WRITING AND READING CENTER

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SENTENCE COMBINING

Learning Outcome: Upon successful completion of this worksheet, students will be able to combine simple sentences.

Before you begin: If you need to refresh your memory about sentences and sentence combining, please consult a handbook like Diana Hacker’s A Writer’s Reference here in the WRC or visit The Guide to Grammar at http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/index2.htm.

When you are done: Worksheets are designed to be a self-teaching opportunity. Therefore, we provide the answer keys so that, when you are done, you can check your answers. Should you want to consult with a professor on duty about your answers, please be sure to check your answers first.

Directions: Combine the sentences in each group to form one simple sentence.

Example: Our society spends time.
Our society spends money.
The expenditures are for education.
Young people get the education.
Our society spends time and money for the education of young people.

1. Most are taught to read.
Most are taught to write.
Most are taught to do mathematics.
But most never extend themselves.
The extension is intellectual.
The extension is outside of school.

2. They may read magazines.
The magazines are popular.
They may even read the newspaper.
The newspaper is daily.
But they do not read books.
The books would deepen their understanding.
The understanding is of the world.
The understanding is of themselves.

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3. They are starved.  
   Their starvation is intellectual.

4. They often become vegetables.  
   The vegetables sit in front of TV sets.  
   The universe is narrowed.  
   The narrowing is to Monday night football.  
   The narrowing is to MTV.  
   The narrowing is to sitcoms.

5. Their thinking has been done for them.  
   The TV world does the thinking.

6. Their muscles waste away.  
   These muscles are mental.  
   These muscles are for reasoning.  
   The muscles are not used.

7. These young people are literate.  
   They have skills.  
   But they do not utilize their skills.  
   The utilizing would be to grow.  
   The growth would be intellectual.

8. Such a waste is enormous.  
   The waste is cultural.  
   The waste affects our society economically.  
   The waste affects our society politically.