

Avoid the Middle School Language Traps



Avoid the evil “And
Then” and “And So”!



“Things” and
“Stuff” are boring
words. Don’t use
them in essays.



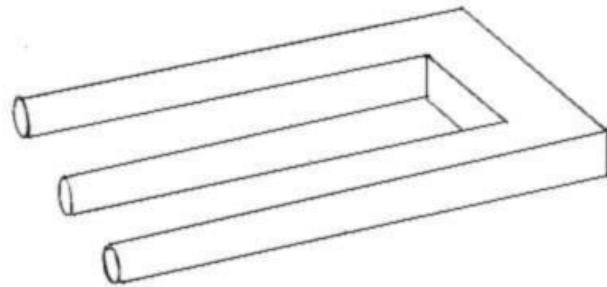
Chase Away Run-ons and Fragments!



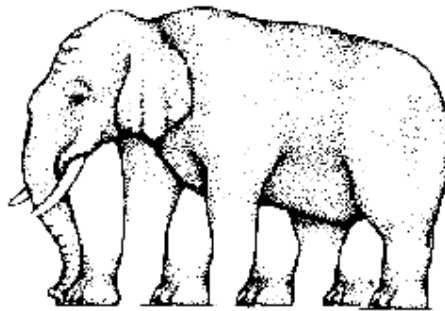
*Lie, lying, lay, and
have lain* never
require objects.



*Lay, laying, laid, and
have laid* usually
require an object.



Remember! Singular
subjects require singular
verbs, and plural subjects
require plural verbs.



Underline the titles of books and movies. Songs and short poems need quotation marks.

