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## Homework 1

### Exercise 3.2

Key: Subject, *Character*, **Verb**, ACTION

- 1a. There is OPPOSITION among many *voters* to nuclear power plants **based** on a BELIEF in *their* threat to human health.
- 1b. Many *voters* **oppose** nuclear power plants because *they* **BELIEVE** that such plants **THREATEN** human health.
- 2a. There has **been** GROWTH in the market for electronic books because of the frequent PREFERENCE among *customers* for their convenience and portability.
- 2b. The market for electronic books has **GROWN** because *customers* frequently **PREFER** their convenience and portability.
- 3a. There is a belief among some *researchers* that customers' choices in fast food restaurant would **be** healthier if there **were** postings of nutrition information in their menus.
- 3b. Some *researchers* **BELIEVE** that *consumers* would **CHOOSE** healthier foods if fast food companies **POSTED** nutrition information in *their* menus.
- 4a. The DESIGN of a new roller coaster was more of a STRUGGLE for the *engineers* than **had been** their EXPECTATION.
- 4b. The *engineers* **STRUGGLED** more than they **EXPECTED** when designing the new roller coaster.
- 5a. Because the *student's* PREPARATION for the exam **was** thorough, none of the questions on it **were** a surprise.
- 5b. Because the *student* **PREPARED** thoroughly for the exam, she was not **SURPRISED** by any of the *questions* on it.

The character tends to move to the beginning of the sentence in the clearer sentences actions and verbs merge. The unclear sentences often introduce the verbs and actions before the subjects and they are separated.

### Exercise 3.3

- 1a. I **believe** that we **expressed** the issue **intelligently**.
- 1b. My **belief** is that our **expression** of the issue was done with **intelligence**.
- 2a. She **suggested approaching** the problem **carefully**.
- 2b. Her **suggestion** was that our **approach** to the problem be done with **care**.
- 3a. The programmer **attempted improving** his program by **decreasing** the number of operations.
- 3b. An **attempt** of the programmer at an **improvement** of his program was done by a **decrease** of the number of operations.

### Exercise 3.4

2a. The store's price increases(c) [led] to (frustration) among its customers.

2b. When we(c) [write] (concisely), readers(c) [understand] (easily).

4a. Complaints(c) by editorial writers about voter apathy (rarely) [offer] (suggestions) about [dispelling] it.

4b. Although critics(c) [claim] that children(c) who [watch] a lot of television [tend] to [become] less able to read, no one has [demonstrated] that to be true.