake. ¹⁰For the snake’s head, he used a larger spoon. ¹¹He called this creation “Souptentine.”

¹²Continuing his search for something unique, he decided to use kitchen utensils because “they contain fascinating shapes and textures already.” ¹³He also is dedicated to recycling, so he visits thrift stores, sidewalk sales, and flea markets looking for pieces he can turn into animals.

¹⁴It goes without saying that now Opasik displays and sells his sculptures at national craft shows. ¹⁵His eight-foot seahorse was once displayed at the Baltimore National Aquarium. ¹⁶Maybe I should revisit my family’s kitchen to see what future sculpture may be lurking there.

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Public Release Item #1 - Selected Response (SR) - 2005

B. Also, in Orissa, India, a police station still uses the birds to carry messages to remote outposts.

Public Release Item #2 - Selected Response (SR) - 2006

C. The *SS Central America*, a 280-foot steamship with a side paddle-wheel, was off the coast of the Carolinas when a storm hit.

Public Release Item #3 - Selected Response (SR) - 2007

A. An example of his "kitchen" art is "Art Ducko," a Donald Duck-like sculpture he made from a discarded aluminum water pitcher, salt shakers, and a copper lid.