

WRIT 2710 3.0
Assignment 4

Fall 2019
The LONG Sentence

For this assignment students will compose one full, coherent, and grammatical sentence of 200 or so words. It may be prefaced or concluded by one or two short sentences. Those grading will not be counting words unless the submission appears to fall very much short.

The sentence will feature at least one use of each of the elements listed below. These ought to be indicated, either by means of footnotes or by the insertion of the appropriate number parenthetically after the element's use.

- 1) Absolute phrase
- 2) Expanded determiner
- 3) Conjunctive adverb
- 4) Subordinator
- 5) Appositive
- 6) Infinitive phrase
- 7) Parallel construction

In addition, as a way of making it more difficult for you to download an extended sentence from some other source, I ask that your sentence employ at least four of the following words:

crepuscular
lagoon
pendulous
ruminant
monger
déshabille
loom
apothecary
unctuous
eremite
thence
jetty
demur
omnibus
negus
lapidary
dory
snipe
strew
theramin
snood
usurp
aubade

A Timely Solution

Her plan having been carefully prepared (1), the Empress' ward made a show of enjoying the crepuscular feast—though such frivolity was not in her nature (4) —because the Empress, though possessing the wizened manner of a ruminant eremite (5), was a decadent crone, drunk on the unctuous praise of noble leeches insistent upon indulging her every whim, wont, and fancy (7), thus (3) the feasting continued as the bards played an aubade on weeping theremins, whose eerie tunes wafted through the Great Hall's dark windows, beneath the loom of which was the palace's surrounding lagoon, with its far-reaching jetties and coastal marketplace of lapidaries, fishmongers, and apothecaries of less than honourable repute, eager to (6) supply an impatient spouse or jealous lover with timely solutions; similarly, the man the ward had visited under the cover of night was no less shameless, only feigning demur before leafing through a musty medical omnibus, his tattered, pendulous robes sweeping with every motion, and though his low birth and déshabille suggested otherwise, he was capable and discreet; thence had the first (2) stage of the ward's plot been realized, so now it would come to fruition as the Empress enjoyed her lavish meal of steamed dory, stuffed snipe, and the spiced negus she loved to drink in excess, but tonight the brew left an odd tingling in her throat, which began to ooze and swell beneath her embroidered silk snood, so she began to clutch at the air, and herself, and the table, now strewn with plates, overturned food, and the goblet that had been used to usurp her, and while the court broke into a frenzy of pointed fingers at all but the late Empress' beloved ward, the girl, now Empress-to-be, decided that perhaps feasts had their uses after all.