EXERCISE 44–1 The Hyphen

Edit the following sentences to correct errors in hyphenation. If a sentence is correct, write "correct" after it. Example:

Zola's first readers were scandalized by his slice-of-life novels.

a. Gold is the seventy-ninth element in the periodic table.

b. The swiftly-moving tugboat pulled alongside the barge and directed it away from the oil spill in the harbor.

c. The Moche were a pre-Columbian people who established a sophisticated culture in ancient Peru.

d. Your dog is well-known in our neighborhood.

e. Road-blocks were set up along all the major highways leading out of the city.

1. We knew we were driving too fast when our tires skidded on the rain slick surface.
2. The Black Death reduced the population of some medieval villages by two thirds.
3. The flight attendant asked us to fasten our seat belts before liftoff.
4. A well known actress who wishes to remain anonymous has contributed ten thousand dollars toward our scholarship fund.
5. Gail Sheehy writes that at age twenty five many people assume that the choices they make are irrevocable.