

Review Exercise for Sentence Structure and Punctuation

Fix the punctuation problems that are highlighted in bold and numbered. Insert or delete the punctuation mark needed and on the right put the number of the FIVE functions that punctuation does in the right column.

So as the journey begins I ₁ sit staring out the foggy car	1.
windows dreading what is to come. My mom and dad happily sway	
their heads to the calm music that plays on the radio. It's our annual	2.
family cook off and ₂ let me tell you our ₃ family is three times the	3.
size of "The Brady Bunch." As we arrive the ₄ smell of sizzling	4.
burgers and burning buns is in the air.	
Mom and Dad crunch in together on the red picnic tables	
hoping that we will all fit. "Natalie, where are you my dear,"	
Grandma calls out in her soft voice. I turn and	
there she comes smothering me in her death red lipstick. Old stories	
of the "good old days" are brought up one after another. I sit	
hoping that the story I hate to hear won't	
pop up.	
"Natalie, remember the time you knocked yourself out," my	
aunt Sylvia blurts out. My cheeks turn red as an apple as I try to	
change the subject. Over the laughter my ₅ voice is just a mere	5.
whisper to them and ₆ that is when I know what it is about to	6.
happen.	
When I was about eight years old the ₇ whole family was	7.
vacationing at our lake house. We went every year but ₈ this year	8.

<p>was special. My aunt was going to get married so ⁹ we spent our time preparing for the wedding. On the wedding day I ¹⁰ was so</p>	<p>9.</p>
<p>excited. “Ring, ring” went the sounds of the wedding bells that were heard through out the house.</p>	<p>10.</p>
<p>My mom was too busy helping out that I was on my own. I had decided to raid the stash of candy that my sister hid under her bed. By the time I was done I ¹¹ felt like the energizer bunny.</p>	<p>11.</p>
<p>I ran in and out of the house greeting every guest in sight. Finally, I heard the wedding march playing. I didn’t want to miss the ceremony so ¹² I hurried like a rabbit running from a fox . In</p>	<p>12.</p>
<p>order to get outside I ¹³ had to go through the glass door that was always open. “Thump,” and then a “Crash,” was all that was heard. In my frantic attempt to get outside I ¹⁴ didn’t notice that my mom</p>	<p>13.</p>
<p>had shut the door. When I woke I ¹⁵ felt my mother’s warm hands on my head. I had hit so hard that the glass broke and the wedding</p>	<p>14.</p>
<p>was put on hold. “What were you thinking my princess,” whispered my Mom. She lifted me from the bitter cold hospital bed and carried me to the car.</p>	<p>15.</p>
<p>Now at every family gathering the ¹⁶ story of my aunt’s wedding is always brought up. One thing is for sure I ¹⁷ never go</p>	<p>16.</p>
<p>through a glass door with out making sure there open.</p>	<p>17.</p>

