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POINT OF VIEW EXERCISE

DIRECTIONS: Change all second person phrasing (you's and commands) to the third person.

If you want to be an individualist, you must observe at least six steps. First, you should wear peculiar clothes: try wearing pink trousers with yellow polka dots, a shirt with purple turkeys painted on it, ice skates, and a hat made from skunk hide. Second, you must drive a strange car: you could choose an automobile consisting of a lime green 1968 Lincoln Continental front end and a bright orange 1965 Volkswagen rear end with no windows, bald tires, totally rusted hubcaps, "Baby on Board" stickers all over the sides, and a billboard attached to the luggage rack on top which displays neatly painted dirty jokes. Third, you should eat disgusting foods: assemble one of those bizarre sandwiches that children often make, such as a peanut butter, jelly, banana, pickle, potato chip, Miracle Whip and M & M sandwich on cinnamon and raisin bread. Fourth, cultivate eccentric friends: make sure all your companions sport purple Mohawk hairstyles; carry a bow and arrow; walk with a pair of pit bulls and perform ballet steps in the Mall amidst large crowds. Fifth, you must throw unusual parties: you might invite people to a pot-luck dinner to which everyone must bring a dish made from worms or a sculpture party to which guests must bring a statue carved out of hardened cow manure. Last, you should live in a weird house: you should dwell in a dilapidated home badly in need of paint located in the middle of a weed and litter-covered field, dotted with

scarecrows which look exactly like Freddy Kreuger from Nightmare on Elm Street and Leather Face from Texas Chainsaw Massacre. If you follow those six steps, you will definitely be viewed as a non-conformist.

Suggested strategies for eliminating second person (you's and commands)

1) Use the nouns listed below:

- a) individualist
- b) non-conformist
- c) free spirit
- d) independent person

2) Use passive voice

EXAMPLE: "You should never mix alcohol and medicine." (active voice)

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"Alcohol and medicine should never be mixed." (passive voice)