

EXERCISE 42-1 Italics (underlining)

Edit the following sentences to correct errors in the use of italics. If a sentence is correct, write “correct” after it. Example:

Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman was quite controversial when it was published a century ago.

- a. Howard Hughes commissioned the Spruce Goose, a beautifully built but thoroughly impractical wooden aircraft.
 - b. The old man *screamed* his anger, *shouting* to all of us, “I will not leave my money to you worthless layabouts!”
 - c. I learned the Latin term *ad infinitum* from an old nursery rhyme about fleas: “Great fleas have little fleas upon their back to bite ’em, / Little fleas have lesser fleas and so on *ad infinitum*.”
 - d. Cinema audiences once gasped at hearing the word *damn* in *Gone with the Wind*.
 - e. “The City and the Pillar” was an early novel by Gore Vidal.
1. Bernard watched as Eileen stood transfixed in front of Vermeer’s Head of a Young Girl.
 2. The monastery walls were painted with scenes described in the book of Genesis.
 3. My *per diem* allowance was two hundred dollars.
 4. In her first calligraphy lesson, Suzanne learned how to make a Romanesque B.
 5. Redford and Newman in the movie “The Sting” were amateurs compared with the seventeen-year-old con artist who lives at our house.