

**WORKOUT #2**

EXERCISE

Revise the following sentences.

1. I have not ice skated never.

I HAVE NEVER/NOT ICE SKATED. [DOUBLE NEGATIVE]

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2. There are many alternatives to water purification in the United States.

MANY ALTERNATIVES TO WATER PURIFICATION EXIST IN THE UNITED STATES.  
[EXPLETIVE]

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3. African-Americans really support the Martin Luther King holiday.

CORRECT

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4. It is difficult to imagine a world without wars.

TO IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT WARS IS DIFFICULT. [EXPLETIVE]

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5. This is the perfect example of a good song.

CORRECT

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6. Don't get your wires crossed when you are in a bad situation.

THINK CLEARLY IN A BAD SITUATION. [CLICHÉ & NOT A STRONG VERB]

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7. After a long day, Michael and Lisa hit the sack.

AFTER A LONG DAY, MICHAEL AND LISA SLEPT. [CLICHÉ]

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8. I finished my English paper by the skin of my teeth after procrastinating.

I BARELY FINISHED MY ENGLISH PAPER AFTER PROCRASTINATING [CLICHÉ].

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9. I want Beth to know how I feel but I cannot tell her.

I WANT BETH TO KNOW HOW I FEEL [COMMA] BUT I CANNOT TELL HER.

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10. Joey really likes this girl in his drama class unfortunately she is married.

JOEY REALLY LIKES THIS GIRL IN HIS DRAMA CLASS [SEMI-COLON]  
UNFORTUNATELY, SHE IS MARRIED.

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11. Jack, indeed, loves to chase the mail man after all he is a dog.

INDEED, JACK, THE DOG, LOVES TO CHASE THE MAIL MAN. [USE AN  
APPOSITIVE PHRASE FOR CONCISENESS]

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12. In the book, Ryan says The best men are truthful ones. (Brooks 27).

IN THE BOOK, RYAN SAYS [COMMA & QUOTATION MARKS] , " THE BEST MEN  
ARE TRUTHFUL ONES. [QUOTATION MARKS]" (BROOKS 27) [MOVE THE PERIOD  
TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE PARENTHETICAL CITATION]

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