# Opening Activity: Mentor Sentences

# *Look at the following sentences and complete the chart when you are finished.*

# The book says, “And with good reason, for hardly a week passed in which the *Times* did not carry a paragraph describing how some eavesdropping little sneak—“child hero” was the phrase generally used—had overheard some compromising remark and denounced his parents to the Thought Police”(Orwell, 24).

# Winston states, “It was always at night—the arrests invariably happened at night” (Orwell, 19).

# Orwell writes, “Much more it was because of a secretly held belief—or perhaps not even a belief, merely a hope—that O’Brien’s political orthodoxy was not perfect”(Orwell, 11).

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| What I notice (grammatically) ABOUT THE DASH...(3 things at least...) |  |
| Imitate (create one sentence using the grammar technique from above). |  |
| Questions I have... |  |

# China: Forced Mass Workplace Exercise – Move back to the Cultural Revolution Radio Free Asia, 2010-08-12

**Reader #1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**HONG KONG**— Labor officials in the Chinese capital are launching a campaign this week to promote collective workplace exercise sessions in tandem with Beijing’s state-run radio station, which will broadcast the music for the program, officials said.

An employee who answered the phone at the Beijing Model Workers’ Association confirmed the move. “Yes, that’s correct,” the employee said.

But he declined to speculate on the motivation behind it. “I’m not sure why they decided this,” he said.

Calls to the Beijing General Workers’ Union went unanswered during office hours Monday.

*Grammar, 1*

But a directive issued by the union and reported in local media said that the union wants 60 percent of the city’s workforce, and 100 percent of the workers in state-owned industrial plants, to be taking part in collective exercise programs by the end of next year.

Targets for civil servants had been set at 70 percent of the workforce, and would be added to assessment criteria for leadership performance in government departments.

“Starting from Aug. 9, all workers of state-owned enterprises and at least 70 percent of employees of government offices and public institutions are now required to complete physical exercises at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. with exercise music from Beijing Radio Station on 102.5 FM,” the People’s Daily Online reported.

The move was part of the “Healthy Beijinger—National 10-Year Plan” campaign, which mandates the promotion of physical exercises and requires every employee in the capital to do 20-minute exercises at least once a day, the paper said.

**Reader #2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Critics have already lashed out at the plan as a backward step for a China they see moving away from regimented, socialist patterns, and questioned the political motivation for the move.

“This is all connected to the singing of revolutionary anthems and the campaign against vulgarity,” wrote a user identified as Kevin Wu in an online forum. “It totally shows that history is moving backwards.”

Beijing-based artist Yang Licai said he expects China to move back towards the political campaigns of the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976).

“I have been hurriedly reading up on Cultural Revolution history, because I think that we’re about to arrive back in that era,” Yang said in an interview. “The Cultural Revolution is the reference point for all these movements.”

“I need to study in order to learn how to survive in that sort of time,” he said.

Collective morning exercises have been a feature of China under communist rule since 1951, with new initiatives being promoted by the government every five to 10 years, up to the present day.

The new exercise broadcast will be the eighth edition of the morning music broadcast, which was briefly resumed in celebration of Beijing’s hosting of the 2008 Olympic Games.

Amid a recent growth in the popularity of revolutionary songs from the Mao era, and a campaign against “low, vulgar, and pandering” elements in society and culture, netizens are now commenting on whether China is in the middle of a return to its Maoist roots.

“There have only been three countries in the world that go in for this sort of thing,” wrote user Pu Fei on the microblogging service Twitter. “One was the former East Germany, another was North Korea, and the third was China.”

“This sort of collective mass exercise by the whole population to a radio broadcast is characteristic of authoritarian regimes. Our government’s thinking is typical of an authoritarian regime,” Pu wrote.

*Grammar, 2*

Reactions: What do you think of this article? Do you think China should be allowed to force its workers to do exercises? Explain…

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Interrupters:

*What is wrong with the following sentences?*

1. **China one of the largest countries in Asia wants to mandate exercising.**
2. **Winston Smith our main character is forced to do exercises by the telescreen every morning.**

Notes: Use the space below to take notes about the dash based on the slides from the powerpoint.

Create a sentence using the dash below…

*Grammar, 3*

Find sentences from 1984 that use a dash and copy them below. We will work through the effect and purpose for the sample together, and then you need to write the effect/purpose of your own examples below.

*Grammar, 4*

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| Dash Example | Effect or Purpose of the Dash |
| *Sample:*  “On the coins, on stamps, on the covers of books, on banners, on posters, and on the wrappings of a cigarette packet—everywhere” (27). |  |
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DASHES and OPINION:

America has a huge obesity crisis. Some people think Americans need to become more active with exercise. Although exercise is used as a form of control in Winston’s world, do you think an exercise program could help with America’s weight issues? **Do you think America should adopt an exercise plan and agenda like China or even like Winston’s world in 1984? Why or why not? Explain…**

**Use the space below to state your opinion and use the dash in two meaningful ways. See Rubric Below…**

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| **4=Awesome** | **3=Got It** | **2=Almost** | **1=Not Quite** |
| The writer takes a clear position and offers a new perspective or insight with their reasons and discussion of the topic (10pts).  The writer explores and experiments with the dash in their paragraph and uses several other techniques to enhance their writing (10pts).  The writer identifies the grammar technique by highlighting or circling (5pts). | The writer takes a clear position and offers  Valid reasons and discussion of the topic (8pts).  The writer experiments with the dash twice in the passage, and uses it in a meaningful way. The grammar techniques are appropriate (8pts).  \*\* | The writer may take a position but it is underdeveloped and may be unclear. The reader may include reasons and discussion but it is brief and basic (6-7pts).  The writer attempts to experiment with the dash, but it is not used appropriately or meaningfully, and/or it is only used once (6-7pts).  The writer may identify some of their grammar techniques by highlighting or circling (3pts). | The writer fails to take a position and/or they fail to provide reasons or discussion on the topic (0-5pts).  The writer fails to use the dash in their passage and/or it is uses incorrectly (0-5pts).  The writer fails to identify the grammar techniques (0pts). |

RULES: Restate the rules and elements of the dash below…(at least three)

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*Grammar, 5*