

## Exercise: Punctuation

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**Improve the readability of the following passages from famous works by correcting or adding punctuation. You'll need to make appropriate changes in case (i.e. changing lowercase letters to capital letters) as well.**

1. We therefore the Representatives of the United States of America in General Congress assembled appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions do in the name and by authority of the good people of these Colonies solemnly publish and declare that these United Colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved and that as free and independent states they have full power to levy war conclude peace contract alliances establish commerce and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do

*(Hint: this is ONE sentence.)*

2. In this now universal contamination of the environment chemicals are the sinister and little recognized partners of radiation in changing the very nature of the world the very nature of life strontium 90 released through nuclear explosions into the air comes to earth in rain or drifts as fallout lodges in soil enters into the grass or corn or wheat grown there and in time takes up its abode in the bones of a human being there to remain until his death similarly chemicals sprayed on croplands or forests or gardens lie in soil entering into living organisms passing from one to another in a chain of poisoning and death or they pass mysteriously by underground streams until they emerge and through the alchemy of air and sunlight combine into new forms that kill vegetation sicken cattle and work unknown harm on those who drink from once pure wells as Albert Schweitzer has said Man can hardly even recognize the devils of his own creation

*(Hint: the author is quoting Schweitzer directly)*

3. And has thou slain the Jabberwock come to my arms my beamish boy o frabjous day callooh callay he chortled in his joy 'twas brillig and the slithy toves did gyre and gimble in the wabe all mimsy were the borogoves and the mome raths outgrabe

*(Hint: part of this passage is dialog—the speaker is addressing the "beamish boy.")*