Diction Exercise 7

Following the examples from the EN102 diction list, make up original sentences for diction items 61-70. Write in your neatest penmanship, and make sure each sentence is written in Standard English.

61. PRINCIPAL, PRINCIPLE
    These words sound alike but are completely different in usage. *Principal* can be used as a noun (a person in a leading position, or a matter of importance) or an adjective (chief or most important):

    Example: _____

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    Principle is only a noun and means a rule, code of conduct or a devotion to right.

    Example: _____

    Example: _____

62. RAISE, RISE
    Raise means "to lift," and *rise* means "to get up."

    Example: _____

63. REASON IS BECAUSE
    Change *reason is because* to *reason is that* or simply to the word *because.*

    Correct: _____

    Correct: _____

64. SET, SIT
    Set means "to place," and *sit* means "to be seated."

    Example: _____

    Example: _____

65. SHUDDER, SHUTTER
    Do not confuse the words shudder and shutter.
    The word *shudder* means to quiver or tremble.

    Correct: _____

    The word *shutter* usually refers to a type of covering for a window or for the device that limits light from reaching a camera lense.

    Correct: _____

66. SOUL WINNING, SOUL-WINNING
The two-word form *soul winning* is a noun; the hyphenated form *soul-winning* is an adjective.

Example: _____

Example: _____

67. STATIONARY, STATIONERY
The word *stationary* means not moving or fixed in position.

Correct: _____
The word *stationery* refers to the paper and envelopes used for letter writing.

Correct: _____

68. TERRIBLE, TERRIBLY
The adjective *terrible* is often used to express distaste.

Example: _____
Do not use the word *terribly* when more formal words like *very* or *extremely* can be used.

Correct: _____

69. THAN, THEN
Than is used when comparing.

Correct: _____
Then is used when referring to a time or order following.

Correct: _____

70. THEIR, THEY'RE, THERE
Their is an adjective, *they're* is a contraction for they are, and *there* can be used as an adverb, noun, pronoun or adjective.

Example: _____