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## WORKSHEET 6 Avoiding Needless Changes in Tense (Rule 3 f)

**Exercise** In the following paragraph, the verb tenses are not consistent. Decide whether the paragraph should be in present or past tense. Then, correcting all needless shifts in tense, rewrite the paragraph in either the present or past tense.

**EXAMPLE** [1] Our dog Barney surprised us all when he responds to an emergency in a very sensible way.

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[1] One day Barney, my family's beloved golden retriever, was hit by a car on the road in front of our house. [2] Our neighbor, Mr. Sanchez, saw Barney get hit, but then Barney disappears. [3] Mr. Sanchez tried to call us, but there is no one home. [4] When Mother gets home, he tells her what had happened. [5] Mother frantically calls all her friends and sent out search parties, but Barney was nowhere to be found. [6] More worried than ever, we start making posters to place throughout the neighborhood. [7] When the phone rings, we all hoped for the best. [8] It was Dr. Monroe, Barney's veterinarian. [9] "Mrs. Sullivan," he said,"we just found Barney waiting outside the door of the clinic. [10] He has injured one of his front legs, but we're taking care of it now."

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