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Guided Composition Exercises

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The first 120 exercises--*Part 1. Parallel-Sentences* require written sentences following exact patterns. The focus is on tense usage, with some coverage of conjunctions and relative pronouns.

The fifty exercises in *Part 1 Parallel Sentences* consist of completing a single paragraph or rewriting it in various ways. Alternative key words fixed and variable, placing structural words, joining sentences together and direct and indirect speech are added to tense usage and verb patterns.

The first 10 exercises of *Part 3 From Guided to Free Composition* provide

practice in relatively free composition and the last two are entirely free composition. In between there are eight passages for reproduction-type exercises which the author suggest may also be used for dictation.

Intermediate ESL students should find this book helpful for individual study. Teachers who are familiar with the material presented might like to assign some of the exercises to students who have problems in the various areas covered.

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