Editing Practice 3

Correct all fragment 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.

There is one huge difference between Key West and Santa Barbara. Key West is in the Caribbean. A shallow, warm tropical sea. As a result, Key West is uniformly warm. And excessively humid. The sun and humidity generate a lot of clouds. Resulting in almost daily rain showers. Lots of sun and rain support luxurious tropical vegetation. And plenty of bugs. Santa Barbara is almost the exact opposite. Southern California is essentially a desert. Resulting in distinctly un-lush, drought-tolerant vegetation. Even though the beaches in Santa Barbara are beautiful, very few people actually go in the water. Because it is bone-numbingly cold. On the other hand, there are very few bugs. (6)

Applying What You Know

On your own paper, write a paragraph or two comparing the advantages and disadvantages of two places you have been on vacation. Use the Putting It All Together checklist on page 14 to make sure that there are no fragments.

The Bottom Line

I realize you can use I realize to spot fragments.