

Sentence Revision Exercise – Essay 1 (and beyond)

The following sentences excerpted from your first essays are good sentences in many ways; however, each also contains a grammatical or stylistic issue that needs revising. As an exercise, read the following sentences, decide what sentence issue needs revising, and then identify where in your Hacker manual the solution to these sentence problems can be found. Finally, revise the sentence as you see fit.

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1. More so than even the articles, though, the pictures help to capture this “ideal South” and portray it to the reader.
2. The food, home and garden, and also recreational activities are unique in its own way.
3. One wall is covered in floral wallpaper, commonly known as an accent wall; a décor style likely featured in *Southern Living* before.
4. Although, the magazine does not affect me in a way it does some others, it does show the beauty of the South.
5. One magazine is Garden and Gun. It shows off the modern South. The other is Southern Living. It shows off the old South.
6. In the pages of Southern Living displays a photo of five different bottles of moonshine balanced on a wooden crate titled “Best Legal Moonshine.”
7. It consists of all the cliché ideas including: leisure, hospitality, and good family values.
8. A typical southerner is abnormally proud of their heritage, nobody should ever talk bad about the south in front of a southerner, and loves to boast about why the south is the best.
9. Southern Living and Garden and Gun magazine, prove that the south is thriving in adventure during all seasons and over all areas.
10. This pictures manifests a girl and her dog in the Southern sun.

Follow-up assignment: Read back through each sentence of your draft with the careful attention you’ve given to the sentences on this handout. Revise/edit/tighten at least FIVE of your own sentences for homework, and also include the sentence issue and Hacker page numbers.