Lesson 18: Commas with Introductory Elements

Editing Practice 1

CORRECTED SENTENCES APPEAR ON PAGE 471.

Correct the errors in the following paragraph using the first correction as a model. The number in parentheses at the end of the paragraph indicates how many errors you should find.

When I tried to start a student organization on campus last semester, I was surprised by the difficulties and hurdles. I wanted to establish a club for students who enjoy science fiction. After being encouraged by several friends I contacted the school official who oversees campus organizations. She informed me I would need a faculty sponsor and had to go through an approval process that could take several weeks. Upon reading some twelve pages of forms and directions I almost gave up. Fortunately a couple of friends agreed to help me fill out the forms and gather signatures from students interested in the club. However the work was still not finished. We had to arrange a schedule of events and apply for funding. It took three months before the science fiction club was approved by various committees and school administrators. Now that the club has had three successful meetings I feel that all the work was worthwhile. (5)

Editing Practice 2

CORRECTED SENTENCES APPEAR ON PAGE 471.

Correct the errors in the following paragraph using the first correction as a model. The number in parentheses at the end of the paragraph indicates how many errors you should find.

As you might expect, there are heavy physical demands on marathon runners. In addition to the common problem of fatigue the greatest problem marathon runners have is with their feet. Among all