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: Real patriotism is action.
         The action is positive.
         It is not just a gesture.
         The gesture is symbolic.
         **Real patriotism is positive action, not just a symbolic gesture.**

1. It involves more than slogans.
   It involves more than flag waving.
   It involves more than speech making.
   The speech making is on the Fourth of July.
   The speech making is at rallies.
   The rallies are political.

2. Real patriotism involves a concern.
   The concern is sincere.
   The concern is for welfare.
   The welfare is for other citizens.
   The other citizens may be less fortunate.

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3. It also involves an ability.
   The ability is to listen.
   The listening is to another viewpoint.
   The ability is to respect that viewpoint.
   It involves a skill.
   The skill is in discussion.
   The discussion is of issues.

4. It means involvement.
   The involvement is in affairs.
   The affairs are in the community.
   The affairs are in the state.
   The affairs are in the nation.

5. Patriotism means talking straight.
   It means being merciful.
   It means taking time.
   The time is to be human.

6. Patriotism means working with problems.
   The problems are local.
   Patriotism means service.
   The service is to volunteer.
   The service is to community groups.
   The groups include schools.
   The groups include Scouts.
   The groups include organizations.
   The organizations are for the arts.

7. Patriotism means giving yourself.
   The giving is to your country.
   The giving is to your community.
   The giving is done because you love others.