Exercise 6.1: Word Usage

Use your stylebook to determine which word in parentheses is correct, and circle it.

1. I (pedal/\textit{peddle}) magazines door-to-door.
2. Indiana Jones (\textit{pored}/\textit{poured}) over ancient Mayan tablets.
3. Ethical journalists should stand by their (principals/\textit{principles}).
4. Sen. John Smelling, who dropped out of the presidential primaries in March, has (reentered/\textit{re-entered}) the race.
5. The Watergate Hotel burglars (rifled/\textit{riffled}) through most of the papers at the Democratic headquarters.
6. The theatrical (troop/\textit{troupe}) will perform Hamlet in the campus amphitheater Friday.
7. I can’t stand the hot (\textit{weather}/temperatures) in Las Vegas.
8. New York City firefighters from (\textit{Company}/Co.) 25 will be honored by the New York state (legislature/\textit{Legislature}).
9. Plans for the inauguration ceremonies are already (\textit{under way}/underway).
10. Mozart learned to play the violin when he was (five/\textit{5}).
11. The Aluminum (\textit{Company}/Co.) of America is now known as Alcoa (\textit{Incorporated}/\textit{Inc.}).
12. Tom Cruise is a member of Actors’ Equity (Assn./\textit{Association}).
13. I live at 112 Day (\textit{Ave.}/\textit{Avenue}).
14. I live on the (100\textit{0}/one hundred) block of Day (\textit{Ave.}/\textit{Avenue}).
15. Police (Det./\textit{Detective}) Carl Jackson brought a (\textit{thermos}/Thermos) of coffee with him to the stakeout.
Exercise 6.2: Word Usage

*Use your stylebook to determine which word in parentheses is correct, and circle it.*

1. The senator said she is (eager, anxious) to debate the merits of the bill.
2. Advertising (lineage, lineage) has (rose, risen) substantially during the past year.
3. The (hangar/hanger) at the closed Air Force base is now used as a movie studio.
4. The (burglary, robbery) at the store was committed occurred while the store was closed for the weekend.
5. Most of the payment is applied to interest, not the (principle, principal), on the home loan.
6. The senator’s appointment to the appropriations subcommittee will (affect, effect) how much money the state will receive.
7. The (affect, effect) of the testimony was overwhelming.
8. Tiger Woods may be the greatest golfer of (all-time, all time).
9. (Beside, Besides) his low self-esteem, the college freshman lacked the proper skills for the team.
10. The hotel had a (complement, compliment) of 50 bell captains and 50 valet attendants.
11. Fifty states (compose, comprise, constitute) the United States.
12. The economic upheavals in Latin America have prompted many people to (immigrate, emigrate) to America.
13. She (flaunted, flouted) her musical abilities.
14. He wished he could have purchased the artist’s (palate, palette, pallet) at the auction.
15. Those (people, persons) don’t understand the role of the committee.
Exercise 6.3: Hyphenation

The asterisks (*) represent where hyphens might go in the following sentences. Remove the asterisks and make the necessary corrections to the sentences.

1. The president decided to shake* [shake up] up his cabinet.
2. They gave her a terrific send*off [send-off].
3. The FBI stand*off [standoff] lasted more than 70 days.
5. Most racetracks have the horses run in a clock*wise [clockwise] direction.
6. The corporate shake*up [shake-up] resulted in several lay*offs [layoffs].
7. It was a sell*out [sellout] crowd.
8. The autoworkers staged a sit*down [sit-down] strike.
9. The plant employees staged a walk*out [walkout].
10. The city’s crime rate has grown ten*fold [tenfold].
11. The vote to walk*out [walk out] was unanimous.
12. The launch count*down [countdown] will begin at 6 a.m.
13. Jackson is a hold*over [holdover] from the last administration.
14. Let’s pick*up [pick up] some take*out [takeout] food.
15. Hurry and chow*down [chow down] and then get back to work.
Exercise 6.4: Hyphenation

The asterisks (*) represent where hyphens might go in the following sentences. Remove the asterisks and make the necessary corrections to the sentences.

1. He took along his camera as an after*thought [afterthought].
2. I get along with the co*owner [co-owners] of my business because we treat each other as co*equals [co-equals].
3. The senator described himself as ultra*conservative [ultraconservative].
5. He can out*talk [outtalk] anyone on campus.
7. We plan to re*cover [re-cover] our sofa this year.
8. She is doing post*graduate [postgraduate] work.
9. He’s an all*around [all-round] good athlete.
10. The Navy hopes to re*cover [recover] its sunken patrol boat.
11. The coroner performed a post*mortem [post-mortem] on the body.
12. I always favor the under*dog [underdog] in the playoffs.
13. Both anti*abortion [anti-abortion] and abortion*rights [abortion-rights] groups plan to hold rallies at the clinic.
14. They use their sub*basement [subbasement] as a storm shelter in case of tornadoes.
15. She set several pre*conditions [preconditions] for her co*operation [cooperation].
Exercise 6.5: Minimum Wage Bill

You are a copy editor with the Fullerton Times. Using “The Associated Press Stylebook” as a guide, edit the following news article for Wednesday’s edition for style, spelling, grammar, logic, syntax and factual errors. Also correct any awkward writing. Include comments about any information in the story that is incomplete or illogical.

Added text is **bold, blue and underlined**. Deleted text is **red with a strike-through**. Comments are **[bold face in brackets.]**

10 *Ten* members of the Fullerton chapter of the League of Woman Voters are in the state capitol *Capitol* Wednesday today to lobby against a bill that is *supposed to* *would* exempt several types of workers from the *State Minimum Wage Law*. *state minimum wage law*.

*Mrs.* Sarah Johnson, *President* of the Fullerton chapter of the League of Woman Voters, *claimed* *said* she and the other league members plan to meet with state Senators from *the* *local area* as well as with members of the Senate *labor committee* *Labor Committee*.

The bill, SB 4503, would exempt from the *Minimum Wage Law* *minimum was law persons people* who work in the hotel, restaurant and garment industries; domestic and laundry workers; and hospital aides. It was introduced in the Senate last month.

*The League* members met at their club house, at 6974 Turnbull Rd., last night to plan their strategy for Tuesday’s meetings.*[This sentence could be cut to tighten the story.]*

*Mrs.* Johnston *contend* *said* last Tuesday night *per AP style* that the bill is “mean-spirited” and it’s *long-term* *affect* *effect* “is intended to *ensure*” *per AP style* that the working poor
remain at the poverty level, which for a family of 4 is $17,650 a year.”

The bill is presently currently in the Senate labor committee.
Exercise 6.6: Bomb Scare

You are a copy editor with the Wessex Town Crier. Using “The Associated Press Stylebook” as a guide, edit the following news article for Saturday’s edition, for style, spelling, grammar, logic, syntax and factual errors. Also correct any awkward writing. Include comments about any information in the story that is incomplete or illogical.

Added text is bold, blue and underlined. Deleted text is red with a strike-through. Comments are [bold face in brackets.]

A beeping pager summoned Wessex Police, Fire Dept., workers, firefighters along with the Bomb Squad and the bomb squad to the Postoffice post office at 321 1st First Street St., yesterday Friday morning.

Postmaster Mel Colley, Postmaster, called the Police Dept. police after a postal worker heard strange noises coming from a package, which was eight by 10 by 6 inches in size and weighed about two and a half lbs. [Move this farther down in the story; style errors are in bold face.]

Postmaster Colley then evacuated the building. The police, which had also called the Fire Dept. fire department and Bomb Squad bomb squad as a precaution, ordered another one square the entire block cleared to ensure public safety.

The Bomb Squad bomb squad X-rayed the bomb package, which measured 8 by 10 by 6 inches and weighed about 2 pounds, and discovered it was actually contained a motorola Motorola phone pager that was set to “vibrate.”

One it was determined that the device was unharmful harmless, everyone went back to work.
The pounding and shaking at Dodger stadium Stadium may not be just from the fans.

The next time this stadium rocks, it may not be from fans people [change to avoid using “fans” twice] cheering a home run but rather from something much more damaging.

Researchers, led by Harvard University Geologist geologist John Cherry, recently discovered a previously unknown fault that runs from downtown Los Angeles, under Dodger Stadium, to nearby Brea.

Although the 25 km. 15.5-mile active fault is considered short by geological standards, the potential for destruction remains high.

Cherry estimated that the fault, that which is sectioned into 3 three different patches, could generate earthquakes ranging from a magnitude 6.7 to 7.0, depending on whether the individual parts rupture, or if the entire fault moves at once.

Cherry compared what will now be called the Puente Hills fault Fault to the one that created the Northridge earthquake.
“It logically follows that (the Puente Hills fault) could cause similar type of damage because it is the same type of fault,” Cherry said. “But because of the proximity to the L.A.-area, it could create significantly more damage.”

The similarity the Puente Hills fault has to the fault that generated the Northridge earthquake is that the two faults are both blind-thrust faults.

“There is a compressional force in the L.A. basin area,” Cal State Fullerton Geology Professor Steve Gorem explained. “It is occurring on the Pacific plate, which is being pushed into the North American plate. Because you can’t see the fault at the surface, that is why it is called blind. There are probably many more blind faults in the L.A. basin that haven’t been discovered yet.”

This fault lies in stark contrast to that of the San Andreas fault, which has carved a crack through the Earth’s surface.

Those types of faults are easy to recognize. Discovering the Puente Hills fault and others like it take more in-depth research.

Geologists discovered the fault using data obtained from oil petroleum companies. According to Gorem, the data from these companies has just recently been made accessible to the public.

Cherry said that in blind-thrust faults, folds of rock develop beneath the surface of the earth. The world’s largest deposits of natural gas lie in these folds, and oil companies are constantly searching for these deposits. Now, geology researchers can put this data to another use.
“The interest in the concealed faults heightened after the Northridge Earthquake, and in the fact that it occurred on a concealed fault, said Cherry.

Now that researchers know about the fault, their next step is to predict when it will cause an earthquake.

Geologists will use carbon dating among other tools to look at the rocks and determine when it possibly last moved.

“What we have to worry about is how much energy has been stored up from when it last moved,” Gorum said.

Four months ago, researchers knew nothing of this fault. Cherry said that even though this Puente Hills fault is similar to that of Northridge, it doesn’t mean the same event will necessarily happen.

“In a nutshell, it doesn’t increase the risk or likelihood of an event, it just says that it could happen.”