Chapter Forty-Four: Brackets & Slashes

Lesson 434

Use brackets to enclose comments, criticisms, or corrections inserted by someone other than the original writer or speaker. Example: Anyone who met him [the author] respected his authority.

Instructions: Place brackets where they are needed in these sentences.

1. Everyone who knew him the deceased recognized the loss to the community.

2. In his biography *My Only Love* he wrote about his job.

3. I think the day was the 3rd 4th that you were here.

4. The witness said, "I saw him the defendant coming out the back door."

5. With his new book *The Last Day* he should become a millionaire.

Lesson 435

Use a bracketed *sic* [meaning "thus in the original"] to show that an error in quoted material is not an error in quoting, but the error was in the original text. Example: "i [*sic*] felt very bad." (The "I" should have been capitalized.)

Instructions: Insert [*sic*] where needed in the following sentences.

1. "The robber put the monie in the canvas bag."

2. "I will be leaving early tommorrow by train."

3. "I wanted to kill the man because he was a Yanky."

4. "He was a nown criminal by everyone there."

5. He complained, "I ain't going."

Lesson 436

Use a slash (/) to separate parts of fractions. Example: 2/3, 15/16

Instructions: Replace the fractions in these sentences by using numbers with the slash.

1. We only need three quarters of a yard of that material.

2. That door is three sixteenths too long to fit.

3. You only get one-half of the money.

4. She was asleep one fourth of the time when she should have been working.

5. This must be within one sixty-fourth of an inch.

Lesson 437

Use a slash (/) to separate parts of a choice. Example: Mr./Mrs. Smith will speak to us first.

Instructions: Put slashes where they are needed in these sentences.

1. Jeff and or Jim may return by train.

2. Miss Ms. Jones is a special guest of the company.

3. Mr. Mrs. James was surely the driver of the car.

4. We and or they will be given the chance to see the bears.

5. Sir Madame Chorsky will christen the new ship.

Lesson 438

Use the slash (/) in abbreviations such as *c/o* (in care of) and to replace *per* mi./hr., words/min.

Instructions: Put slashes and abbreviations where they are needed in these sentences.

1. This car can go over 200 miles per hour.

2. My secretary types 80 words per minute.

3. Send it in care of The Boston Factory.

4. This snail moves only 3 feet per minute.

5. In Canada speed is measured in kilometers per hour.

Quiz for Lessons 434 - 438

Instructions: Make the necessary changes in these sentences by using brackets and slashes as learned in the previous lessons.

1. "The bear loved the sweat honey in the tree."

2. You will need two thirds of a cup for this recipe.

3. Send the letter to me in care of my father.

4. The man saw the doctor Dr. Rymechisel on his second visit to the clinic.

5. Mr. and or Miss Smith will be at the reception.

6. I drive my car 75 miles per hour on the highway in Montana.

7. "The theif was eager to get away from the crime."

8. Mr. Reed the man with the mask is my next door neighbor.

9. I type about 40 words per minute.

10. This must have happened about 1984 or 1985.

---------- The answers can be found at the end of the chapter. ----------

Chapter 44 Answer Key

Lesson 434 Answers:
1. Everyone who knew him [the deceased] recognized the loss to the community.
2. In his biography [*My Only Love*] he wrote about his job.
3. I think the day was the 3rd [4th] that you were here.
4. The witness said, "I saw him [the defendant] coming out the back door."
5. With his new book [*The Last Day*] he should become a millionaire.

Lesson 435 Answers:
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4. "He was a nown [*sic*] criminal by everyone there."
5. He complained, "I ain't [*sic*] going."

Lesson 436 Answers:
1. We only need 3/4 of a yard of that material.
2. That door is 3/16's too long to fit.
3. You only get 1/2 of the money.
4. She was asleep 1/4 of the time when she should have been working.
5. This must be within 1/64 of an inch.

Lesson 437 Answers:
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3. Mr./Mrs. James was surely the driver of the car.
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5. Sir/Madame Chorsky will christen the new ship.

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4. The man saw the doctor [Dr. Rymechisel] on his second visit to the clinic.
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