

### EXERCISE 13-3 Distracting Shifts

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Edit the following sentences to eliminate distracting shifts. Revisions of lettered sentences appear in the back of the book. Example:

For most people, quitting smoking is not easy once <sup>they</sup>~~you~~ are hooked.

- a. A courtroom lawyer has more than a touch of theater in their blood.
  - b. The interviewer asked if we had brought our proof of birth and citizenship and did we bring our passports.
  - c. A single parent often has only their ingenuity to rely on.
  - d. When the director travels, you will make the hotel and airline reservations and arrange for a rental car. A detailed itinerary must also be prepared.
  - e. Madame Defarge is a sinister figure in Dickens's *A Tale of Two Cities*. On a symbolic level, she represents fate; like the Greek Fates, she knitted the fabric of individual destiny.
1. Everyone should protect yourself from the sun, especially on the first day of extensive exposure.
  2. Our neighbors told us that the island was being evacuated because of the coming storm. Also, take the northern route to the mainland.
  3. Rescue workers put water on her face and lifted her head gently onto a pillow. Finally, she opens her eyes.
  4. The polygraph examiner will ask you if you have ever stolen goods on the job, if you have ever taken drugs, and have you ever killed or threatened to kill anyone.
  5. The artist has often been seen as a threat to society, especially when they refuse to conform to conventional standards of taste.