**Writing Style: Sentence Shape**

1. Go to the WRC reception desk and ask to check out Joseph M. Williams’ *Style: Lessons in Clarity and Grace* 10th edition. You will need a driver’s license or other photo identification to check this book out for use in the WRC.

2. Read the first part of lesson eight, found on pages 118-125. If you need help understanding the concepts of characters/subjects and action/verbs discussed in the reading, please see lessons three and four in the same book.

3. Answer the following questions about your reading on a separate sheet of paper:
   a. Since it is often difficult to see sprawl in your own writing, what does the book recommend you do to check for sentence sprawl?
   b. What are the four things that give readers a sense of shapeless sentence length?
   c. What are the two rules the book presents for beginning a sentence?
   d. Why should you avoid interrupting the subject-verb connection?

4. Now is a good time to STOP and visit an instructor or a tutor to review your answers. Write any questions you may have below before you go, and get a signature when you finish.

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   Instructor name __________________________________________________________

   Date _____________________________________________________________________

   Once you are ready, go on to #5.

5. Complete the even numbers in exercise 8.1 on pages 124-125. Please use a separate sheet of paper to complete this activity.

6. Before reviewing your answers with an instructor or tutor, use the space below to write any questions you still have:

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7. Bring the book and your completed exercises to an instructor or tutor to review. Have that person sign and date this sheet.

   Instructor/Tutor signature __________________________________________________

   Date _____________________________________________________________________

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