



# DUNCAN'S DAILY DRILL

*Week 1*



# How to set up your notebook

Each entry should have:

- *Full Date*
- *Entry number*
- *Title or label*
- *Completed task*

Monday, August 26, 2019

DDD # 1

Sample item

In order to earn credit, you need to complete the entry. If we are making sentence corrections, you need to copy the original exactly and then SHOW the corrections using proofreading marks.

DDD #1

Fix the punctuation & capitalization

Write the complete sentence and make corrections

1. she shouted smokey come here

2. the dog a black terrier came dashing  
toward her

3. good boy she said come inside now  
smokey

## DDD #2

### punctuation

- Add apostrophes where needed. Cross out apostrophes used incorrectly. If the sentence is correct, write *Correct*. You must write the sentences!

**Example:** Aunt Elizabeth's dog had to have it's broken leg set by a veterinarian.

1. Perhaps you've marveled at the incredible gymnastic ability of various primate's.
2. Their abilities' are on display in zoo's, animal parks, and, for a few lucky people, in the animals' natural habitats.
3. Primate's include lemurs, monkey's, and apes.

## DDD #3

### parts of speech

Identify the part of speech of each underlined word (noun, pronoun, verb, adjective, adverb, conjunction, preposition, interjection). Two will not be used.

Her name was Ann, and we met in the Port Authority Bus  
Terminal several Januaries ago. I was doing a story on homeless  
people. She said I was wasting my time talking to her; she was just  
passing through, although she'd been passing through for more  
than two weeks.

## DDD #4

### parallel structure (*Explanation*)

Related items in a sentence should be expressed in a similar way. Single words should be matched with other single words, phrases with phrases, and clauses with clauses. This kind of balanced writing is called **parallel structure**. Careful writers make sure they use parallel structure when related ideas are doing the same work in a sentence.

**FAULTY** She was not adrift, alone, someone without a name.

**PARALLEL** “She was not adrift, alone, anonymous. . . .”  
[three single-word predicate adjectives]

**FAULTY** Quindlen writes about her feelings, her impressions, and thinking.

**PARALLEL** Quindlen writes about her feelings, her impressions, and her thoughts.  
[three nouns, all objects of a preposition, modified by pronouns]

## DDD #4

### parallel sentences

Edit the following sentences for **parallel structure**. There's more than one way to create parallel structure in each sentence.

1. Let's solve this problem quickly and to be efficient.
2. Everyone complains that homelessness is serious, urgent, and a problem that's difficult.
3. People who want to solve the problem can't seem to agree about what to do or how it should be done.