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EXERCISE A

1. My dad can usually repair anything, but a minor leak turned into a major crisis.
2. The kitchen faucet had been dripping for a week, so he drove to the hardware store for supplies.
3. He turned off the water supply first, and then he began to loosen the faucet with a wrench.
4. Unfortunately, the old faucet was rusted, and it broke in half.
5. Dad did not want to drive back to the hardware store, nor did he want to spend money on a new faucet.
6. The store was closing, yet the owner helped Dad find the parts.
7. Dad installed the new faucet carefully, for it had cost a lot of money.
8. He opened the cabinet and turned on the water, and then disaster struck.
9. Water shot out of the pipe, but Dad quickly turned it off.
10. Dad was frustrated and soaking wet, so he called a plumber.

EXERCISE B

11. My sister orders chicken with broccoli, but she doesn't like sticky rice.
12. Leo makes wonderful enchiladas, yet he never uses a cookbook.
13. Melba is a vegetarian, so she always brings her lunch to school.
14. Thomas enjoys Italian food, and his favorite dish is eggplant parmesan with extra garlic.
15. Roderick and his four-year-old sister Tara would not eat the shrimp, so they had second helpings of rice and vegetables.
16. Should I choose pork with cabbage, or should I try the chicken with snow peas?
17. The chicken baked with curried rice tasted wonderful, yet it was easy to prepare.

18. He didn't have a snack this afternoon, for he wanted to save his appetite for dinner.
19. The desserts look tempting, but I'd rather have a piece of fruit.
20. We could sit at the table near the window, or we could eat outside on the patio.

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EXERCISE A

1. Beverly chose to write about politics, her favorite topic.
2. Of course, this will be your last opportunity.
3. Tammy, who is only five feet tall, scored the final points.
4. The old elevator, the one with polished brass doors, rattled as it descended.
5. John F. Kennedy, the thirty-fifth president of the United States, was assassinated on November 22, 1963.
6. My plan, however, is to become a doctor.
7. The Japanese art of flower arranging, *ikebana*, requires study and practice.
8. Are you going to the store, Phillip?
9. Craig, a master archer, took careful aim.
10. The trees have been infected by oak wilt, a deadly fungus.

EXERCISE B

11. No, I don't think you should paint your room dark purple.
12. After a long day at school, I sometimes like to take a short nap.
13. Eager to meet the new girl in class, Crystal pretended to need a pencil.
14. In one part of the city, the houses are more than one hundred years old.
15. To finish the project on time, Jody worked all weekend.
16. Whenever Jack goes to the swimming pool, he always puts on sunscreen.
17. Why, I didn't know you would be in this class, too!
18. When the rain started, Carol realized her book was still outside.

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19. Before we looked at the exhibits, the curator told us about the museum’s collections.
 20. Yes, everyone has turned in a permission slip.

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EXERCISE A

1. I like tea ___;___ I don’t like coffee.
2. Rory likes biographies ___;___ LaCresha prefers mysteries.
3. LaCresha likes mysteries ___.___ Rory lost his book.
4. Thor is the Norse god of thunder ___;___ Neptune is the Roman god of the sea.
5. Neptune is the Roman god of the sea ___.___ Jonathan likes mythology.

EXERCISE B

6. I bought the following items at the grocery store: milk, bread, lettuce, and avocados.

7. Michael shopped for new school supplies: a binder, pens, a calculator, and a package of notebook paper.
8. Here’s a list of things to do on a rainy day: read, take a nap, go to the library, clean your room.
9. Among the plants in Virginia’s garden are the following: tomatoes, onions, peppers, and beans.
10. Everyone needs to bring one of these food items to the potluck dinner: vegetables, fruit, dessert, salad, bread, or a casserole.

EXERCISE C

11. Dear Ms. Kline:
12. *An Anthropologist at Work: Writings of Ruth Benedict*
13. Dear Sir or Madam:
14. I usually wake up by 6:30 a.m.
15. Today’s first reading is Genesis 9:12–17.