

### Sentence Structure Exercise (completed)

Read the following sentences and rearrange the words in them. There may be more than one way to rearrange the words. Is there a different arrangement that expresses the same meaning? Note: some words may be added or removed to form a correct sentence.

1. Mrs. Lincoln, by her own acts, forced herself into notoriety.

**By her own acts, Mrs. Lincoln forced herself into notoriety.**

**Mrs. Lincoln forced herself into notoriety by her own acts.**

2. To defend myself I must defend the lady that I have served.

**I must defend the lady that I have served [in order] to defend myself.**

**I must defend myself [in order] to defend the lady that I have served.** (Note: This sentence does not have the same meaning.)

3. These letters were not written for publication, for which reason they are all the more valuable; they are the frank overflowings of the heart, the outcropping of impulse, the key to genuine motives.

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**These letters are more valuable because they were not written for publication; they are the frank overflowings of the heart, the outcropping of impulse, the key to genuine motives.**

4. If these ladies could say everything bad of the wife of the President, why should I not be permitted to lay her secret history bare, especially when that history plainly shows that her life, like all lives, has its good side as well as its bad side!

**History plainly shows that her life, like all lives, has its good side as well as its bad side, so if these ladies could say everything bad of the wife of the President, why should I not be permitted to lay her secret history bare!**

5. I do not forget, before the public journals vilified Mrs. Lincoln, that ladies who moved in the Washington circle in which she moved, freely canvassed her character among themselves.

**Before the public journals vilified Mrs. Lincoln, I do not forget that ladies who moved in the Washington circle in which she moved, freely canvassed her character among themselves.**

**I do not forget that ladies who moved in the Washington circle in which she moved, freely canvassed her character among themselves before the public journals vilified Mrs. Lincoln.**

6. Had Mrs. Lincoln's acts never become public property, I should not have published to the world the secret chapters of her life.

**I should not have published to the world the secret chapters of my life had Mrs. Lincoln's acts never become public property.**