Being on an island makes you much more aware of the water and the sky. Unlike the often cloudless skies on the Pacific coast, the skies in the keys often have small puffy clouds. Giving a sense of space and depth to the sky. The color of the water is always changing. Because the coral reefs reflect the continually changing play of sun and cloud. The fact that the ocean around Key West is so shallow and so varied gives the water vibrant colors. With dozens of shades of green and blue everywhere you look. The beaches in California are quite drab by comparison. Because they are mostly made up of uniform, gray sandy bottoms. (5)

**Editing Practice 2**

CORRECTED SENTENCES APPEAR ON PAGE 457.

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.

It is interesting to compare Key West with a similar ocean-side destination in California, Santa Barbara, for instance. Besides being beach destinations, they share another important feature, a lengthy Spanish heritage. Key West today doesn’t feel Spanish at all. Even though it (and the rest of Florida) was part of the Spanish empire for nearly three hundred years. There was never any permanent Spanish settlement there. Because there was no source of fresh water on the island. Key West was a temporary home for fishermen and pirates. A source of much humor today. Santa Barbara, on the other hand, is overflowing with its Spanish heritage, especially in its architecture. Santa Barbara today looks classically Spanish. With its white buildings and red tile roofs. (6)