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Extra Writing Skills Practice

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Avoiding sentence fragments

A. Match each sentence fragment on the left with an appropriate clause or phrase on the right to create a full sentence and complete the story.

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| 1. Last week a woman in Canada. _____ | a. she screamed |
| 2. When she encountered the bear. _____ | b. she heard the bear at the back door |
| 3. A loud sound. _____ | c. she was making dinner at home |
| 4. When she saw the bear in her backyard. _____ | d. had a scary encounter with a bear |
| 5. As she was dialing the police. _____ | e. the bear had broken down the door |
| 6. Before the police arrived. _____ | f. surprised her |

B. Correct the errors in the story below.

On his wedding day, John Tyler did not appear at the wedding hall. His bride and the wedding guests were worried. Suddenly, a call came through. It was John on his cell phone. He said he had been carjacked. About an hour before. And was locked in the trunk of his car. He said he didn't know where he was. But that the car seemed to be traveling on a major highway. He begged for help. Before the batteries in his cell phone went dead.

The police were called, and a big manhunt began. Using helicopters. The police searched for John Tyler's car. They finally found it that night. In the parking lot of a nearby hotel. John was sound asleep in his hotel room. He must have been having doubts about getting married. Since he obviously had not been kidnapped. John spent the next week in jail and had to pay back the local police the thousands of dollars. They had spent on the manhunt.