

# *Slaying the Chimera:*

diagramming some of the worst sentences ever published

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## ***Sentences, modifiers and clauses***

Simple sentences

Simple sentences with modifiers

Compound elements in a sentence

Compound sentences

Independent clauses

Independent and dependent clauses

Compound complex sentences

## ***Remember***

The unspoken (you)

Order: subjects and predicates, objects, clauses, conjunctions, modifiers

When in doubt, focus on clarity

Use a capital letter to denote the first word in the sentence

Linguist or editor?

organizers | plan

organizers | plan | rallies

organizers | plan rallies  
the award-winning | to honor veterans

Organizers | plan rallies

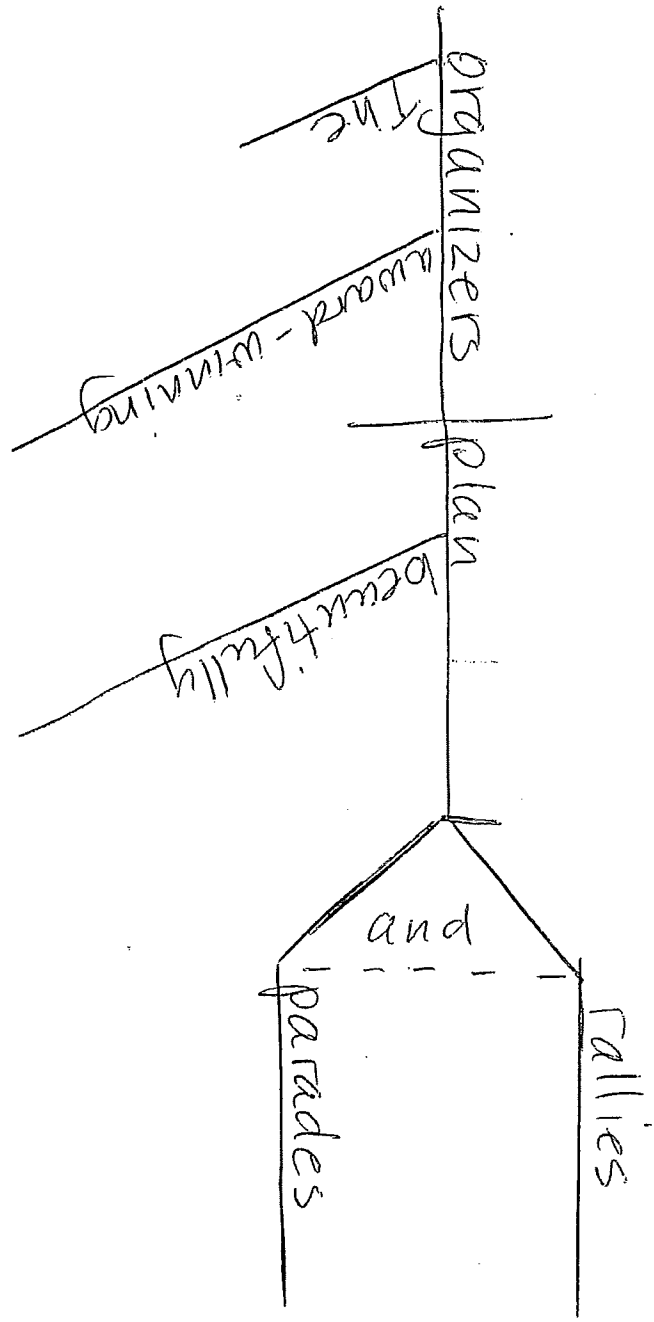
in winter

although

they look

forward to spring

forward



they | get | ribbons

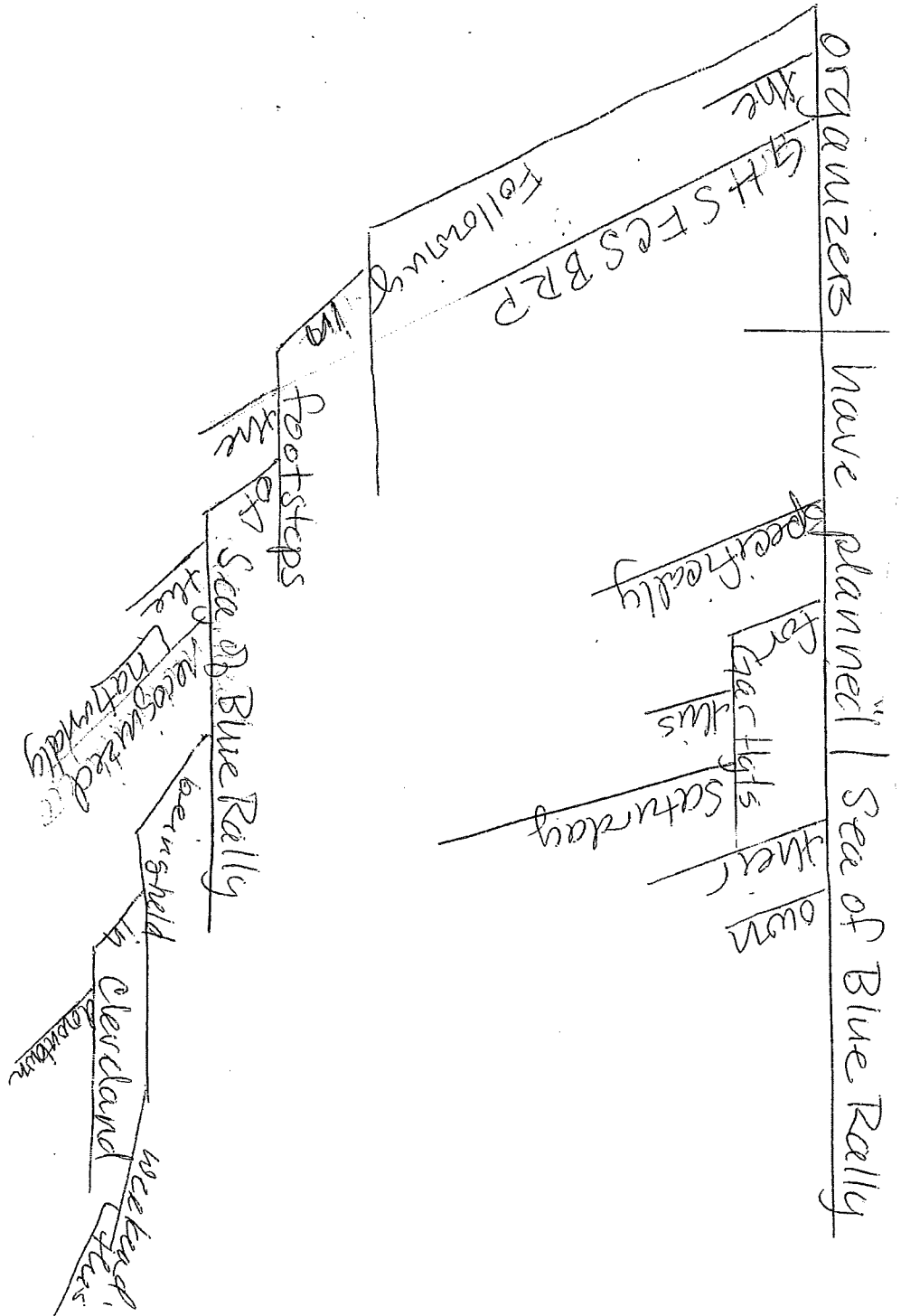
didn't  
white

enough

they | tried | attendance

to anticipate

organizers | volunteered  
some  
After  
and  
year  
the  
Following  
they | finished  
organizers | returned  
Other  
the  
they | regretted | decision  
the





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