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La leçon se déroule en anglais. Elle est suivie d'un entretien en français.

SUBJECT:

"People often avoid repeating words when they are referring back. This is called *ellipsis*."

John Sinclair *et al.*, *Collins Cobuild English Grammar*, London: HarperCollins, 1992, p. 385.

Discuss.

Candidates will use relevant excerpts from the following corpus to address the above topic.

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Excerpt 1

They said prosecutors also pressured him to testify against Rich, but he refused.

Houston Chronicle, 30 January 2011

Excerpt 2

He didn't like the way she'd told intimacies about them to her brother, but he did like that she'd said she planned to have children. They'd not talked about having kids, but he now realized he hadn't done so in fear that she'd say she didn't want any.

J. Deveraux, *Scarlet Nights*, 2010

Excerpt 3

Each mat consists of a nonslip rubber-backed pad and 15 peel-away plastic sheets measuring 24 to 30 inches. When the top sheet loses its tackiness, tear it off to reveal the next one.

R. Berendsohn, *Popular Mechanics*, 2011

Excerpt 4

All of this washed over me the past 10 days in a curious flow of events. Each new one rose to reveal the next in a wave that was shaping up over a series of minor seismic faults in my summer.

<http://rp109survivor.blogspot.com/>, 2011

Excerpt 5

But a check for eight hundred dollars is nothing to sneer at, so I put it into the bank and took Jonathan out for dinner to celebrate. The next month a bigger check came. And a bigger one the month after that.

Fantasy and Science Fiction, 2008

Excerpt 6

Watching him, a part of me is crippled with envy and love.

And then the moment shatters and another begins, and another and another. The wild bells start to ring.

M.K. Lawrence, *Roanoke*, 2009

Excerpt 7

Elias: 'Did he give us up?'

Barbosa: 'Not yet, but he will if he has to, and eventually he'll have to.'

http://www.moviescriptsource.com, 1992

Excerpt 8

I've been on the road, in a manner of speaking, for two months and haven't done many things I ought to be doing.

Australian X-trail forum, <http://baustralianxtrail.runboard.com>, 2012

Excerpt 9

That is a way in which clever traffic management arrangements can cajole drivers into doing things that they ought to be doing but aren't.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk>, 2011

Excerpt 10

When we said, 'this is her name,' people responded the way they would have if we had shared her name after birth - if they liked it, they told us, if they didn't, they kept it to themselves.

<http://pregnancy.about.com/u/ua/babynames/>, 2012

Excerpt 11

For most basic actions, the agent will know whether or not he can perform them at will - though perhaps if it is a movement he has not made for years, like a back handspring, he will not know whether he can still perform it if he intends to.

<http://www.stanford.edu/>, ca. 2012

Excerpt 12

There had been a building collapse or a traffic accident, she could not remember which, and one of the survivors had been a woman with silver-blond hair.

<http://m.fanfiction.net/s/4832321/>, 2011

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Excerpt 13

There wasn't a weekend that she wasn't at my house, or I at hers.

<http://we.getmarried.com>, 2012

Excerpt 14

Achieving a healthy, glowing skin is within reach if you know how to. It is possible to possess that youthful appearance without having to pay an arm and a leg for cosmetic makeovers or even surgery.

<http://www.streetdirectory.com>, 2012

Excerpt 15

They are the parents of three living children, Claude C., Bessie A. and Era P. The family belong to the Lutheran church and parish. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and she to the Degree of Honor.

NEGenWeb Project, <http://www.usgennet.org/>, 2002

Excerpt 16

I do not think Mr. Jackson was in then—I did not speak to him or his son, or he to me.

<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>, 1899

Excerpt 17

Have you ever taken a sack of change to the bank to be counted? You know, the collection of coins you have on your dresser that accumulates by simply dumping in a couple of coins at the end of each day? [...] I had that experience this morning as I decided to take in a Ziploc bag of extra coins. Before I left, my son and I took a guess at how much would be in there. I said thirty dollars. He said forty-five fifty. He went to work and I went to the bank.

As I watched the money being dumped in the counting machine, I thought there might be a little more than I had thought.

<http://www.washingtontimesreporter.com/>, 29 December 2011

Excerpt 18

'Niña? Niña?'

'What do you want?'

'Eggs boiled or fried or *rancheros*? Which do you want?'

'Boiled.'

'Coffee or chocolate?'

'Coffee.'

'Or do you want tea?'

'No, coffee.'

D.H. Lawrence, *The Plumed Serpent*, 1926

Excerpt 19

The info in the Widget is updated at some interval. I don't know how often, but likely selected to keep reasonably recent info and minimize battery drain. As far as I can tell, the Widget is not updated after a session of reviewing cards in AnkiDroid.

<http://code.google.com/p/ankidroid/>, 2011