

MPC 609-01—Exam 3
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I. Expanding the Sentence: Identifying Slot Boundaries, a Variety of Sentence Expansions, and Sentence Patterns: Draw vertical lines to identify the slot boundaries in the following sentences (refer to p. 59 or the related handout for a clear skeletal picture of the slots for each pattern). Above the sentence, label each slot according to its **form**:

- NP1, NP2, NP3: noun phrase
- V—*be*: *be* verb
- V—lnk: linking verb
- V—intr: intransitive verb
- V—tr: transitive verb
- INF: infinitive verb phrase
- PART: participial verb phrase
- GER: gerund verb phrase
- PREP: preposition
- OP: object of the preposition
- ADJ: adjectival
- ADV/TP: adverbial of time or place
- SCj: subordinating conjunction
- RP: relative pronoun
- EXP: expletive
- IC: independent clause
- DC: dependent clause

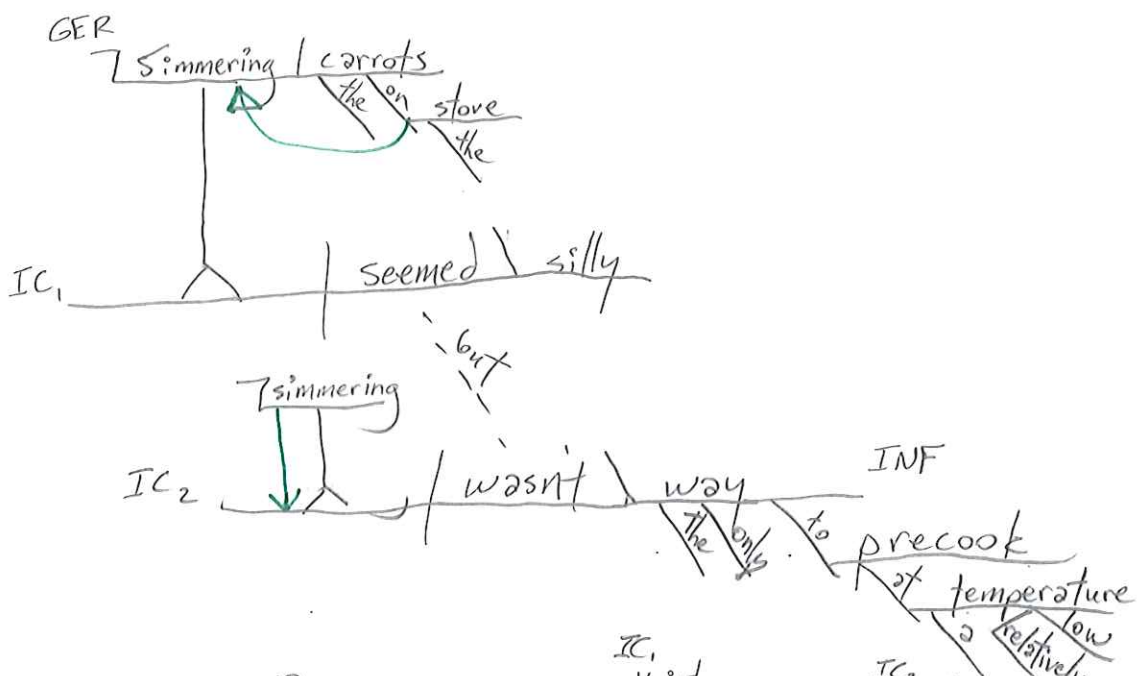
Note only the ADJ and ADV/TP that are occupying sentence slots (patterns I, II, IV, IX).

Below each sentence, identify the **function** of each slot:

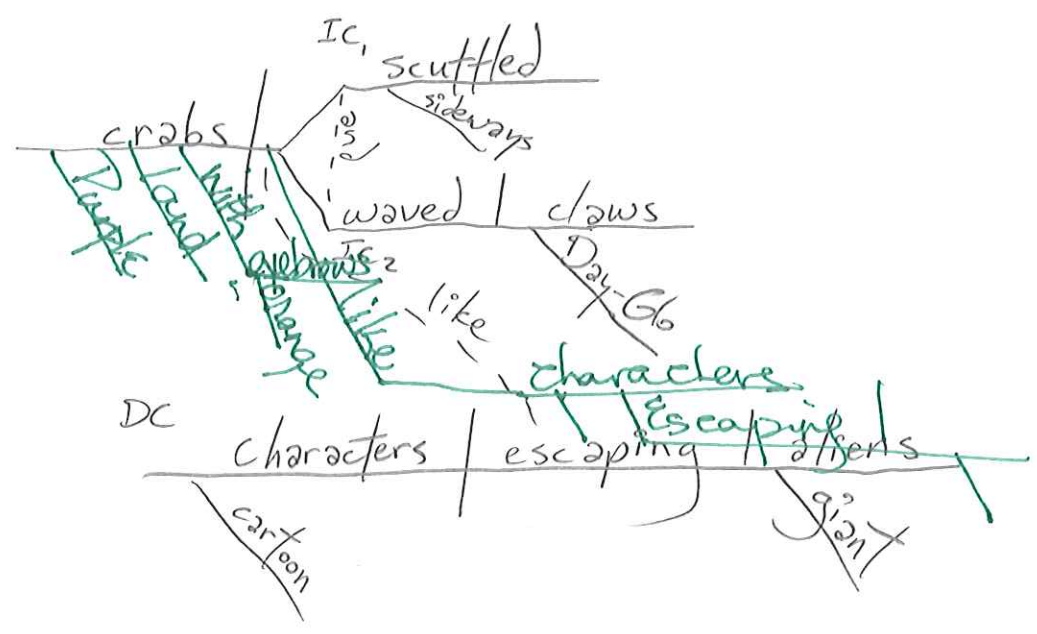
- S: subject
- PV: predicated verb
- SC: subject complement
- DO: direct object
- IO: indirect object
- OC: object complement

In the parentheses following each sentence, identify the sentence pattern of the independent (IC) and dependent (DC) clauses and of any verb phrases (INF, PART, GER). If the sentence includes more than one clause or verb phrase, label each of them as IC1, IC2, DC1, DC2, INF1, INF2, PART1, PART2, GER1, GER2, etc; then identify the sentence pattern of each. Finally, diagram the sentence. (30 points)

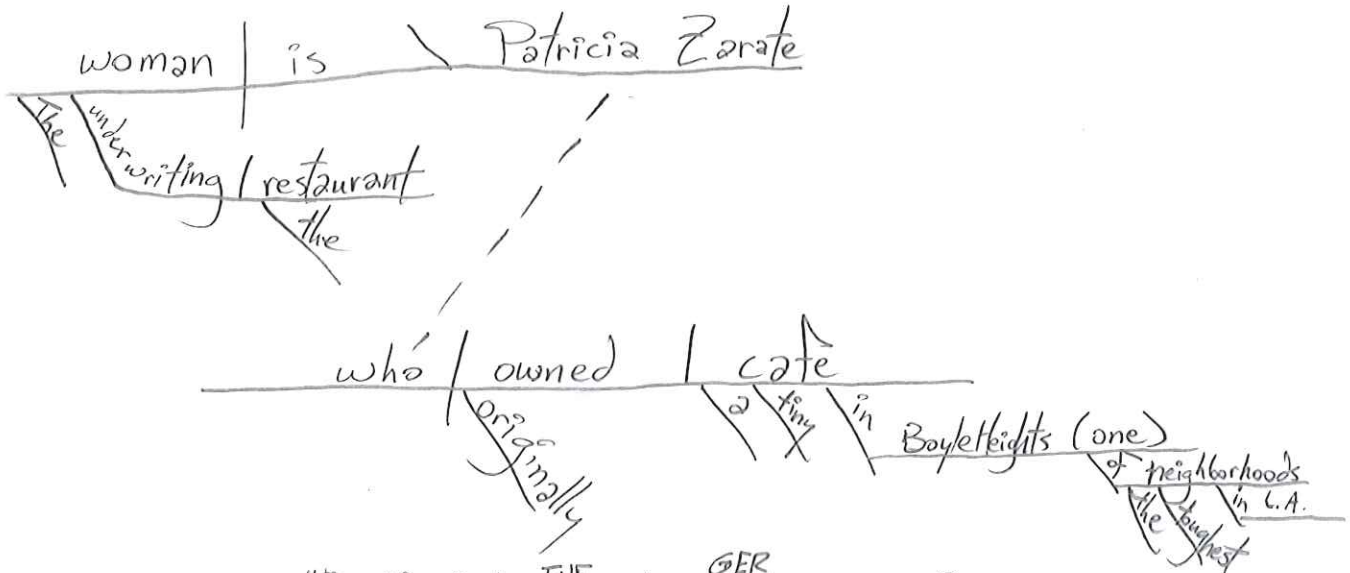
4.5 (2) IC₁ GER, V-tr NP₂ prep & V-link ADJ IC₂ NP₁ V-be NP₁ INF
1. Simmering | the carrots | on the stove | seemed | silly, but simmering | wasn't | the only way | to precook |
Prep OP (IC₁: IV, GER: VII, IC₂: III, INF: VI)
GER: VI



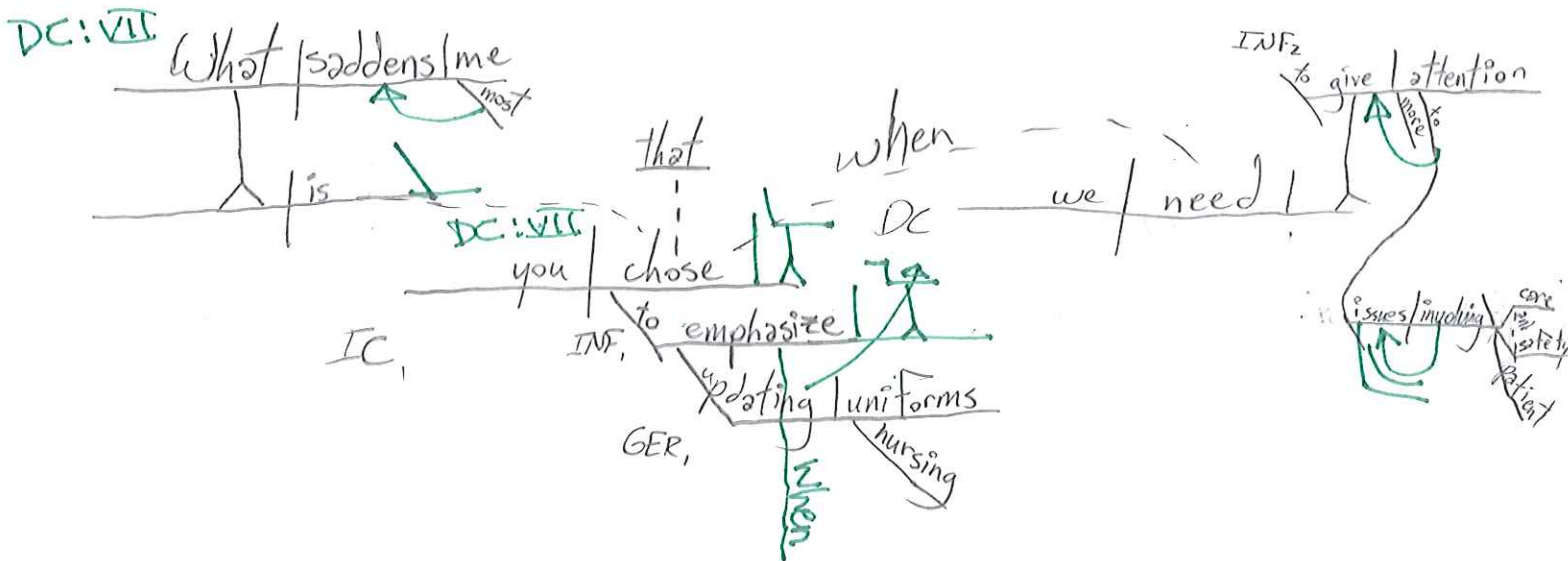
3 2. Purple land crabs (with orange eyebrows) scuttled sideways and waved Day-Glo claws, like cartoon characters escaping giant aliens. (IC₁: VI, IC₂: VII, DC: VII)
NP₁ prep OP V-intr IC₂ V-tr NP₂ DO PREP.
S PART NP₁ S PU DO
PART: VII



- 4.75 3. The woman underwriting the restaurant is Patricia Zarate, who originally owned a tiny cafe in Boyle Heights, one of the toughest neighborhoods in L.A.
- (IC: III, GER: VII, DC: VII)



- 2.5 4. What saddens me most is that you chose to emphasize updating nursing uniforms when we need to give more attention to issues involving patient care and safety.
- (IC: VI, INF: VI, GER: VII, DC: VII, INF: VII, PART: VII)

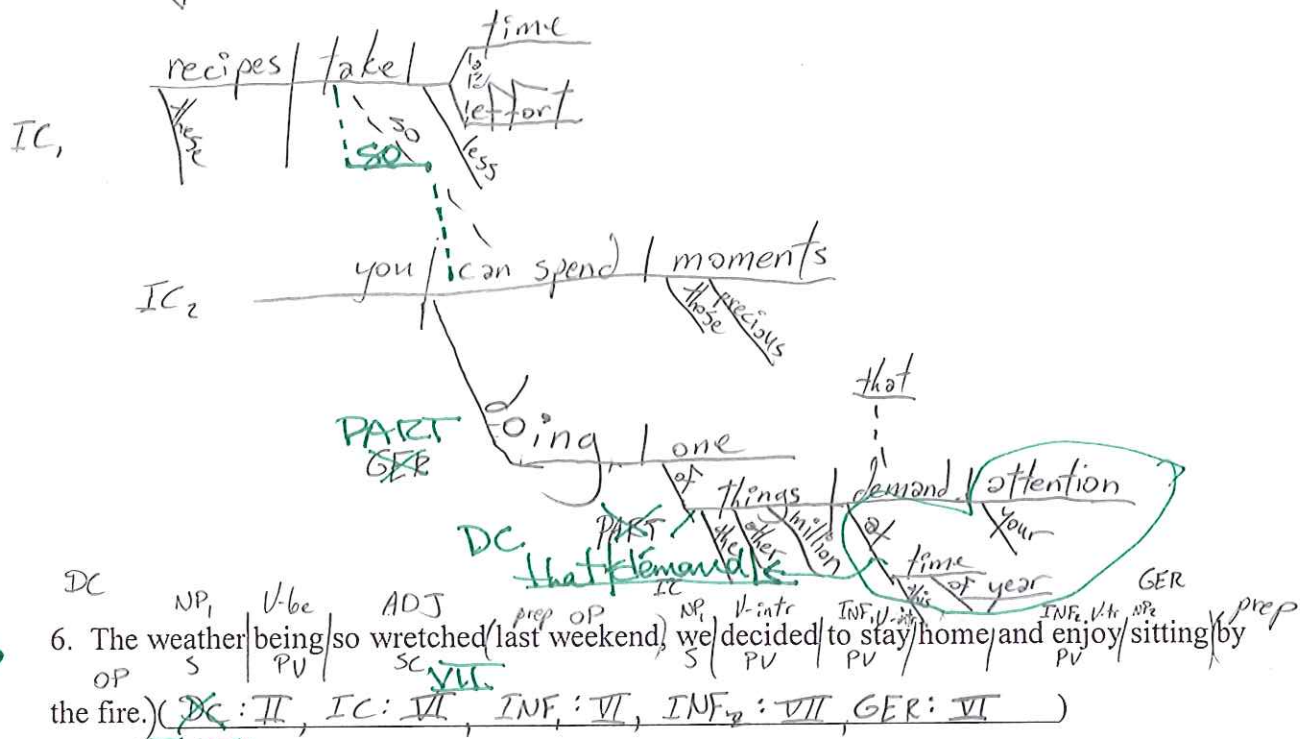


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5. Even better, these recipes take less time and effort, so you can spend those precious moments doing one of the other million things that demand your attention at this time (of year)

(IC: ~~III~~, IC₂: VII, GER: VII, PART: VII)

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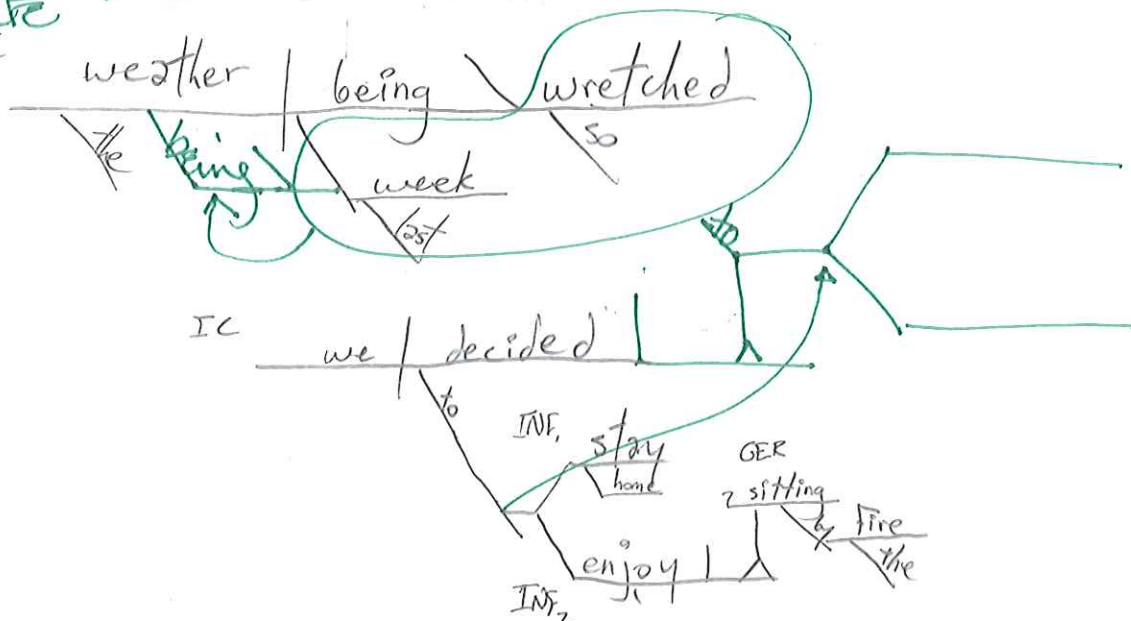


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6. The weather being so wretched last weekend, we decided to stay home and enjoy sitting by the fire.

PART:

Absolute
Phase DC



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II. Identifying and Correcting Grammatical Problems: Name the grammatical problem(s), and edit each sentence to eliminate any problems that you find. Work with the sentence as it has been written. Make only the revisions necessary to make it grammatically correct; do not focus on improving the sentence style. (30 points)

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1. Our good friends, ^m ~~who~~ ^{faulty pronoun case} we saw at the Farmers' Market last weekend, ^① ~~cooks~~ ^{that restrictive relative clause} great vegetarian meals using produce ~~which~~ they purchase at the market.

① subj-verb agreement

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2. Stridently debating key issues, the audience became increasingly agitated, started shouting questions at the candidates, and ~~the debate ended~~ ^{ended the debate} earlier than planned.

① faulty parallelism

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3. Two fences and a trellis ^{① were} was designed to divert attention from the unattractive rutted driveway that leads to the house, ^② ~~which~~ ^{the driveway when you} is an eyesore ^{faulty modification} seen ^{strangling participle} walking up the garden path from the street.

① subj-verb agreement

② verb agreement

Dangling infinitive

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4. To complete the MPC program, a challenging project must be selected, a field project proposal

must be approved, and you ^{① must have selected} ~~have to select~~ a faculty advisor ^{② whom} will serve as your mentor

^{③ you complete} while completing the project.

① Faulty parallelism

It's still faulty:
shift to active voice

② subj agreement faulty pronoun case

③ gerund lacking subject dangling infinitive clause

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5. After seeing the job announcement, a ^{① he or} ~~letter~~ ^{② letter} was immediately drafted to the HR department,

which focused on the attached resume, discussed some writing samples, and ^{② included} ~~a~~ separate list of

references.

① Dangling gerund

② Faulty parallelism

Dangling participle

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6. Plunging 1,000 feet into the gorge, the tourists seem amazed by Yosemite Falls; as a result,

each of them take ⁵ ~~scads~~ of photographs as they hike around the top of the waterfall, and one

couple is heard calling their children to say they like Yosemite Falls ^{① more than they like} ~~better than~~ their friends.

① Incomplete comparison

27.5 III. Eliminating Punctuation Errors: Punctuate the following sentences, using colons, commas, dashes, hyphens, and semicolons as appropriate. DO NOT rearrange words or alter sentence structure to improve style, structure, or clarity. The sentences are to be punctuated as written. Once you have completed punctuating the sentences, explain your reasons for selecting each mark of punctuation. (40 points)

3 1. What it all adds up to is that Mac OS X is very stable^① that a crashing program can't crash the whole machine^② that the Macintosh can exploit multiple processors^② and that the Mac can easily do more than one thing at once^③ downloading files^② playing music^② and opening a program for example^④ all simultaneously. *item in series* *adv. conj.* *sent. mod.*

- ① semicolon
- ② commas to separate items in a series
- ③ colon to introduce a list
- ④ comma for ... something...

4.25 2. The lynxes that live in the Arctic differ from those that inhabit the southwestern United States^① in their cold-weather adaptations^② thicker fur for warmth^④ larger^③ more-padded paws for "snowshoes"^④ and lighter color for camouflage.

- ① colon introducing clause to complete info presented in first clause
- ② hyphen in unit modifier
- ③ commas to separate coordinate adjectives
- ④ semicolons to separate items in list possessing commas

com.
sent.
mod.

2.5

3. Some of this attention to fermentation is no doubt owed to the growing interest in homegrown foods and the subsequent issues of preserving harvests through the winter for instance sauerkraut made from cabbage is one of the better-known fermented foods.

nonrestr.
part. phr.
A phi.

- ① semicolon preceding and comma following an adverbial conjunction linking two IC
② hyphen in unit modifier

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4. Luscious Garage a car mechanic's shop in downtown San Francisco is a breath of fresh air in every sense: spotless surfaces leafy green plants and sunshine pouring through skylights in the double-height ceilings.

- ① commas to set off an appositive
② colon introducing a list & clause promising to complete the info in the first clause
③ commas in a list
④ hyphen in unit modifier

2.5.
semicolon
or
colon
could
be used
here

5. Legend has it that this version of fried chicken was created by the original owners of the Barberton restaurant Belgrade Gardens based on a recipe from their native Serbia during the Great Depression the use of the chicken back allowed one bird to yield more pieces and it also offered more surface area for that wonderful crunchy coating.

nonrestr. part. phr.

adv. prep. phrase

- ① commas to set off an appositive it's restrictive
② colon introducing clause to finish information from first clause
③ comma following an introductory subordinate dependent clause prep. phrase
④ comma separating two IC
⑤ comma to separate coordinate adjectives not coordinate

2.75 6. Traditionally ^①investors have allocated their non-^②U.S. investments by country in order to diversify ^③but ^④as flows of information ^{series}trade and capital bind nations closer together ^⑤many markets may be moving more in sync.

- ① comma following a conjunctive ~~adverb~~ ^{adverbial} sentence modifier
- ② hyphen in unit modifier
- ③ semicolon preceding coordinate conjunction separating two IC ^{if 2+ internal commas}
- ④ comma following coordinate conjunction — only to set off adverbial clause
- ⑤ comma following a dependent clause

3.5

7. He dammed up the Huron River ^①, built a grist mill ^①, erected a commercial block ^①, and laid out streets that shared names with those in New York ^②: Wall ^③, Broadway ^③, and Maiden Lane ^④, showing his high hopes for the new settlement.

- ① commas to separate items in a series
- ② colon to introduce clause of list and completing info from first clause
- ③ commas to separate items in a series
- ④ comma to set off participial phrase

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8. While most companies that switch to cage-free eggs cite more humane treatment of laying hens ^②, it's clear that cage-free farms ^① when certified to meet third-party ^③ standards give hens more space to do as they please ^④: scratch around ^⑤, roost ^⑤, and gossip about the hen house.

- ① hyphens in unit modifier
- ② comma to separate two IC
- ③ em dash to set off an appositive ^{adverbial elliptical clause}
- ④ colon to introduce a list
- ⑤ commas to separate items in a list