

# MODERN LANGUAGES.

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## EXERCISES IN ENGLISH.

1. Substitute phrases for the italicized words.

- (a) It was *universally* known by this name.
- (b) Instead of *advancing*, his horse made a *lateral* movement.
- (c) It was *undoubtedly* a *perilous* undertaking.
- (d) His *horror-stricken* companions were unable to help him.
- (e) He had come upon them *unawares*.

2. Substitute words for the italicized phrases.

- (a) He acted *like a despot*.
- (b) He was wounded *by an accident*.
- (c) Did he do that *in the presence of the teacher*?
- (d) He received them *with courtesy*.
- (e) To escape now is simply *out of our power*.

3. Expand first into compound, then into complex sentences ;

- (a) Having full confidence in his judgment I gave my consent.
- (b) On looking at it again he saw his mistake.
- (c) They were too tired to go any farther.
- (d) He evidently knows all about it.
- (e) I let him have it on his promising to take good care of it.

4. Contract into simple sentences :

- (a) As winter approaches they seek a warmer climate.
- (b) They all predicted that the attempt would be certain to fail.
- (c) It's better that I should go alone.
- (d) The snow was so deep that it was impossible to proceed.
- (e) When they found that this was the case they decided that they wait no longer.

5. Rewrite, changing the voice of the finite verbs :

- (a) The shareholders were deceived by the statements he made.
- (b) The services he has rendered entitle him to some recompense.

(c) They have agreed to return the money that was collected.

(d) The company that he left in charge of the fort was composed chiefly of recruits.

(e) Next day it was reported that he had been seen in Toronto.

6. Rewrite in as many ways as possible without changing either the words or the sense.

- (a) This at first I opposed stoutly.
- (b) The trot became a gallop soon, in spite of curb and rein.
- (c) I shall never forget one instance of this.
- (d) For days he lay in burning fever on his bed.

(e) Then comes your time for resting.

7. Change from compound to complex, or vice versa.

(a) I have no faith in it, but still I am willing to try it.

(b) He may have done so, but I scarcely think it.

(c) Its loss is the more to be regretted, as we cannot get another.

(d) Only two of those that tried the third question answered it correctly.

(e) I haven't a copy of it or I would lend it to you.

8. Express the meaning in different form and language.

(a) Spiders are also a favourite repast with them.

(b) The cost of erecting it is almost incredible.

(c) I was reduced to the necessity of imploring his assistance.

(d) The extent of his injuries could not be ascertained.

(e) It became necessary to devise some means of replenishing their rapidly diminishing store of provisions.

9. Change to indirect narrative :

"It is true that I was afraid of the Turks, but I fear more being called a coward. So I bit my lips firmly, and determined to find my drumsticks, which I soon did, amongst the snow ; and I said to myself, They may beat me, but I'll beat the drum first."

10. Change to direct narrative :

Fontaine said he would never abandon the