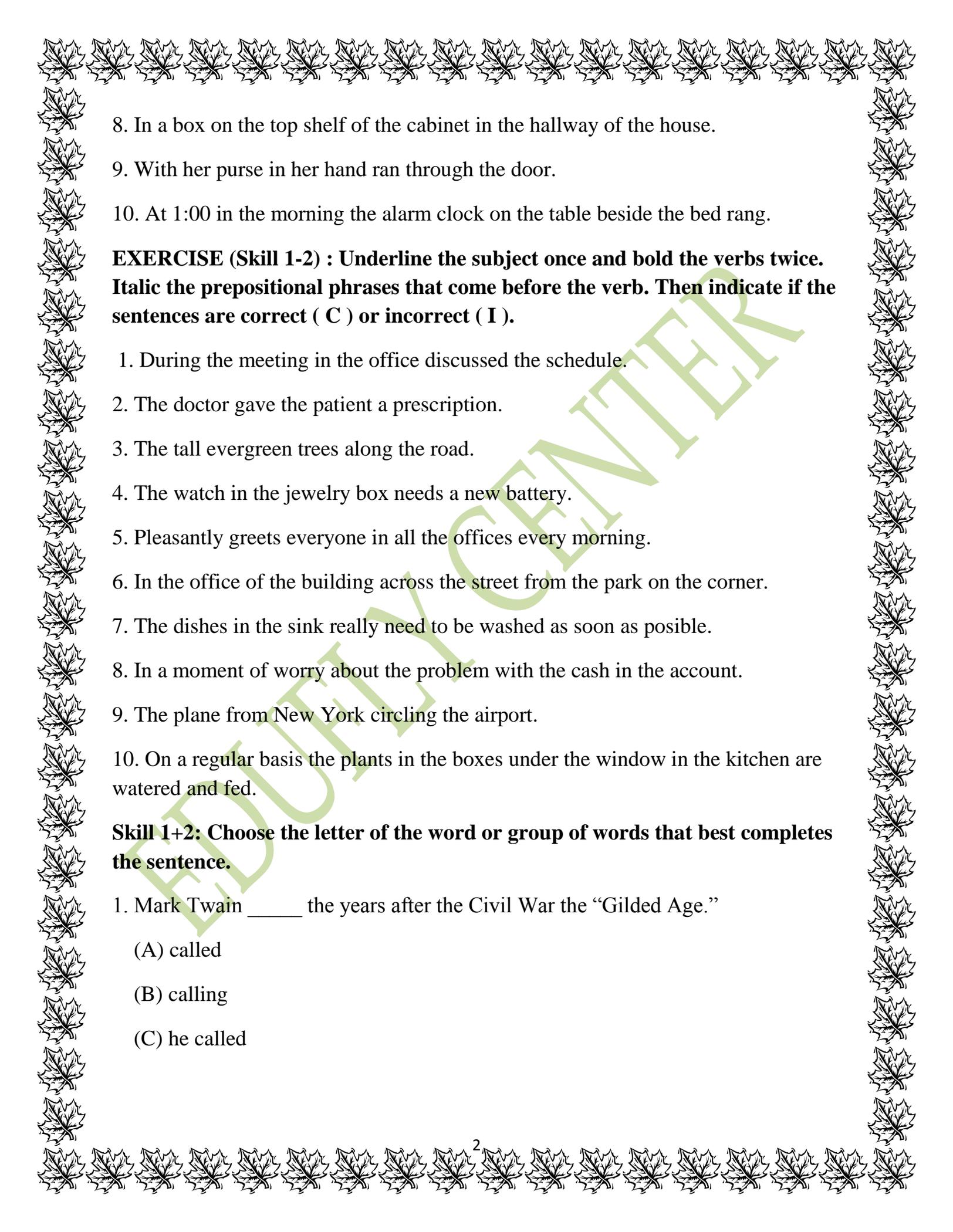


**EXERCISE 1: Underline the subjects once and the verbs twice in each of the following sentences. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).**

1. My best friend always helpful with problems.
2. The bus schedule has changed since last week.
3. Accidentally dropped the glass on the floor.
4. The customer paying the clerk for the clothes.
6. Each day practiced the piano for hours.
5. The professor handed the syllabus to the students.
7. The basketball player tossed the ball into the hoop.
8. The new student in the class very talkative and friendly.
9. Walking with the children to school
10. The whales headed south for the winter.

**EXERCISE 2: Each of the following sentences contains one or more prepositional phrases. Underline the subjects once and the verbs twice. Circle the prepositional phrases that come before the verb. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).**

1. The name of the baby in the crib is Jack.
2. By the next meeting of the class need to turn in the papers
3. The directions to the exercise on page 20 unclear.
4. Because of the heavy rain throughout the night, the walkways are muddy.
5. During the week eat lunch in the school cafeteria.
6. In the morning after the concert was tired.
7. In the summer the trip to the mountains is our favorite trip.

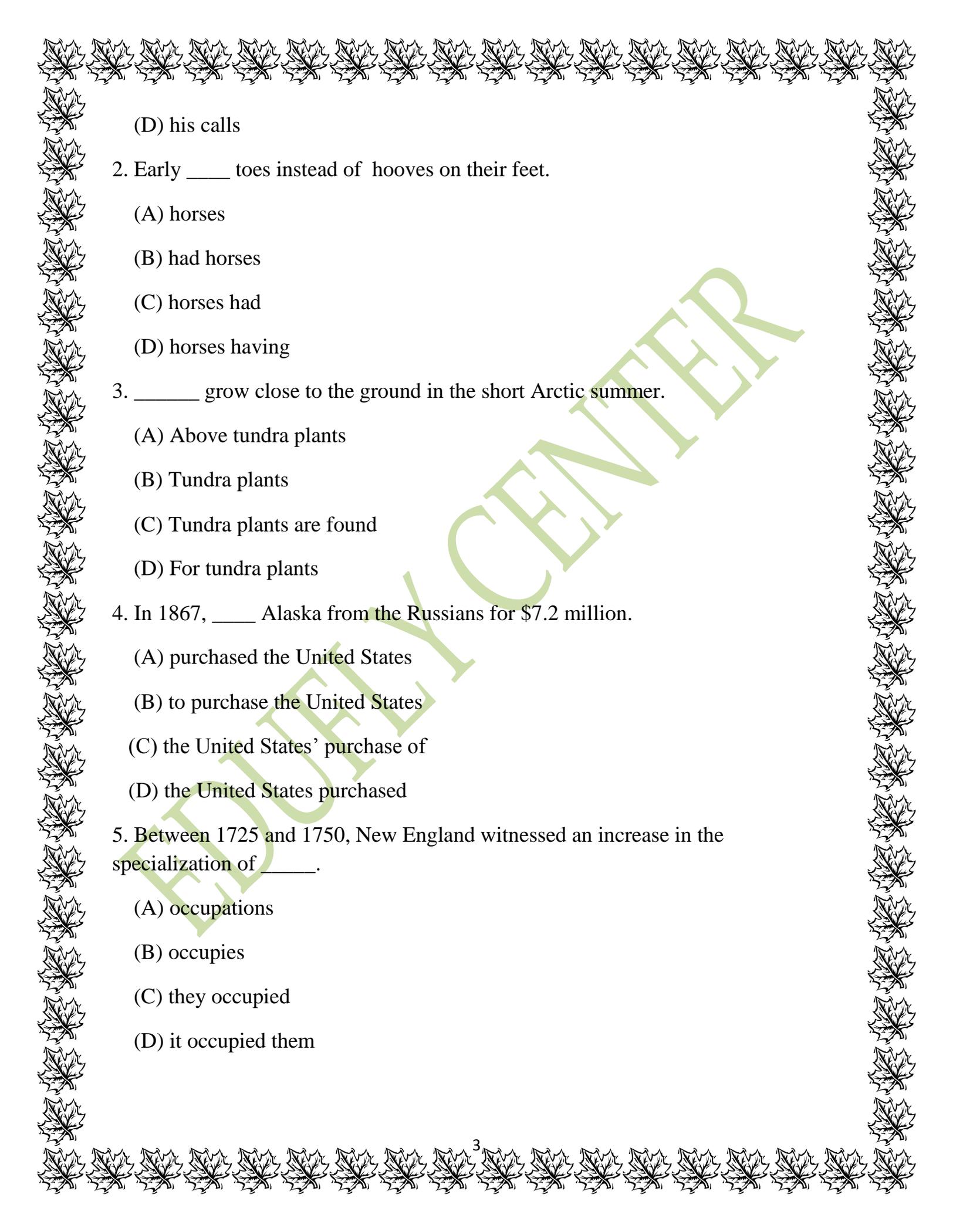
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8. In a box on the top shelf of the cabinet in the hallway of the house.
  9. With her purse in her hand ran through the door.
  10. At 1:00 in the morning the alarm clock on the table beside the bed rang.

**EXERCISE (Skill 1-2) : Underline the subject once and bold the verbs twice. Italic the prepositional phrases that come before the verb. Then indicate if the sentences are correct ( C ) or incorrect ( I ).**

1. During the meeting in the office discussed the schedule.
2. The doctor gave the patient a prescription.
3. The tall evergreen trees along the road.
4. The watch in the jewelry box needs a new battery.
5. Pleasantly greets everyone in all the offices every morning.
6. In the office of the building across the street from the park on the corner.
7. The dishes in the sink really need to be washed as soon as possible.
8. In a moment of worry about the problem with the cash in the account.
9. The plane from New York circling the airport.
10. On a regular basis the plants in the boxes under the window in the kitchen are watered and fed.

**Skill 1+2: Choose the letter of the word or group of words that best completes the sentence.**

1. Mark Twain \_\_\_\_\_ the years after the Civil War the “Gilded Age.”
  - (A) called
  - (B) calling
  - (C) he called



(D) his calls

2. Early \_\_\_\_ toes instead of hooves on their feet.

(A) horses

(B) had horses

(C) horses had

(D) horses having

3. \_\_\_\_\_ grow close to the ground in the short Arctic summer.

(A) Above tundra plants

(B) Tundra plants

(C) Tundra plants are found

(D) For tundra plants

4. In 1867, \_\_\_\_ Alaska from the Russians for \$7.2 million.

(A) purchased the United States

(B) to purchase the United States

(C) the United States' purchase of

(D) the United States purchased

5. Between 1725 and 1750, New England witnessed an increase in the specialization of \_\_\_\_\_.

(A) occupations

(B) occupies

(C) they occupied

(D) it occupied them

6. The large carotid artery \_\_\_\_ to the main parts of the brain.

- (A) carrying blood
- (B) blood is carried
- (C) carries blood
- (D) blood carries

7. \_\_\_\_ radio as the first practical system of wireless telegraphy.

- (A) Marconi's development
- (B) The development by Marconi
- (C) Developing Marconi
- (D) Marconi developed

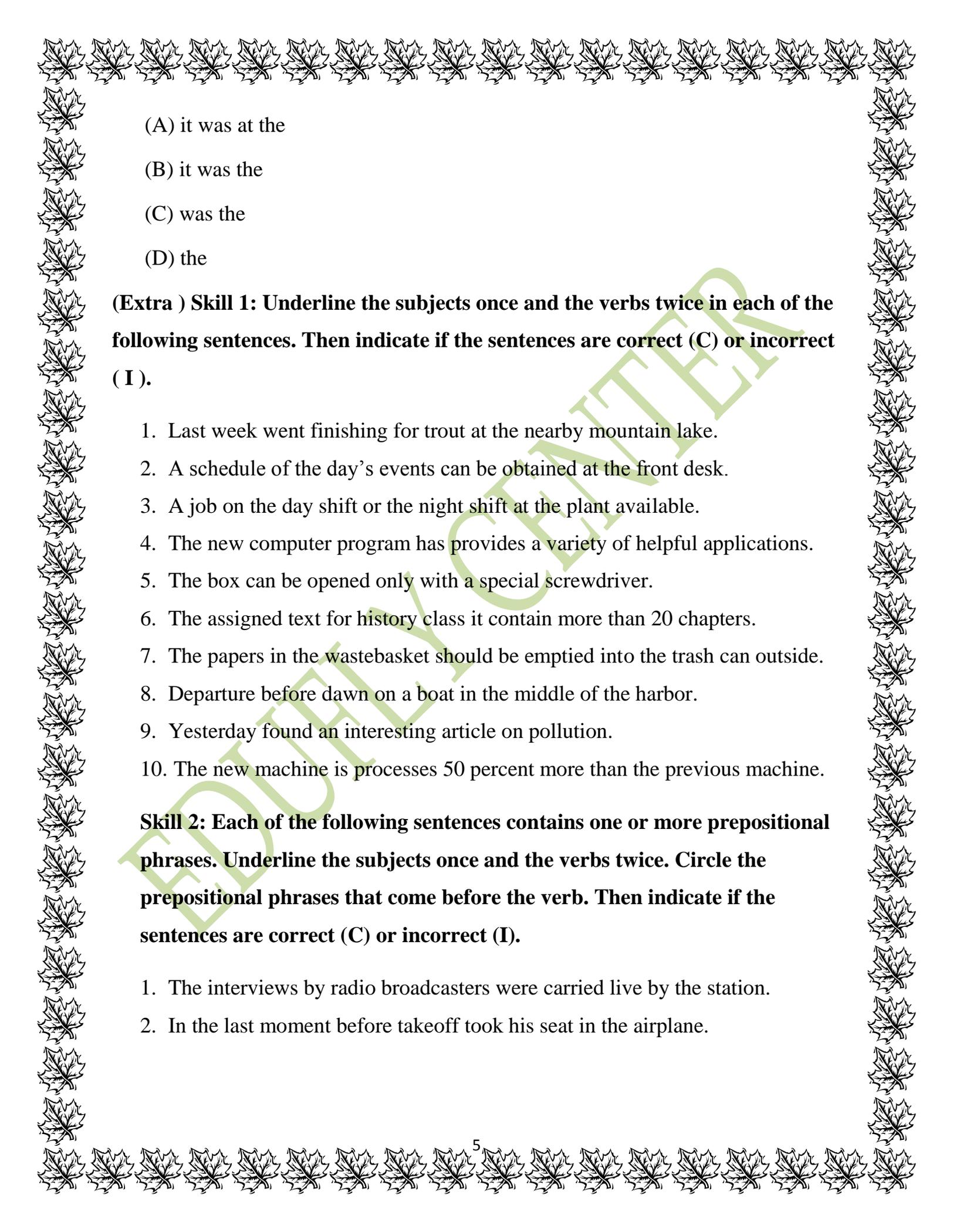
8. In 1975, the first successful space probe to \_\_\_\_ beginning to send information back to Earth.

- (A) Venus
- (B) Venus the
- (C) Venus was
- (D) Venus it was

9. The two biggest resort \_\_\_\_ Arkansas are Hot Springs and Eureka Springs.

- (A) in
- (B) towns in
- (C) towns are
- (D) towns are in

10. NASA'S Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center \_\_\_\_\_ control center for the Mercury Gemini, and Apollo space flights.

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- (A) it was at the  
(B) it was the  
(C) was the  
(D) the

**(Extra ) Skill 1: Underline the subjects once and the verbs twice in each of the following sentences. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).**

1. Last week went finishing for trout at the nearby mountain lake.
2. A schedule of the day's events can be obtained at the front desk.
3. A job on the day shift or the night shift at the plant available.
4. The new computer program has provides a variety of helpful applications.
5. The box can be opened only with a special screwdriver.
6. The assigned text for history class it contain more than 20 chapters.
7. The papers in the wastebasket should be emptied into the trash can outside.
8. Departure before dawn on a boat in the middle of the harbor.
9. Yesterday found an interesting article on pollution.
10. The new machine is processes 50 percent more than the previous machine.

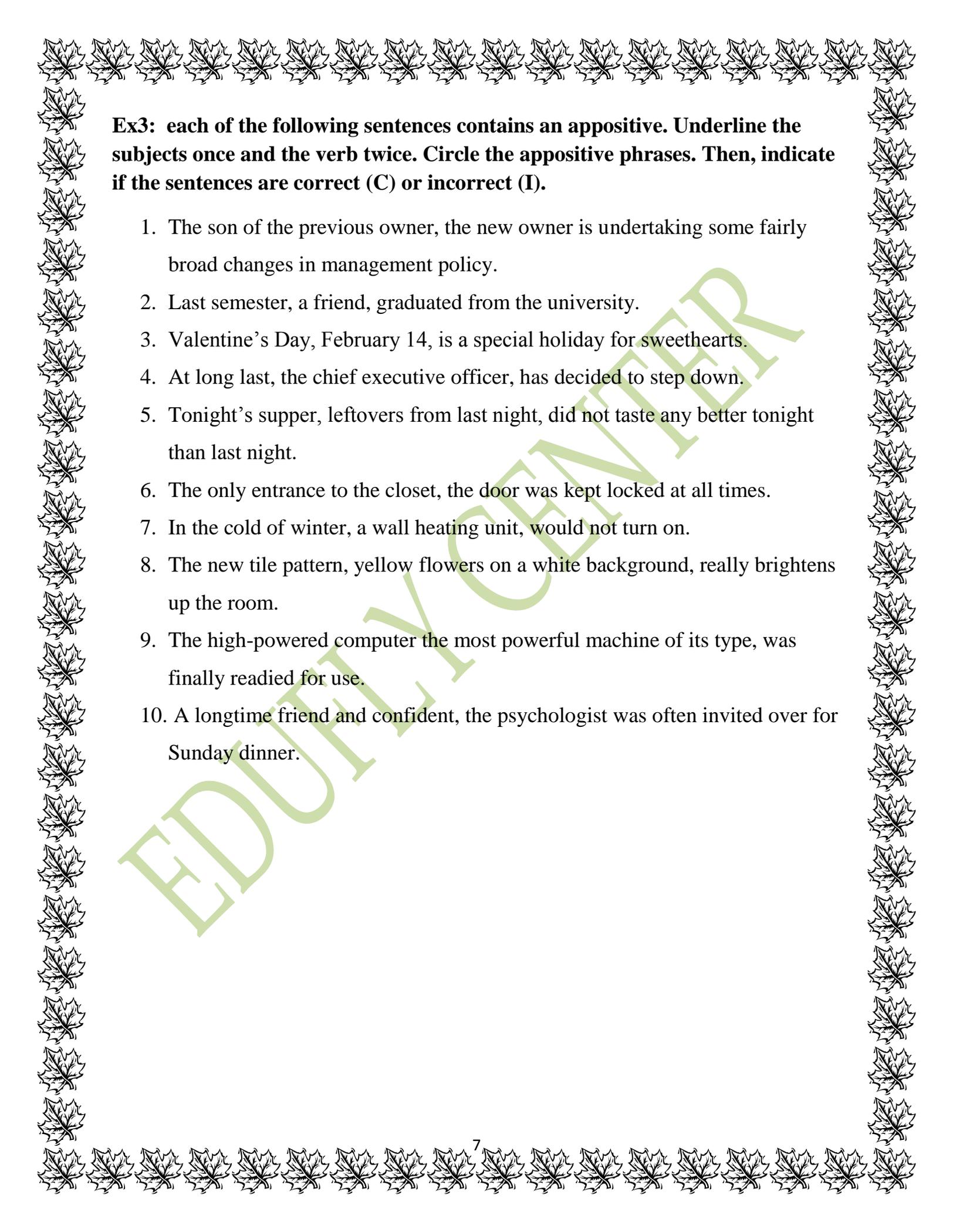
**Skill 2: Each of the following sentences contains one or more prepositional phrases. Underline the subjects once and the verbs twice. Circle the prepositional phrases that come before the verb. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).**

1. The interviews by radio broadcasters were carried live by the station.
2. In the last moment before takeoff took his seat in the airplane.

3. At the neighborhood flower shop, flowers in quantities of a dozen or a half dozen can be delivered for free.
4. The progressive reading methods at this school are given credit for the improved test scores.
5. For the last 3 years at various hospitals in the country has been practicing medicine.
6. In the past a career in politics was not considered acceptable in some circles.
7. Shopping in the downtown area of the city it has improved a lot in recent years.
8. At the building site the carpenters with the most experience were given the most intricate work.
9. For the fever and headache took two aspirin tablets.
10. The report with complete documentation was delivered at the conference.

**\*\*\* Note: Be careful of appositives.**

<b>Appositives</b>		
An appositive is a noun that comes before or after another noun and is generally set off from the noun with <b>commas</b> .		
<b>If a word is an appositive, it is not the subject.</b>		
<i>S,</i>	<i>APP ,</i>	<i>V</i>
<i>Tom,</i>	<i>a really good mechanic,</i>	<i>is fixing the car.</i>
<i>APP,                      S    V</i>		
<i>A really good mechanic, Tom is fixing the car</i>		



**Ex3: each of the following sentences contains an appositive. Underline the subjects once and the verb twice. Circle the appositive phrases. Then, indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).**

1. The son of the previous owner, the new owner is undertaking some fairly broad changes in management policy.
2. Last semester, a friend, graduated from the university.
3. Valentine's Day, February 14, is a special holiday for sweethearts.
4. At long last, the chief executive officer, has decided to step down.
5. Tonight's supper, leftovers from last night, did not taste any better tonight than last night.
6. The only entrance to the closet, the door was kept locked at all times.
7. In the cold of winter, a wall heating unit, would not turn on.
8. The new tile pattern, yellow flowers on a white background, really brightens up the room.
9. The high-powered computer the most powerful machine of its type, was finally readied for use.
10. A longtime friend and confidant, the psychologist was often invited over for Sunday dinner.