**Practice Exercises:**

The following selection should be written in the past tense. Some of the verbs are correctly written; others will need to be changed so the entire selection is written in the past tense.

1. Chad and I realized that we need a change of pace.

2. After four years of the usual summer job drudgery, it is time for a summer job with pizzazz.

3. It is Chad’s brilliant idea that we should be camp counselors at Camp Gowitha in the upper peninsula of Michigan.

4. The first morning at camp we awakened to the sound of a bugle.

5. I assumed I had just fallen asleep.

6. 5:00 A.M., apparently, is considered an appropriate rise and shine hour at Camp Gowitha.

7. I am cold too.

8. Had I known it is going to be so cold in the north woods, I would have brought

more blankets.

9. After arousing the sleepy campers, we all will march to the dining hall for a hearty breakfast.

10. Canoeing and swimming lessons will follow breakfast.

11. Those who are able to use the canoes were fortunate; those who had swimming lessons were not.

12. Even with the sun shining on the lake, the water is cold.

13. The beginning swimmers’ class will suffer the most as they stood chest deep in the shallow water, bending their heads to blow bubbles, and waiting their turn to face and back float.

14. Because I had the dubious distinction of being on my high

school’s water polo team, I too stand in the freezing water easing small, blue, shivering bodies onto their backs and repeating, “Arch your back, tip your head back, relax.”

15. All the while, I am regretting every minute of our decision to become counselors at Camp Gowitha.

16. My feet and legs are numb, and my spine stiffens with each frigid wavelet.

17. I shiver and long for the summer jobs of the past.