

## 20. Making predictions and guesses when reading a text

When the punctuation of a text is missing, we try to predict where the sentences are likely to finish as well as we look for words functioning as signals of a new sentence or paragraph.

**Task: In the following text, the punctuation has been removed. Please, try to put it back. i.e.: , / ; / . / : / ( ) / - - /, etc.**

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### **GPS Accuracy Is Highly Addictive**

During the past five years 39 accidents involving scheduled passenger flights worldwide were due to CFIT controlled flight into terrain resulting in the deaths of more than 1,800 persons had GPS receivers been on board and operational the US Global Positioning System could have provided the necessary information and aircrew situational awareness to avoid many of these tragedies fortunately GPS for en route navigation and nonprecision approach service is available now for both US and international users on October 1994 Federal Aviation Administration FAA Administrator David R. Hinson presented a letter to the International Civil Aviation Organization ICAO offering the use of GPS to ICAO member states for at least 10 years with no direct user charge ICAO accepted the year 1995 will be very important for the future of all satellite navigation not only GPS in the coming year I expect the following issues to be of great importance first I expect to see more progress in the plans for a global navigation satellite system GNSS second ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization will discuss the potential of new technologies for all-weather operations at the communications/operations divisional meetings at the end of March in Montreal many people expect this meeting to produce a definite policy on the transition from the current instrument landing system to either microwave landing system or a GNSS although it is possible a decision or even a decisive recommendation may not be made the meeting should provide some guidance on how to proceed in the future last but not least the coming year may bring another GPS-based "surprise" like the one that occurred on September 22 1994 when a major software error in some GPS receivers caused the units to recognize GPS week 768 as week 512 this error led to interruptions in operation for a few days had GPS been used as a sole means of navigation this could have caused significant problems in routing operations for all users.