**Punctuation practice**

*Step 1 Underline the independent clauses with a solid line and the dependent clauses with a broken line.*

*Step 2 Add commas and/or semicolons as necessary.*

1. Information and communication technology is reaching out to help people in the poorest countries improve their lives; for example, fishermen on the Bay of Bengal can now receive online weather reports that tell them when it is safe to go out.
2. Furthermore, when the fishermen bring in a boatload of fish, they can find out the current market prices for their fish, which will help them bargain with the middlemen to whom they sell their catch.
3. The cost of the cheapest computer is at least $200; and since this is more than an individual fisherman can afford, several fishing villages together can pool their money and buy one to share.
4. The worldwide reach of the Internet is also providing employment opportunities in developing countries, and as greater numbers of people learn the technology these opportunities will expand.
5. When you call your U.S. bank, you may find yourself speaking to a customer service representative who is sitting in the Philippines or Puerto Rico, and when you need technical support for your home computer you will probably get help from a programmer in New Delhi.(?)