

Week 18–Opening Work

Freshmen English

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Day 1

- Correction of commonly misspelled word
- Correction of commonly misused words
- Use of comma before coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence

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- Use of commas to set off participial phrase
- Use of relative clause to combine sentences
- Subject and verb agreement
- Use of semicolon and comma with a conjunctive adverb to correct run-on sentences

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- Use of adverb to modify a verb
- Use of subordination to correct run-on sentence
- Correction of unclear pronoun reference

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Day 4

- Use of hyphen with compound number
- Use of dashes with explanatory information
- Correction of commonly confused words
- Verb agreement with a compound subject joined by *nor*

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- Use of active voice to improve style
- Elimination of double comparison

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