

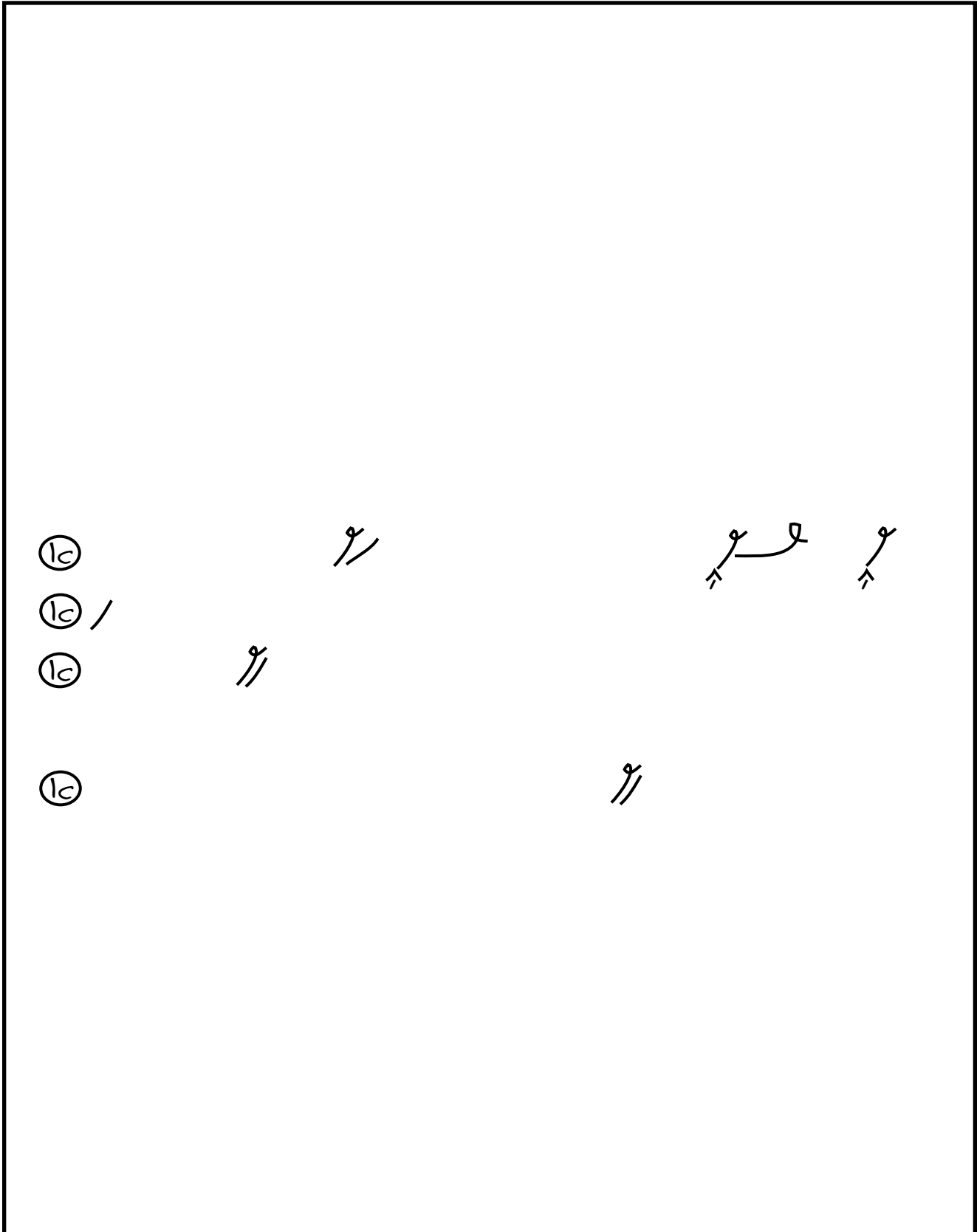
A **complete sentence** consists of a **complete subject** and a **complete predicate**. A **sentence fragment** does not express a complete thought. It may be missing a subject, a predicate, or both.

complete subject
complete predicate  
 Orson Welles and Alfred Hitchcock directed many well-known films.

**Directions:** *Read this announcement and correct any errors you find. (There are five sentence fragment errors.)*

### **More Roller Coaster Time—Less Waiting in Line!**

Windy Wonderland Amusement Park is going to have its grand opening. On May 15. There are rides. And rides. And more rides. All ages are welcome. There is a little something. For everyone. If you dare, arrive early and be one of the first to ride “Vortex,” the fastest roller coaster in the country. Admission is only \$15.00. For opening day.



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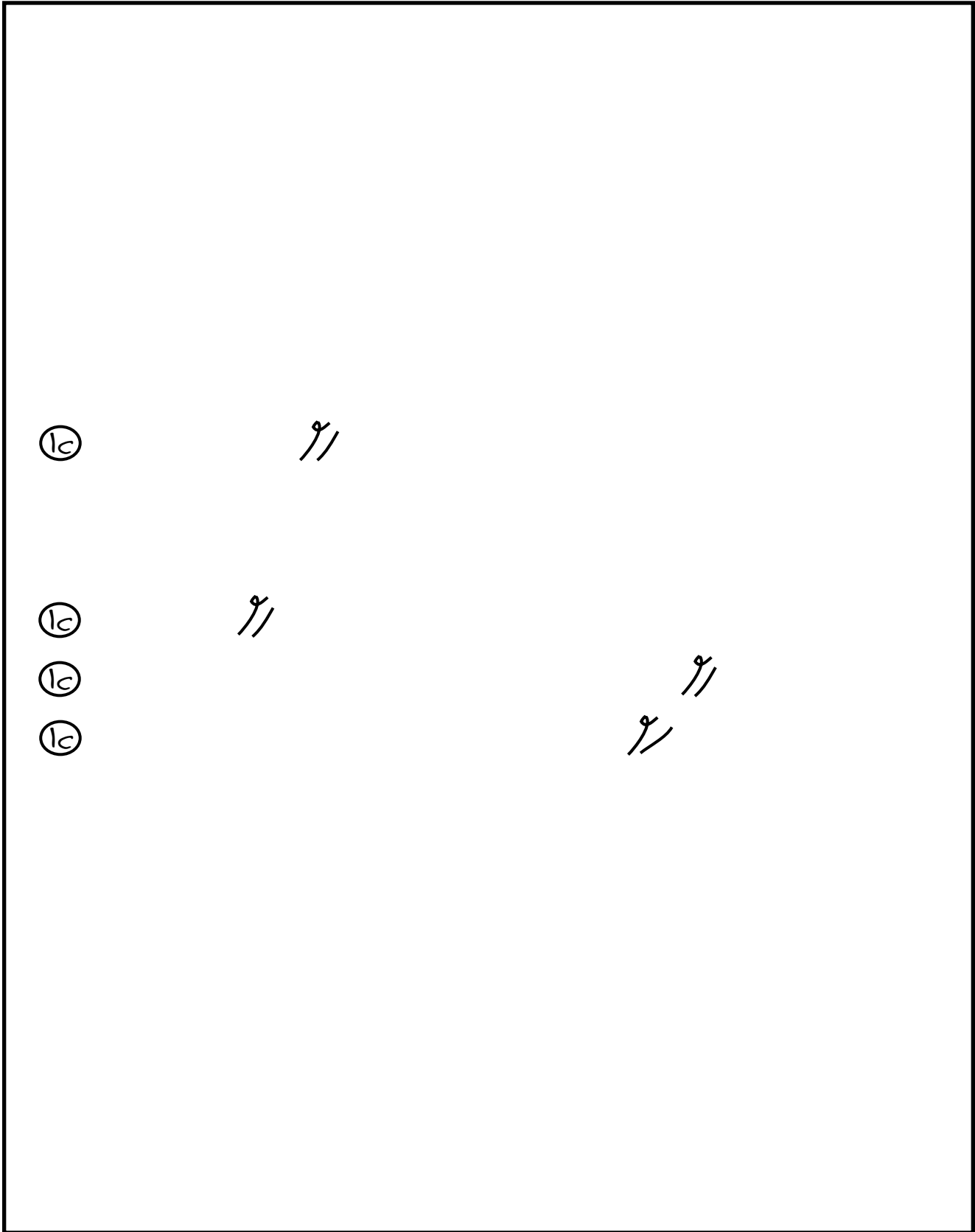
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Another type of **sentence fragment** occurs when a phrase contains a simple subject and a simple predicate but lacks a direct or indirect object.

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direct object  
 The young bear cub studies her mother's fishing technique.

**Directions:** *Read this paragraph and correct any errors you find. (There are four sentence fragment errors.)*

While all of my friends are sleeping in on Saturday mornings, I like. To get up early and hop on my ten-speed. There is a dirt bike path not far from my house. I ride for about three hours each Saturday morning, and in that time, I can cover. Almost 45 miles. The bike path weaves in and out of the woods. I enjoy being surrounded. By trees and streams. I also like the fact that there is. No traffic.



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A **possessive** is used to name who or what owns something. Singular and irregular plural nouns are made possessive by adding 's. Plural nouns that end in s can be made possessive by adding an apostrophe to the end of the word. A **contraction** combines two words into one by leaving out one or more letters and inserting an apostrophe.

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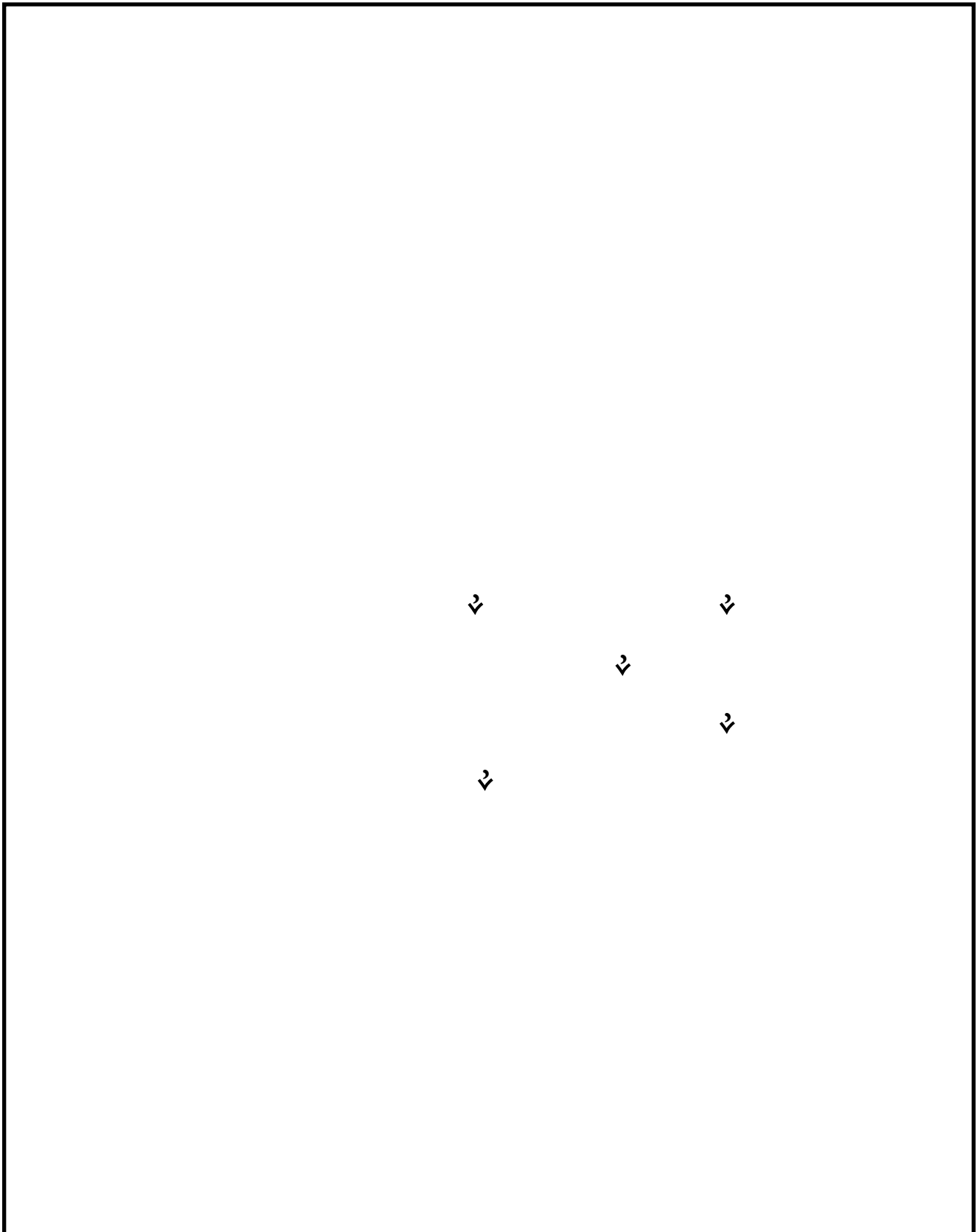
Malia's brother bought concert tickets for the two of them.

contraction: They will plural possessive

They'll drive their parents' car to the show.

**Directions:** *Read this postcard message and correct any errors you find. (There are five possessive and contraction errors.)*

Philadelphia is huge! Its the biggest city Ive ever seen. Yesterday, we visited Benjamin Franklins printing shop. This morning, I finally got to try one of Philadelphias famous cheese steaks. Tomorrow, well watch local colleges compete in a sculling race on the Schuylkill River.



The tense of a verb shows when an action occurs. The two most common tenses are **present** and **past**. Helping and main verbs form two other important tenses: **future** and **perfect**. All these tenses also have **progressive** forms.

**Present:** visits

**Present progressive:** is visiting

**Past:** visited

**Past progressive:** was visiting

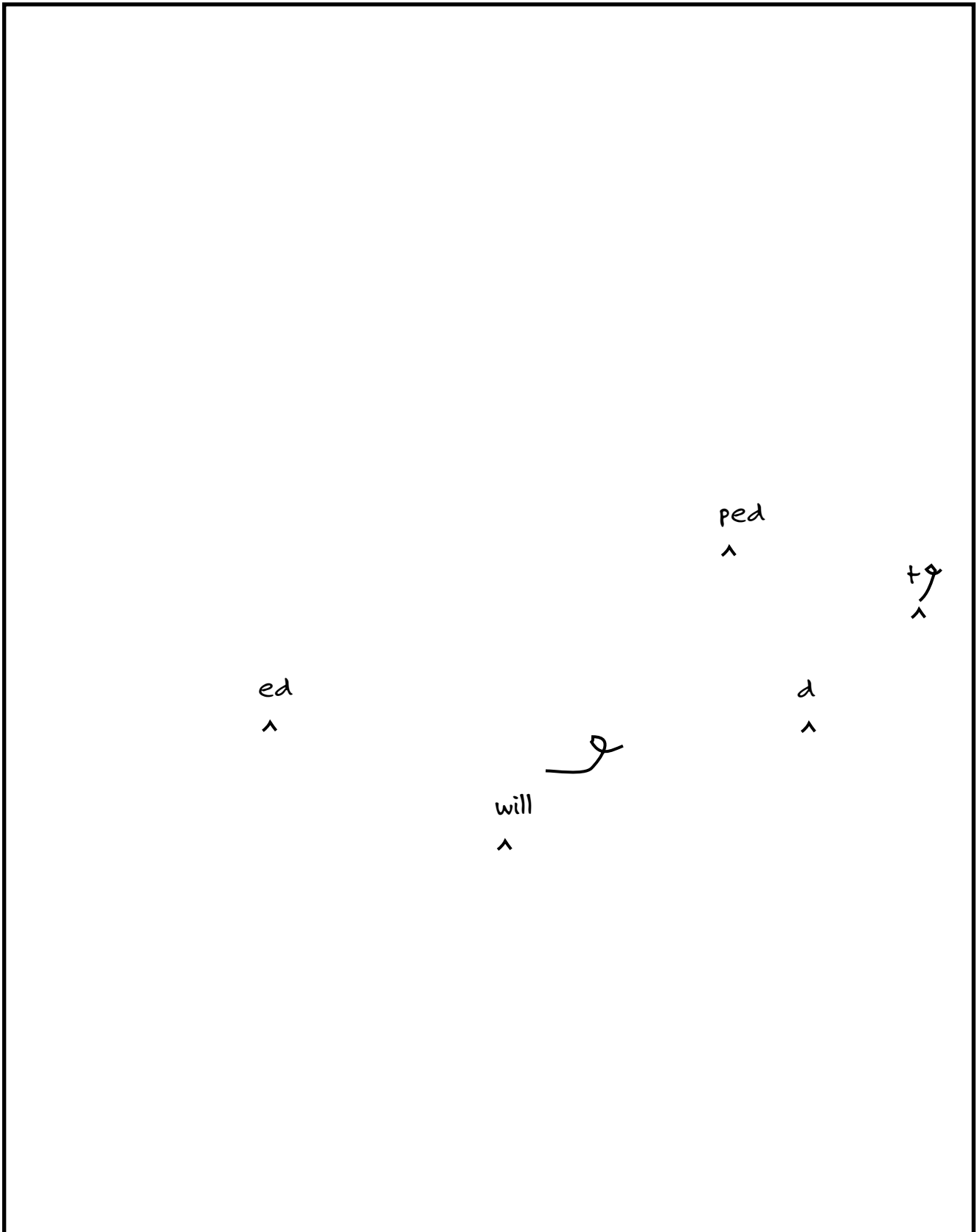
**Future:** will visit

**Future progressive:** will be visiting


**Perfect:** has visited

**Directions:** *Read this newspaper article and correct any errors you find. (There are six verb tense errors.)*

Now that the basketball season has wrap up, I'd like to reflect on our team's spectacular season. Even though we lose in the championship game, our team had a banner year. The players work hard all season, and they have improve more than anyone expected. We will being very competitive next year since most of our players plan to be back for another year. Thanks for a great season, team!



**Subject-verb agreement** means that singular nouns require singular verb forms and plural nouns require plural verb forms. When a clause or phrase separates the subject of the sentence from the verb, the verb should still agree with the original subject.

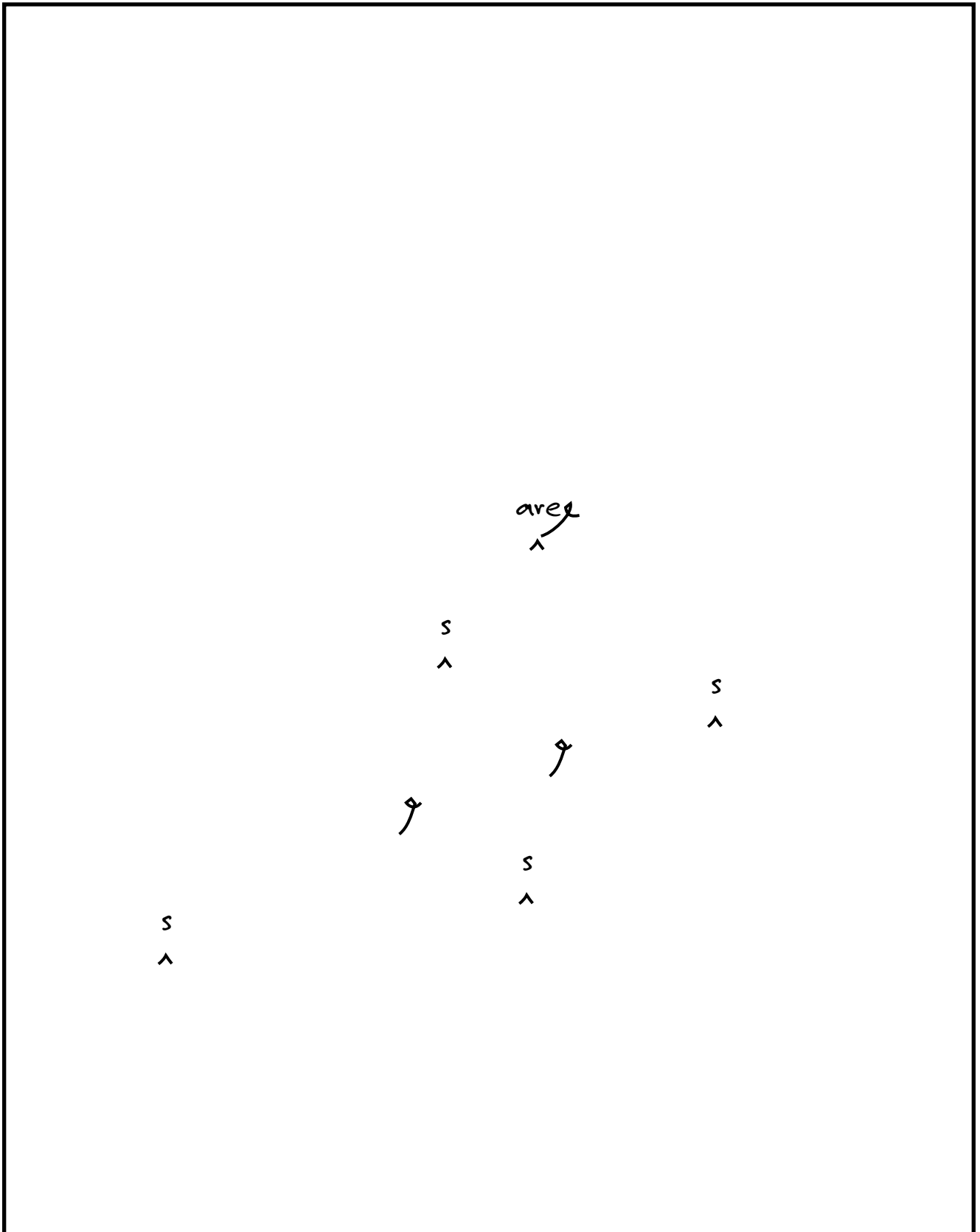


The coaches, who each sponsor the team, like to rotate responsibilities.

**Directions:** *Read this speech and correct any mistakes you find. (There are seven errors in subject-verb agreement.)*

You can volunteer in many ways. No matter where you choose to volunteer, the rewards is plenty. Not only will the people whom you help thank you, but you will be appreciated by each person who work alongside you. Above and beyond the help you give to others, volunteering give you a sense of self-satisfaction. Many of us thinks of work as a way to make money. When you helps others, you are working to benefit the community around you. It make you a better person, and it make your community a better place to live.

**EDITING AND PROOFREADING TRANSPARENCY OVERLAY 5**



A **pronoun** is a word that replaces one or more nouns and the words that describe those nouns. There are **subject, object,** and **possessive pronouns**. If the **antecedent** of a pronoun is unclear, then the sentence may be confusing.

**Subject pronouns:** I, you, he, she, it, we, they

**Object pronouns:** me, you, him, her, it, us, them

**Possessive pronouns:** my, your, his, her, its, our, their

antecedent
pronoun

When the pizza was delivered, we ate it immediately.

**Directions:** *Read these instructions and correct any mistakes you find. (There are five pronoun errors.)*

Students are welcome to submit Letters to the Editor on any topic. It should be no longer than one page. Students should sign your letters. An editor may need to verify information, so they may contact the writer. If there is no reply, it may not be printed. The newspaper keeps all letters, so them cannot be returned.

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A **run-on sentence** is two or more sentences incorrectly written as one. One type of run-on sentence is a sentence that contains two simple sentences joined by only a comma.

Tonight Aldo is studying, <sup>and</sup> tomorrow he will take the test.  
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**Directions:** *Read this invitation and correct any errors that you find. (There are three run-on sentence errors.)*

You are invited to Alma and Joseph Brodstein's anniversary party, Alma and Joseph will have been married fifty years on June 10. Please join their family members in celebrating this happy occasion. Gifts are not necessary, you may bring stories, photographs, or other mementos that show how much Alma and Joseph have meant to you over the years.

**RSVP:** Emily Brodstein-Myers or Adele Nichols

(Baby-sitting will be provided, let Emily or Adele know ahead of time.)

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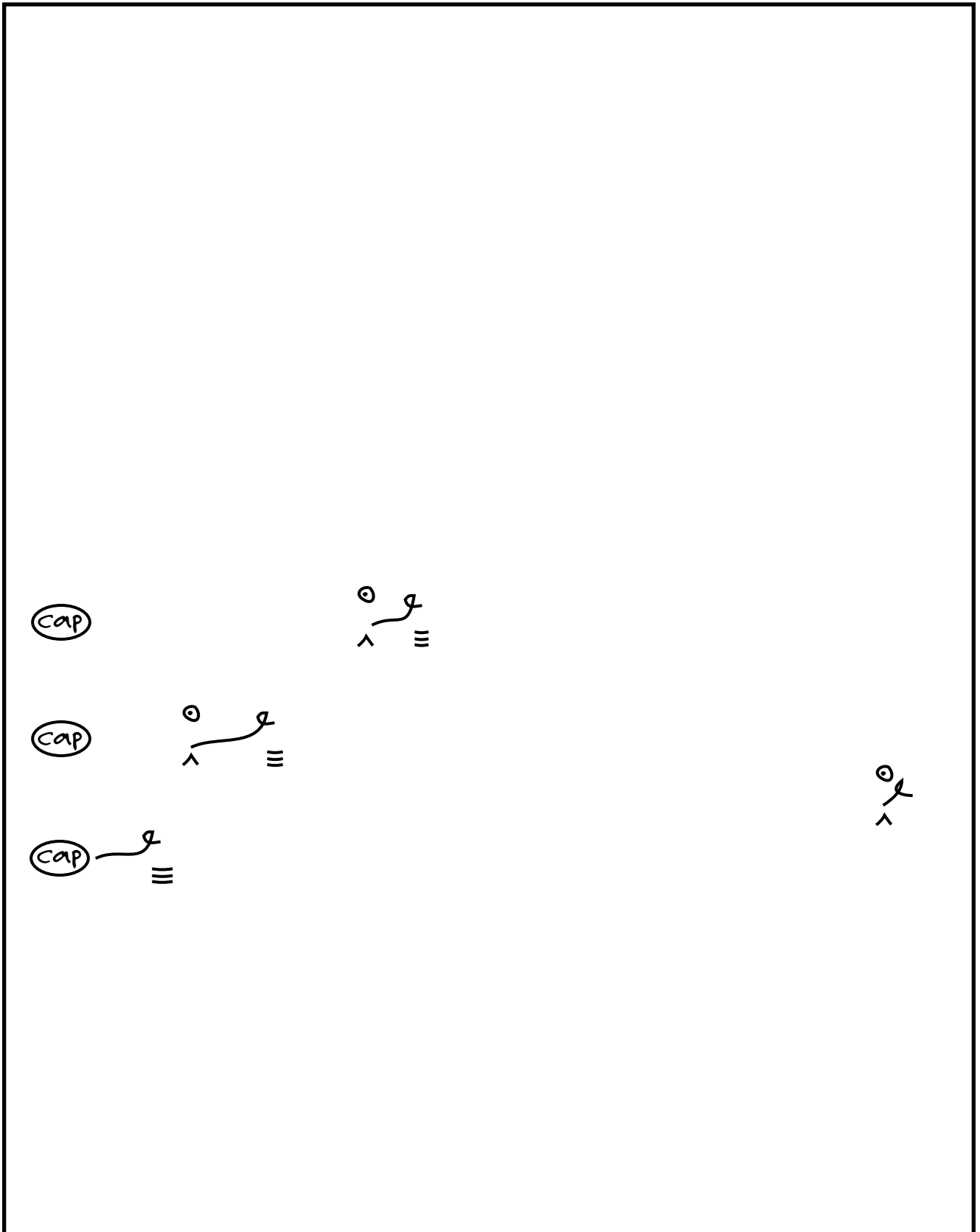
Another type of **run-on sentence** is formed when too many independent clauses are strung together with **coordinating conjunctions**.

Nicole wants to be a veterinarian, but her guidance counselor said that she needs to improve her grades, and now Nicole studies very hard.

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**Directions:** *Read this report and correct any errors you find. (There are three run-on sentence errors.)*

People should eat organically grown food. Organic farming costs more, because farmers have not sprayed the food with chemicals so the fruits and vegetables may not look as perfect as those grown with chemicals, but they are better for you, and although they cost more, they will taste better. Another reason to choose organic food is the environment, and when farmers use chemicals to grow food, they may actually be hurting the air and water supplies.



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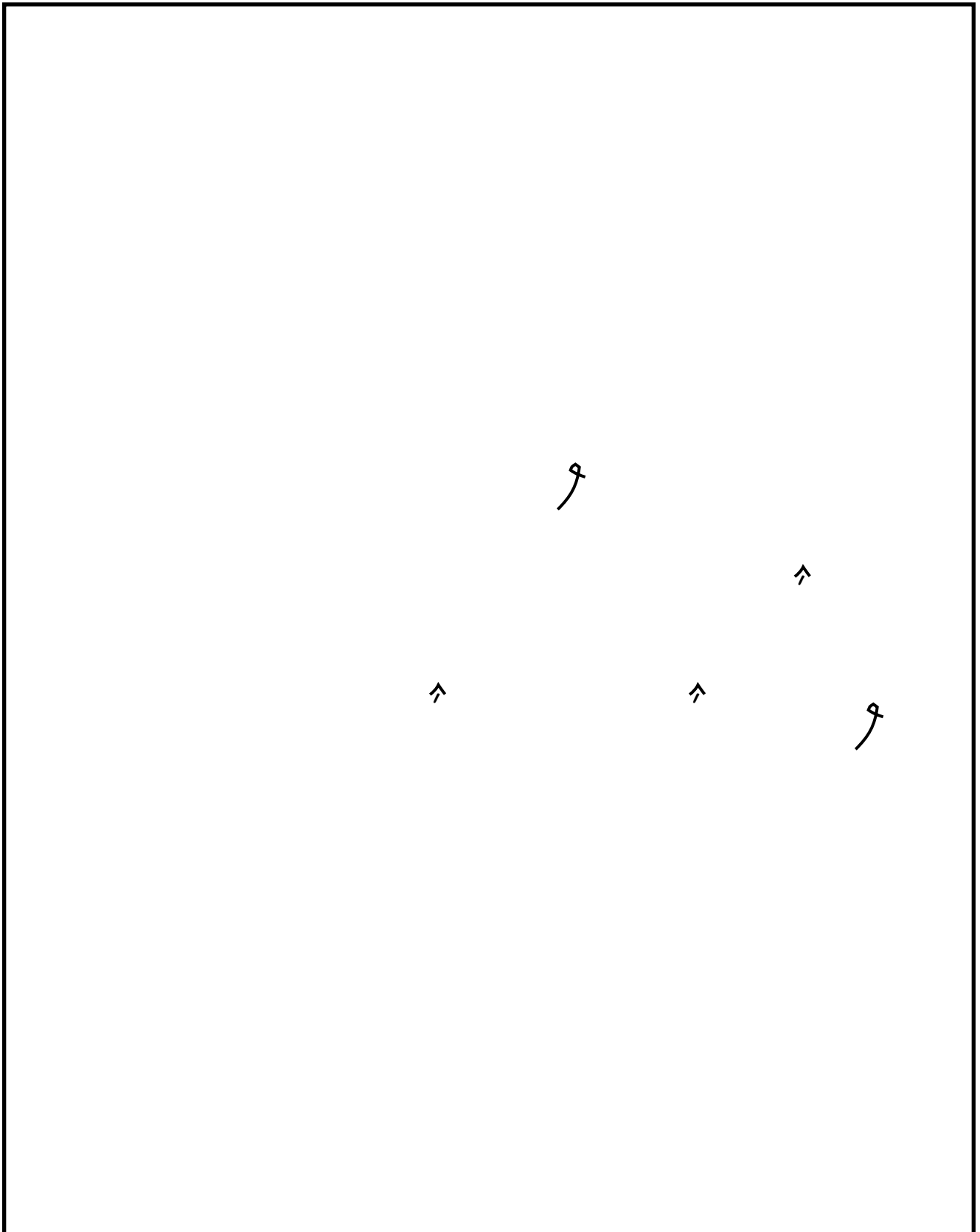
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In a sentence with a series of three or more items, a **comma** is placed after each item except for the item after the conjunction. Sentences that list only two items require a conjunction, not a comma.

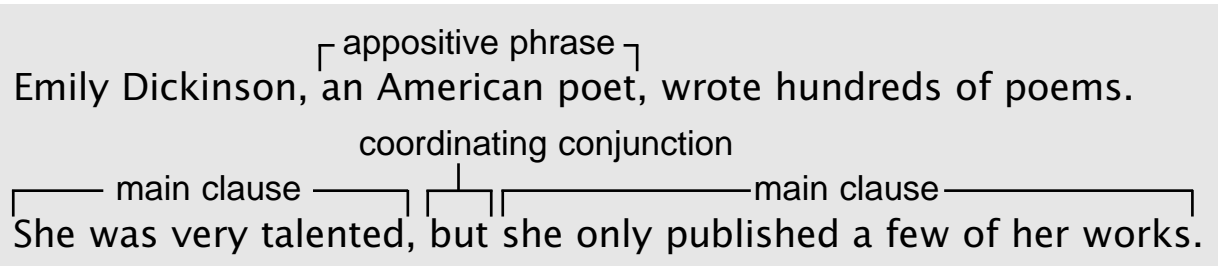
I will improve my skills as a runner, a swimmer, and a cyclist before the triathlon next month.

**Directions:** *Read this paragraph and correct any errors you find. (There are five errors involving commas.)*

Skateboarding can be a safe and fun sport as long as you skate where there is no traffic, and wear the appropriate protective gear. I skate with my friends Melissa, Rob and Gary on the weekends. Depending on our mood, we'll skate on Melissa's basketball court on Gary's driveway or on the half-pipe at the park near my house. We all wear our helmets, and knee pads.

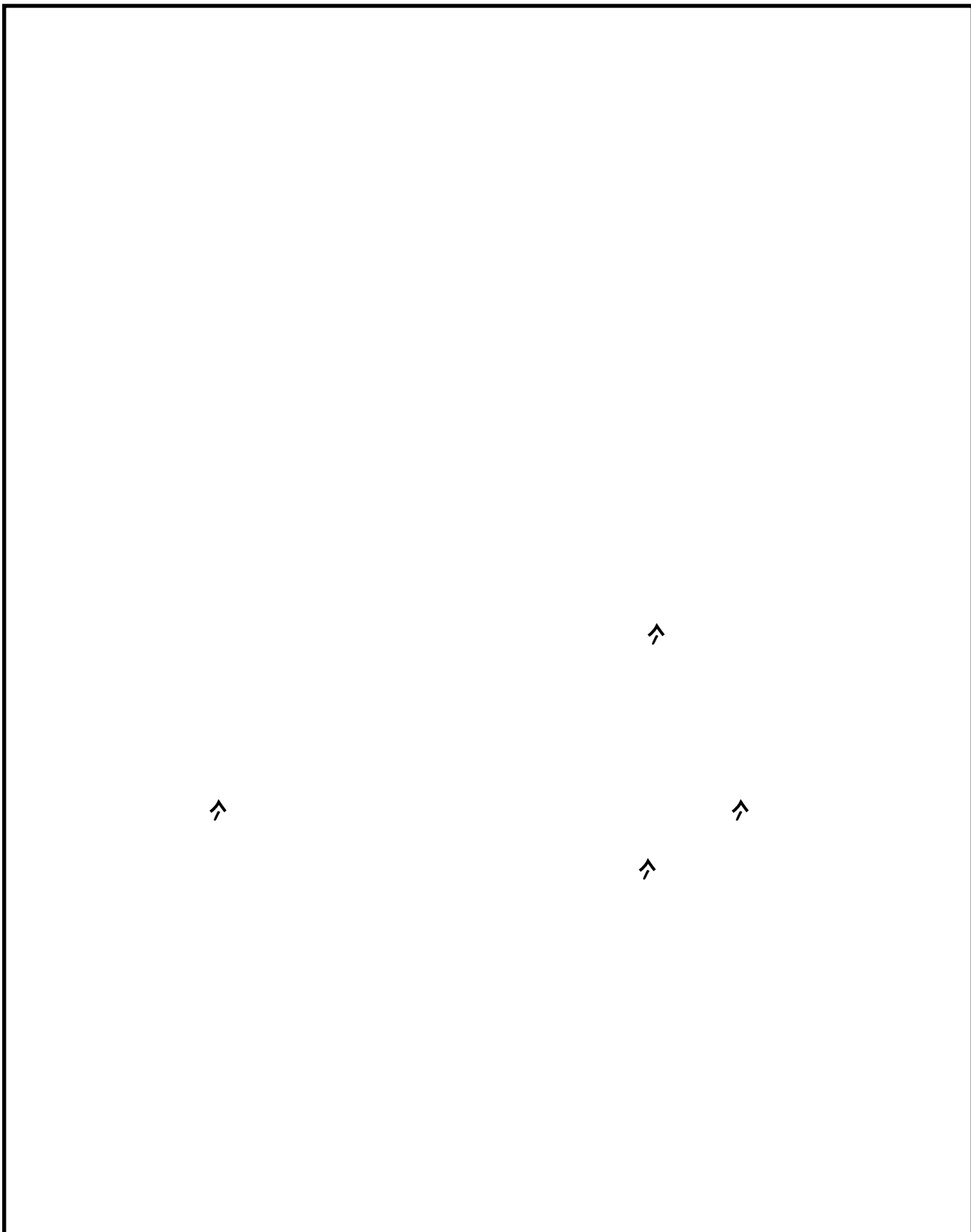


An **appositive** is a noun that is placed next to another noun to identify or add information about it. An **appositive phrase** contains an appositive and is set off by commas. A **main clause** has a subject and predicate and can stand on its own as a sentence. In a sentence with two main clauses, a comma and a coordinating conjunction are necessary to join the clauses.



**Directions:** *Read this press release and correct any errors you find. (There are four missing commas.)*

Ten students at Powers High School the city's oldest school, have received scholarships to study the subjects of their choice at local colleges. The students, each 13 to 18 years old submitted applications to the colleges and later they attended interviews. Five of the students a record number for this program, are ninth graders.



Whenever a sentence contains a list of items in a series, the items should be written in a grammatically similar form. This writing device is called **parallelism**.

Our weekend activities included walking on the beach,  
swimming in the ocean, and <sup>eating</sup> a meal at a seafood restaurant.  
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**Directions:** *Read this flyer and correct any errors you find. (There are four errors in parallelism.)*

If you enjoy feeling good about yourself, helping others, and to have some money in your pocket, then you should stop by the Student Summer Employment Office. Our staff of caring adults wants to help you find a job, build up your résumé, and to make the most of your summer. Our job files have jobs for those who like to spend time outside, who work well with children or older people, or prefer to work alone. You can call us, e-mail us, or stopping by our office. Let us help you have a great summer.

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A participle is formed by adding *-ing* (present participle) or *-ed* (past participle) to a verb. Participles can act as verbs, nouns, or adjectives. A **participial phrase** is a group of words that includes a participle. A **misplaced participial phrase** is a phrase that is not placed close enough to the word it describes.

\_\_\_\_\_ participial phrase \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absorbed by the news of the party, ~~the departing bus went~~  
~~the departing bus.~~  
~~unnoticed by Jermaine.~~

**Directions:** *Read this excerpt from an essay and correct any errors you find. (There are three misplaced participial phrases.)*

I really enjoy waterskiing. Starting at the age of seven, my dad took me out on the lake every summer. Gifted with athletic ability, water-skiing was not hard for me to master. My mom enjoys the sport as much as I do, having a love of water.

I went out on the lake every summer with my dad.

I mastered waterskiing in no time.

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