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# Chapter 1 Islands, Oceans, and Walls

## Nouns and Pronouns

### WHAT IS A NOUN? PART ONE

#### FOR STARTERS

Nouns are in bold. Pronouns are italicized. Noun phrases are underlined.

I met *her* at a very big party in **New York**. And *she* was there along with other supermodels, and I greeted *all of them*, and I said: “*That’s* the one that’s the most beautiful (supermodel here).”

#### PART TWO

#### FOR STARTERS 2

Nouns are in bold. Pronouns are italicized. Singular nouns are underlined once; plural nouns are underlined twice.

A lot of *my* friends are gardeners. I never understood *it*. Then I started building golf courses—*it’s* gardening on a big scale.

#### 1-3B IRREGULAR PLURAL NOUNS

#### HE SAID IT

I am not here to quarrel with **Indians**. . . . And when it comes time for a single citizen to stand up to the power and **resources** of Washington, all of us, including Donald Trump, are just **members** of John. Q. Public. A little guy against the **biggies**.

#### 1-4A SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT WITH NONCOUNT NOUNS

#### ONLY YOU CAN FIX IT

**CORRECT:** There **are** a lot of women out there that demand that the husband act like the wife and you know there **are** a lot of husbands that listen to that . . .

#### 1-6D HOW TO INTENSIFY A NOUN PHRASE: *SOME* AND *SUCH*

#### *SO, SOME OR SUCH?*

You’re going to have **such** great health care at a tiny fraction of the cost—and it’s going to be so easy.

#### 1-9B OBJECT PRONOUNS

#### VERY DEEP CONNECTIONS

| Statement (Object Pronoun in Bold)   | The Object Pronoun Refers to...  |
|--|--|
| 1. As far as [Health and Human Services] Secretary Price is concerned, that’s different. We’re looking into it. I was looking into <b>it</b> and I will look into <b>it</b> . I will tell you personally, I’m not happy about <b>it</b> . I am not happy about <b>it</b> . | <i>Price’s use of private planes during his tenure in the Cabinet<br/>the fact that (Trump) was unhappy.</i>           |
| 2. I let him know <b>it</b> .  |  |
| 3. It could be that he used a plane and he’s paying for <b>it</b> . I don’t know anything about <b>it</b> . I really don’t.  | <i>Treasury Secretary Mnuchin’s use of military aircraft for his honeymoon.</i>  |
| 4. I just heard about <b>it</b> a little while ago.  | <i>. . . the use of military aircraft for (Mnuchin’s) honeymoon which included stops in Scotland, France and Italy</i> |

## 1-9E

## DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS

## VERY DEEP CONNECTIONS 2

| Statement (Demonstrative Pronoun in Bold)   | The Demonstrative Pronoun Refers to -                       |
|---|---|
| 1. I did not — I did not — I do not say <b>that</b> .   | “[C]limate change is a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese.”    |
| 2. <b>That's</b> all I can say.   | Ray Moore denies that he sexually assaulted underage women. |
| 3. I've always felt that <b>that</b> was a deal that's not good for the country.  | the Disney/FoxNews deal                                     |
| 4. Quote from Sarah Huckabee Sanders: [President Trump thinks] <b>that</b> , to use one of the president's favorite words, <b>this</b> could be a great thing for jobs, and . . . | the AT&T-Time Warner merger                                 |
| 5. cont' . . . [he] certainly looks forward to and [is] hoping to see a lot more of <b>those</b> created.   | jobs  |

## 1-10

## PRONOUNS AND IMPROPER USE OF DOUBLE NEGATIVES

## NOBODY KNEW DOUBLE NEGATIVES COULD BE SO COMPLICATED

1. I **have** *no relationship* with Putin.    2. I *don't have* **a relationship** with Putin.

## 1-11A

## NOUN CLAUSES AND SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT

## PUT THEM IN THEIR PLACE

I said, “I really would appreciate it if you would look into this and let *her* out.” And as you know, *they* went through a trial. And anyway, *she* was let go. And not only *she*, *it* was a total of eight people [who were let out].

You can call it a *barrier*. You can call it whatever *you* want. They can name it *peaches*. They can name it *whatever*. I don't care what they name *it*. But we need *money* for that barrier.

## Chapter 2      The Wall Articles

## PART TWO

## WHICH IS WHICH?

Each article is underlined once and each noun twice. Singular nouns are italicized; plural nouns are bold.

1. It is a total “witch hunt” (count noun)
2. This is the single greatest witch hunt of a politician in American history! (count, count, noncount)

## 2-2B

## THE

## DEALS ARE MY ART FORM

He's referring to the deals to pay adult film actress Stephanie Clifford a.k.a. Stormy Daniels with campaign money to keep her quiet about Donald Trump's affair with her.

## Chapter 3      I Will Build the Wall Verbs and Modals

## PART TWO

## MATCH THEM UP. MATCH THEM UP.

1. I will build the wall and Mexico's going to pay for it and they will be happy to for it. *Future*
2. They couldn't believe it. *Past*
3. Trump Steaks **are** the world's greatest steaks, and I mean that in every sense of the word . . . I **understand** steaks.  
*Present*

#### GREAT PEOPLE

1. Great people . . . You **are** great people.
2. Nobody **cares** about my tax returns except for the reporters.
3. It **was** the D.N.C. that did the 'hacking. . .'
4. Every time he **sees** me, he says, "I didn't do that."

#### 3-4C

##### CONTRACTIONS

#### NOBODY KNEW CONTRACTIONS COULD BE SO COMPLICATED

1. She **has** totally changed her look.
2. I think our side **has** been proven very strongly.
3. [E]verybody **is** talking about it.
4. I don't think it **has** ever been asked quite that way.
5. My base is stronger than it **has** ever been.
6. I just want to say that there **has** been a lot of warmth . . . for our country.

#### 3-8

##### SIMPLE PRESENT VS. PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

#### NOBODY KNEW VERB TENSES COULD BE SO COMPLICATED

1. America is a great country and even little guys, in this case even Donald Trump, **has** some rights.
2. I **have** nothing to do with Russia.
3. With all of the problems of the country, it does seem strange that we **are sitting** here this morning talking about football.

#### 3-12

##### FUTURE TIME REFERENCE

#### SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE

And Chuck, I **will say** when this group **comes** back — hopefully with an agreement — this group and others from the Senate from the House **comes** back with an agreement I'm **signing** it. I mean I **will be signing** it. I'm **not going** to say "Oh gee I want this or I want that." I'll **be signing** it because I have a lot of confidence in the people in this room that they're **going** to come up with something really good.

#### WHAT IS A MODAL?

##### PART 1

#### CAST YOUR BALLOT

1. You know, people are saying they think it was him, it might **have** been him, it could **have** been him.
2. I didn't have to do it but I'd rather **do** it much faster.
3. The Coast Guard in Texas saved 16,000 lives. They went through the hurricane, and there are not too many people who would **have** done it.

##### PART 2

#### BROKEN GRAMMAR ALERT 1

1. I **had better** use some Tic Tacs just in case I start kissing her.
2. Republicans **had better** get tough and smart before it is too late!

#### 3-17

##### TROUBLESOME AND FREQUENTLY MISUSED VERBS

**BROKEN GRAMMAR ALERT 2**

CORRECT: 1. We **have** \$18 trillion in debt. 2. We **have** nothing but problems. 3. Everybody **has** to be covered.

**BROKEN GRAMMAR ALERT 3**

In each sentence below, one verb form is incorrect. Repair each sentence so that all verb forms are correct.

CORRECT: How are they going to beat ISIS? I don't think it's **going to** happen.

CORRECT: It's not like I'm **going to** be walking the kids down Central Park . . .

**3-18****SAY VS. TELL****IF IT CAN'T BE FUN, WHAT'S THE POINT? CHAPTER REVIEW**

I (1) **can** tell you Matt Whitaker's a great guy . . . I mean, I (2) **know** Matt Whitaker.

I didn't have to do this, but I'd (3) **rather** do it much faster

I (4) **don't** know Matt Whitaker.

I (5) **may**. I (6) **may**. I (7) **'m** not sure.

The mob (8) **takes** the Fifth.

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## Chapter 4 I Will Build a Great, Great Wall on Our Southern Border Adjectives and Adverbs

**PART 1****WHAT IS AN ADJECTIVE?****I HAVE THE BEST WORDS**

1. **This** story is totally made up by the **dishonest** media.
2. No this is not a **reality** show. This is the **real** deal.
3. I'm building **90-story** buildings all over the place.

**4-8****ADJECTIVE (OR RELATIVE) CLAUSES****PEOPLE WHO WHAT?**

1. I like people **who** weren't captured, OK?
2. I'm standing there like an idiot and this not very attractive man, probably 300 pounds, says to me: "It could be worse, Donald. I've been in Aspen for 20 years and never had a date," **which** really gave me perspective.
3. The hardest moment of my life was **when** I told my parents I was getting a divorce.

**PART 2****WHAT IS AN ADVERB?****LET'S REALLY WARM UP TO ADVERBS**

1. . . . [A]nd that will happen very, very **soon**.
2. The wall will happen very **soon**.
3. Certainly planning is starting **immediately**.
4. **Eventually** the wall will be brand new.
5. [Construction on the wall begins] as soon as we can; as soon as we can **physically** do it.

**4-10****HOW TO FORM AN ADVERB THAT HAS AN ADJECTIVE AS ITS ROOT****WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AN INVASION OF ADVERBS**

**Sadly** we'll be sued and **sadly** it will go through a process and **happily** we'll win.

## SO?

1. I have so much **respect for women**.
2. I will help women in terms of the health issues because it's so **important to do that**.
3. I'm so **good-looking**.

## NOBODY KNEW TOO MUCH ABOUT IT UNTIL RECENTLY

Actually, a lot of people talk about me. . . Actually a lot of people think I look **extremely** presidential. . . You think I look **extremely** presidential. . .

## Chapter 5 Michael Is My Attorney Possessives

## 5-2

## HOW TO FORM A POSSESSIVE NOUN

## GRAMMATICAL CORRECTNESS 1

1. They don't look like **Indians** to me and they don't look like **Indians**.
2. We will have to see what **Russia's** next move will be.
3. China's currency manipulation is one of our **nation's** greatest sovereign threats. . .
4. All I can do is ask my **generals**.
5. If you take a look at Syria, if you take a look at a lot of countries, a lot of **countries'** records have been overlooked, but this is a very serious thing . . .

## 5-5B

## [PRONOUN + VERB] CONTRACTIONS AND POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

## GRAMMATICAL CORRECTNESS 2

1. Other than raising **your** kids to be **your** primary legacy, everything else seems futile.
2. I hate to tell you, Puerto Rico, but **you're** throwing our budget out of whack.
3. So **you're** fourth in the world.

## GRAMMATICAL CORRECTNESS 3

1. [P]erhaps no Administration has done more in **its** first 9 months than this Administration.
2. We'll do a shutdown and **it is** worth it for our country.

## GRAMMATICAL CORRECTNESS 4

1. Maybe **there** is no hacking.
2. I'll just say this, they are doing **they're** outsmarting us at many turns, as we all understand.
3. I mean, **their** leaders are, whether you call them smarter or more cunning or whatever, but **they're** outsmarting us.
4. If you look at Syria or other places, **they're** outsmarting us.

## GRAMMATICAL CORRECTNESS 5

1. I play to **people's fantasies**.
2. The border with the Sahara can't be bigger than **ours** with Mexico.
3. With **today's** Internet technology, we should be able to tell within seventy-two **hours** if a potential gun owner has a record.

## ONLY YOU CAN FIX IT

1. **Its** old electrical grid, which was in terrible shape, was devastated . . .
2. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the victims involved in this **morning's** train collision in South Carolina.

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## Chapter 6 “Lock Her Up” Is Right! Prepositions

**WHAT IS A PREPOSITION?****PART TWO****THIS IS JUST A WARMUP 1**

1. I know how to build under budget and ahead of schedule. 2. He let us down. 3. I generally oppose gun control, but I support the ban on assault weapons.

**THIS IS JUST A WARMUP 2**

Underline prepositional phrases. Bold two-word verbs.

1. I won the popular vote if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally. 2. We will work with them.  
2. [Minister of Finance Michael Noonan] met me because I'm **throwing** tremendous amounts of money into Ireland.

**6-2B****TRANSITIVE VERBS THAT TAKE A PREPOSITION****MATCH THEM UP. MATCH THEM UP**

1. If you see somebody getting ready to throw a tomato, knock the crap **out** of them, would you?  
2. I promise you I will pay **for** the legal fees.

**6-3A****SEPARABLE TWO-WORD VERBS****VERY BEAUTIFUL PRONOUNS**

I want to knock their capital **out** and I want to knock **it** out and I want to take the oil **over**.

And so when they make **them** up like that, that's just made **up**.

If we have to shut down **the government** because the Democrats don't want safety . . . then shut it down.

**6-4A****BELIEVE IN VS. BELIEVE (THAT)**

**"DON'T BELIEVE THE CRAP YOU SEE FROM THESE PEOPLE - THE FAKE NEWS."**

1. I **believe in** spending what you have. I also **believe in** spending more than you have.  
2. They say he's the Donald Trump of South America. Do you **believe that**?  
3. We have a little bit of a shutdown because we — I **believe in** walls, and we **believe in** borders and we **believe in** barriers — and, you know, we have a special country....

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## Chapter 7 He Wrote Me Beautiful Letters. We (*fell* or *felf*?) in Love Commonly Confused Words

**7-2****REAL, REALLY, AND VERY****REALLY?**

1. That's the **real** problem.
2. I've been out there for 20 years, longer than 20 years . . . The fact is I've **really** been an open book.
3. But we're **really**, right now, in very intense negotiations . . . with Canada.

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## Chapter 8      I'm President and They're Not

### Sentence Structure

#### WHAT IS SENTENCE STRUCTURE?

##### PART ONE

###### LAW AND WORD ORDER WARM-UP 1

1. I know much about climate change. .
2. Obviously, I joke.
3. **A lot of people** are making a lot of money.
4. I'm not going to be mean to anybody.

##### PART TWO

###### LAW AND WORD ORDER WARM-UP 2

1. We'll see **what happens**.
2. You can make **deals** with those people.
3. They'll give us **the money**.

#### 8-1A

##### FAULTY DOUBLE SUBJECTS

###### WE BELIEVE IN LAW AND WORD ORDER 1

There are many possible ways of improving each utterance; for each one, we suggest one or two and are ignoring poor verb tense choice.

The Fix #1      My uncle, Dr. John Trump, who was a great professor at MIT, passed away, **and while he was alive**, he said that some day you'll be able to have a suitcase, walk into the middle of Manhattan and the island is gone for 200 miles around.

The Fix #2      And I would have never given them \$150 billion. I would have never given them the money. I would have never given **it to them**. **They're using it but** they don't have to make nuclear.

The Fix #3      Some of the people who forgot to lift a finger when I needed them, when I was down, need my help now, and I'm screwing them against the wall . . . and I'm having so much fun.

The Fix #4      I think the 100 days is, you know, an artificial barrier.

#### 8-4

##### THERE IS, THERE ARE

1. There **are** a lot of women out there that demand that the husband act like the wife and you know there **are** a lot of husbands that listen to that.
2. Man, there **are** a lot of people!

#### 8-5

##### COMMONLY CONFUSED: THERE ARE AND THEY ARE

###### WE BELIEVE IN LAW AND WORD ORDER 2

. . . **There** were people in that rally — and I looked the night before. . . The following day it looked like **they** had some rough, bad people: neo-Nazis, white nationalists, whatever you want to call them. But you had a lot of people in that group that were **there** to innocently protest — and very legally protest, because you know- I don't know if you know, **they** had a permit. . . **There** are two sides to a story. . . But **there** are two sides to the country.

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#### 8-7

##### PARALLEL STRUCTURE

**WE BELIEVE IN LAW AND WORD ORDER 3**

1. . . . I was living off income, I was fighting, I was arguing. . . 2 . . . you will be proud of yourself, [will] be proud of the uniform you wear, and [you] will be proud of the country you love.

**8-8A****THE SIMPLE SENTENCE****AMAZING PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATIONS**

1. A lot of people are making a lot of money. 2. Michael is my attorney. 3. These agreements are very common among celebrities and people of wealth.

**8-8B****THE COMPOUND SENTENCE****WE BELIEVE IN LAW AND WORD ORDER 4**

Each main subject is underlined once and each main verb twice. The *secondary subjects* and *secondary verbs* are italicized.

1. I think *NAFTA was* a huge mistake. 2. I thought *it was* a terrible mistake. 3. If *some of those wonderful people had guns strapped* right here. . .and *this son of a bitch comes out and starts shooting*, and *one of the people in that room happened* to have it and *goes boom, boom*, [do] you know what?

**8-9C****USING BUT AND ALTHOUGH IN THE SAME SENTENCE****LET'S GET TOUGH ON LAW AND WORD ORDER 1**

**Solutions** So, what was the problem with Obamacare? He rushed it through, ~~he wanted . . . although, when I say~~ rushed it through, ~~at the end.~~

**8-10****RUN-ON SENTENCES****LET'S GET TOUGH ON LAW AND WORD ORDER 2**

1. Too many people rely on auto correct. **(A)**n assistant of mine apologizes! 2. Don't worry. **T**he Republicans, and your President, will fix it! 3. We are not in a trade war with China. **T**hat war was lost many years ago. . .

**8-13****ADDING EMPHASIS****LET'S GET TOUGH ON LAW AND WORD ORDER 3**

~~I'd be~~ received environmental awards. And I often joke that this is done for the benefit of China. Obviously, I joke. But this is done for the benefit of China, because China does not do anything to help climate change. They burn everything you could burn; they couldn't care less. ~~They have very~~ you know, ~~their standards are nothing.~~

**LET'S REALLY GET TOUGH ON LAW AND WORD ORDER**

We've done our best to correct the sentences so that below so they are not convoluted and they follow proper syntax and still retain what it is we think he's trying to say, but sometimes it's not really possible.

The Fix #1 a) I can tell you that I know that some of the women that are complaining have been helped by him very much. b) I can tell you that I know that he's very much helped some of the women that are complaining. . .

The Fix #2. . . President Xi, who is a friend of mine and a man I like very much and who, believe it or not I think ~~he~~ actually likes me very much also, is for China; I'm for us.

The Fix #3a) Frankly, what's happened [in Puerto Rico] is not nearly as severe [as what has happened in other hurricanes] if you compare (the number of lives saved here to the number of lives saved elsewhere) ????? . . . b) Compare what's happened [*what has happened*] in terms of recovery, in terms of saving lives - sixteen lives - to the thousands of people that died in other hurricanes and...??????? (Sorry, folks. We still are having trouble with this.)

#### LET'S GET TOUGH ON SYNTAX

We did our best.

1. It depends on which plan (object of the verb unclear), you know, which concept we've got to (object of the verb unclear)...but it could be (object of the verb completely unclear).
2. If I were Abraham Lincoln, who [was] a great orator. . .[who made] the greatest remarks you've ever heard — ~~how about~~ [such as] the Gettysburg Address? ~~You know, I'll do something like that.~~ [it still would be] (n)o good [in the eyes of the press]. It wouldn't be good. Nope, [it would] not [be] good. [The press would say that I] (d)idn't do a good job. ~~Oh. Good. If my name was Trump.~~ If my name ~~was~~ [were] Honest ~~Abe it's the greatest thing he's ever heard.~~ So you know, you have that.. [thought unfinished. Sentence lacks a main subject and main verb.]

## Chapter 9 “Who’s Going to Pay For It?” (Answer: Mexico!) Questions

9-2B

#### BE VERB IN ALL OTHER VERB TENSES, AND ACTION VERBS

##### A TOTAL AND COMPLETE BAN ON FAULTY SENTENCE STRUCTURE

1. Do (y)ou know why I do it? 2. And do you know who really handled it?

9-3

#### SENTENCE STRUCTURE OF AN INFORMATION QUESTION

##### PRACTICE

1. Why *do* you take notes? Lawyers don't take notes. I never had a lawyer who took notes.
2. Who *can* speak on behalf of the Coast Guard?
3. *Are* we going to take down statues to George Washington?
4. *Does* anyone know I own a house in Charlottesville
5. *When* will our country stop wasting money on global warming and so many other truly "STUPID" things and begin to focus on lower taxes?

9-4

#### NEGATIVE QUESTIONS

##### WE'LL TAKE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS

The next words in each question should be the main subject and the main verb.

9-5B

#### WHEN THE ANSWER TO THE WHO QUESTION IS THE OBJECT OF THE VERB OR PREPOSITION

##### FOLLOW THE RULES. UNBELIEVABLE.

1. *How* would I look walking the dog on the White House lawn?
2. *What* happened?
3. *Who* *would* believe that's possible?
4. What *is* it that you want asylum for?
5. How do *you* recuse yourself?
6. Why the hell *didn't* he tell me that before I put him in?
7. Why don't you *answer* that, Mike?

# Chapter 10 I Just Start Kissing Them!

## Gerunds and Infinitive Phrases

### WHAT IS A GERUND? WHAT IS AN INFINITIVE PHRASE?

#### PART TWO

#### WE MUST CHOOSE

being -- present participle (*is being made*); **trafficking** -- gerund; **coming** -- present participle (*is coming*)

#### 10-10

#### TURNING A SUBORDINATE CLAUSE INTO A GERUND

#### MAKE AMERICAN ENGLISH GRAMMAR GREAT AGAIN

**Solution** I tell you, **being in Hawaii is very special**,

# Chapter 11 Rigged

## Passive Voice

### WHAT IS PASSIVE VOICE?

#### PART ONE

"AS A VERY ACTIVE PRESIDENT WITH LOTS OF THINGS HAPPENING . . ."

1. But I **have been attacked** and I **counter punch**. *passive active* 2. When I'm **attacked**, I **fight back**. *passive active* 3. I **like** people who **weren't captured**, I **hate** to tell you. *active passive active* 4. I **faced** great pressure because of Russia. That's **taken off** . . . *active passive*

#### 11-1

#### WHEN PASSIVE VOICE CAN BE USED

#### WHO DID IT?

Who performed the action has been bolded in each sentence. Where the sentence does not state who performed the action, we have noted this.

1. I've been attacked pretty viciously by **some of these guys**. 2. I didn't start the attacks. 3. But I have been attacked . . . *No, it doesn't state who performed the action.* 4. I was attacked by **the people that you talk about**. 5. When you mention a couple of those names, I was attacked viciously by **those people**.

#### I HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE

1. I did **condemn**. 2. They have been **condemned**. 3. Nobody **knows** health care better than Donald Trump. 4. All it is is we'll be **reimbursed** at a later date. 5. It was **hardly even discussed**. 6. We're going to spend some more money to make sure everybody is **protected**. 7. They've **been taken over** by a group of young people who, frankly, in some cases . . . I actually think (are) crazy.

#### 11-5

#### SO YOU WANT TO BE EVASIVE? WHEN TO USE PASSIVE VOICE

## HEARD ALONG ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

1. But from a pure business point of view, the benefits of *being written about* have far outweighed the drawbacks. 2. You know during the primaries, when I *beat* everybody very easily, that *was sometimes said*: “Will he follow the Constitution?” 3. Folks, one of the great great instruments ever *written*, ever, ever *conceived* . . . 4. Nearly four in (ten) African-American children are living in poverty, while 58% of African-American youth *are now not employed*. 5. And we're going to tell millions and millions of *unemployed* Americans my favorite two words: *You're hired*. 6. This is the guy that is *respected* more than anybody else.

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# Chapter 12 I Would Rarely Leave the White House

## Conditional Sentences

### WHAT IS A CONDITIONAL SENTENCE?

#### PART ONE

##### OUR WARMUP STARTER 1

1. I'll produce my tax returns, absolutely. 2. I love golf. . . I don't think I'd ever see Turnberry again.

#### PART TWO

##### OUR WARMUP STARTER 2

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> conditional    2. 2<sup>nd</sup> conditional    3. 1<sup>st</sup> conditional

### 12-3B

#### BE VERBS

##### ONLY YOU CAN FIX IT

**Solutions** Saudi Arabia **would gladly withdraw** from Yemen if the Iranians **agreed** [or, alternatively, **were to agree**] to leave.

##### YOU TOO CAN BE FAKE NEWS!

Imagine what the interviewer's question to Mr. Trump was and write it on the blank line.

**Interviewer:** If you won the presidency, would you live in the White House, and why? What would you do if you won the presidency?

### 12-4

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> CONDITIONAL

##### ONLY YOU CAN FIX IT

**Solutions** [I]f I **hadn't been on**, they would've had two million people . . .

**Solutions** But if you **hadn't gotten** up there so quickly, it could have been worse – a lot worse.

**Solutions** But to look back and say, gee whiz, I wish I **hadn't done** this or that, I don't think that's good.

**Solutions** Beforehand, we had another judge. If that judge **were** still there, this case would have been over two years ago.

## Chapter 13 He Said He Didn't Meddle

### Indirect Speech and Sequence of Tenses

#### INDIRECT SPEECH PRE-TEST

##### ONLY YOU CAN FIX IT

They told me to please take this home. I told them to let me wear it. [Laughter]

#### 13-1C

##### CHANGE OF VERB TENSES

##### HE DENIES IT

1. Indirect
2. Indirect
3. Indirect
4. Probably indirect
5. Indirect, but it could be direct. The statement was made orally, so it's difficult to know. (For practice, write it as a direct statement and again as a direct statement.
6. **Indirect**
7. They said he might have done it. Indirect (e.g. "They said (that) he might have done it"), but it could be direct (e.g. "They said, "He might have done it."). The statement was made orally, so it's difficult to know.

#### 13-5

##### SAY VS. TELL

##### I'LL SAY A FEW WORDS, AND THEN WE'LL TAKE SOME QUESTIONS

1. a) When I decided to just do it, I said to myself, "You know, this Russia thing with Trump and Russia is a made-up story." b) When I decided to just do it, I told myself that this Russia thing with Russia and me is a made-up story.
2. A) I asked, "If it's possible, would you let me know if I am under investigation?"
3. I asked, "Do I have to answer?"

##### NOBODY USES INDIRECT SPEECH WORSE THAN I DO

1. **Indirect:** I asked which groups you are talking about.
2. **Indirect:** I told Rick to run it the way he ran Texas – because this was going to be a great operation.
3. **Indirect:** But the reporter told me that this had never been done before."
4. **Indirect:** I told the audience not to applaud. I told the audience to not applaud.
5. a) **Indirect:** He told me that no, that what I'd done is incredible."  
b) **Indirect:** He told me no; he told me that what I'd done is incredible."
6. **Indirect** He said that (e)ven if I don't win, what I've done is incredible.
7. **He told me that I've totally changed the landscape of politics; He told me that it's forever going to be different. He told me that there's never been anything like my campaign**
8. **I told him that he didn't understand. . . I told him that I didn't win, that I would consider this to be — and I meant this — a total and complete waste of time. I really do.**

## Chapter 14 A Total Witch HUNT!!!

### Punctuation

## WHAT IS CAPITALIZATION?

### WARMUP FOR WINNERS

question mark      quotation marks      comma      dash      hyphen

Why would Kim Jong-un insult me by calling me "old," when I would NEVER call him "short and fat?" Oh well, I try so hard to be his friend - and maybe someday that will happen! \_\_\_\_\_ exclamation mark

## 14-2

### COMMAS WHEN YOU USE A COORDINATING CONJUNCTION TO COMBINE SENTENCES

#### COMMA POLICE

1. [Kim Jong-un] speaks, **and** his people sit up at attention. I want my people to do the same.
2. Comma not necessary.
3. I don't think [the evangelicals] think I'm perfect, **and** they would get up **and** they would say, "You know, he's not perfect" **but** I won.

## 14-3

### PUNCTUATING THE COMPLEX SENTENCE

#### COMMA POLICE 2

Mr. Cohen, an attorney, received a monthly retainer not from the campaign and having nothing to do with the campaign from which he entered into, through reimbursement, a private contract between two parties known as a non-disclosure agreement or NDA. (We're still not totally sure this statement makes sense, even with the commas around the indefinite relative clause...)

## 14-4

### FRAGMENTS: INTRODUCTION

#### UNDOCUMENTED FRAGMENTS: GET 'EM OUT OF HERE!

1. I am not a puppet. I am not a puppet. 2. There was no obstruction. There was no collusion.

## 14-4A

### FRAGMENTS AND COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

#### LET'S HAVE SOME RESPECT FOR LAW AND WORD ORDER

The first sentence is a compound sentence and both parts begin with a conjunction, which is poor syntax. The following sentence is a simple sentence which also begins with a conjunction. This is poor syntax.

#### A TOTAL AND COMPLETE BAN ON FRAGMENTS

1. I'd like to extend a special welcome to an American hero who I've known actually for a long time, Buzz Aldrin, who is with us today. [Applause.] ~~Known him a long time.~~
2. During the campaign, Vice President Pence promised that our administration — because Mike is very much into space — would revive the National Space Council, and with this executive order, we're keeping that promise. ~~Feel very strongly about it.~~ I've felt strongly about it for a long time.
3. But there's a ~~there's a~~ basic hard-line core that you can't break through, ~~OK, that you can't break through.~~ There's a hard-line group you can't break through, you can't. It's sad. You can't.

**14-4B****FRAGMENTS AND SUBORDINATE CLAUSES****OUR FRAGMENT REUNIFICATION POLICY**

**Solution** Yeah, but ~~all of the most recent ones, and if you look at the enthusiasm on the lines,~~ what they're now talking about are the lines **-(b)because you have early voting in Florida.**

**14-5****RUN-ONS****MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF RUN ONS**

**Solution #1** I don't blame China. I blame the incompetence of past [administrations] for **allowing** China to **take** advantage of the U.S. on trade...

**Solution #2** a) [Nancy Pelosi] deserves this victory. **S**he has earned it . . . b) Nancy Pelosi] deserves this victory; **S**he has earned it . . .

**14-8****PUNCTUATING A SENTENCE THAT CONTAINS AN ADJECTIVE CLAUSE****"IT IS AMAZING HOW OFTEN I AM RIGHT"**

1. ☹ 2. ☺ (However, PAC should be plural, i.e. PACs, and not PAC's.) 3. ☺

**14-9A****PROPER NOUNS****TO CAPITALIZE OR NOT TO CAPITALIZE**

**Common Nouns** (Do not capitalize.)

*hope, a tower, media, junior, the universe, a house*

**Proper Nouns** (Capitalize the first letter of each word.)

*Hope Hicks, Trump Tower, American media, Inc., Trump Jr., Miss Universe, the House of Representatives*

**14-9B****NAMES OF BOOKS, SHORT STORIES, MOVIES, AND NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES****TOO MANY CAPITALS**

1. When referring to the USA, I will always capitalize the word **C**ountry!
2. Please do not forget the great help that my good friend President Xi of China has given to the United States particularly at the **B**order of North Korea. Without **h**im, it would have been a much longer **t**ougher process!
3. Pastor Andrew Brunson, a fine gentleman and Christian leader in the United States, is on trial and being persecuted in Turkey for no reason. They call him a **S**py but I am more a **S**py than he is.

**COMMAS AND CAPITALS ENFORCEMENT**

1. Hopefully he will be allowed to come home to his beautiful family, where he belongs!
2. After my tour of Asia, all **C**ountries dealing with us on **T**RAD**E** know that the rules have changed.