

Pronouns to Avoid Repetition

1. Fill in the missing blanks with an appropriate conjunction from the list below.

so

and

but

because

A. My mum has plenty of practice at cooking _____ she works as a chef.

B. I went to bed late last night _____ I have to be up early in the morning.

C. My brother was hungry _____ he made himself a sandwich.

D. Clara went back to the office _____ she collected her coat.

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2. List the different pronouns and the conjunctions in the paragraph below.

On that first night on the open ocean, the quintet serenaded the smoking lounge, which was filled with the telling of remarkable tales. None were more interesting than those of Thomas Andrews. He could be heard regaling his fellow passengers with stories about his design of the HMS Titanic. He heartily explained how the hull was separated into sixteen compartments, making the Titanic 'unsinkable'. Frederick and the group accompanied these stories with polkas and waltzes, and he couldn't believe what he was hearing. Never before had he heard of an unsinkable ship!

As Frederick made his way across the promenade and towards the dining room to warm his hands, he observed passengers wrapped in heavy coats strolling along and gazing up at the moonlit sky, peppered with stars.

Each evening, Frederick was positioned in the dining room, entertaining the guests as they dined in luxury. He enjoyed his work but was looking forward to reaching America for some leave. He was hoping to visit the sights of New York before having to make the journey back home to Plymouth.

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3. Replace the underlined repeated nouns with appropriate pronouns.

her

them

she

they

As Haidi's boys slept on the mattress in the corner of the basement, a plan began to formulate in Haidi's mind. What Haidi needed were the exit visas that would enable Haidi and her boys to leave the country posing as a non-Jewish family. The problem was how to get them. Haidi and her boys had to be obtained from the passport office and there were, really, only two options: bribery or impersonating a Nazi officer.

Without funds, Haidi would never be able to afford the travel expenses and set up a new life for her family in England. Bribery was a no-go. Haidi would have to impersonate a Nazi officer. Desperate for a way out of Austria, it was the only solution Haidi could think of, but the consequences would be disastrous if Haidi couldn't pull it off. Haidi's two young sons would be alone and likely be caught themselves.

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4. Using the conjunction below, add another sentence into the paragraph.

whilst

Haidi's mind was resolute. She had to find a way to leave the country she no longer recognised and seek refuge in England before it was too late. She could no longer impose herself and her family on her friends, no matter how much they protested that they were happy to have them. The risk was just too great.

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5. Atika has written another sentence for the end of the paragraph below.

Once there was a beggar girl who lived on the streets of a town in a faraway place. She had been an orphan for as long as she could remember, and so had never had anybody to love, or who could love her in return. She learned how to live on her own, how to forage for food and how to craft the things that she needed to survive.

She says,



I have added the sentence 'Her name was Nathifa — meaning pure — and they dreamed of one day having a daughter to whom she could pass on her knowledge and crafts.'

Has Atika used the correct pronouns in her sentence?
Explain your answer.

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6. Write the next paragraph of the story using at least three different pronouns and conjunctions from the list below.

so

but

his

however

he

they

Ok, so it was not actually March 17th, but that was not going to bother Sammy Callaghan. If St. Patrick's Day in Chicago had to be on March 11th this year, then so be it. As far as Sammy was concerned, today was St. Patrick's Day. He would be in school on the actual day. He had decided about three weeks ago that he would put all of his eggs in Saturday 11th March's basket.

And that meant getting green.

Everything had to be green. His socks, his trousers, his top; even his pants were green! He had laid all his clothes out carefully the night before, checking that he had everything he needed. He did not want to waste any moment of his St. Patrick's day not being as green as possible.

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1. A. because; B. but; C. so; D. and
2. which; those; he; his; and; they; but
3. her; she; them; they; she; she; she; her
4. Various answers, for example:

Haidi's mind was resolute. She had to find a way to leave the country she no longer recognised and seek refuge in England before it was too late. **Precious seconds were being wasted whilst they sat and deliberated.** She could no longer impose herself and her family on her friends, no matter how much they protested that they were happy to have them. The risk was just too great.

5. Atika has used two pronouns correctly but one incorrectly. She says 'they dreamed of...' however it is clear that Nathifa identifies as 'she', as this pronoun has been used in the sentence elsewhere. Therefore, 'she' would be a more suitable pronoun to use before 'dreamed'.

6. Various answers, for example:

Without haste, he threw on the clothes he had laid out the night before. He was impressed with what he had but it didn't feel like he had enough! Some things were missing however, he couldn't think what they were. Maybe his brother would know? He turned and spun on his heel, making his way down the corridor and into his brother's room.