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Focus**Language Arts Skills**

- choosing a correctly formed sentence
- combining sentences
- identifying run-on sentences
- identifying the best place in a paragraph for a sentence

Test-taking Skills

- working methodically
- referring to a selection to answer questions
- analyzing answer choices
- using context to find the answer
- understanding unusual item formats

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Say **Open your book to Lesson 2a on page 16.**

Check to see that the students have found the right page.

Say **In this lesson, you will answer questions about correct English. When you answer a question, mark the circle for the answer you think is right. Be sure your answer circle is completely filled in with a dark mark. Put your finger under the Sample at the top of the page.**

Check to see that the students have found the Sample.

Say **Read the question for the Sample. Find the answer that is a complete and correct sentence. (pause) The last answer is correct because Sentence 2 is *Best as it is*. Mark the circle for Answer D in the rows at the bottom of the page. Be sure your answer circle is completely filled in with a dark mark.**

Check to see that the students have marked the correct circle. Explain why sentence 2 is correct and the other choices are wrong.

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16 Answer rows: S ○ ○ ○ ● 1 ○ ● ○ ○

TIPS

Say **Now let's look at the tip.**

Have a volunteer read the tip aloud.

Say **The questions in this lesson are all about a paragraph. When you answer the questions, be sure to look back at the paragraph to find the answers. You should also be sure to look carefully at the answer choices. They are long and appear very much alike, so looking at them carefully will help you decide which one is correct.**

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- A** She likes pizza but, she won't eat tacos.
- B** The movie we saw was too long and too scary
- C** Jenna and freddy know how to skate.
- D** Does your new puppy have a name?

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- B** The library will be closed this week. It will open again on Monday.
- F** week. it
- G** week it
- H** Week, it
- J** Correct as it is




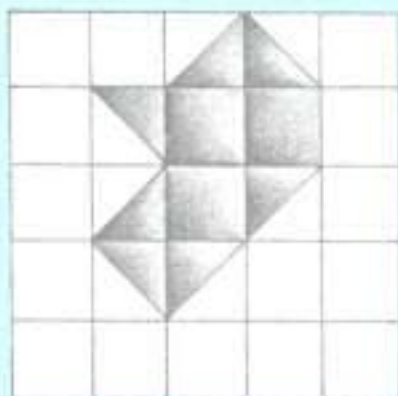
Compare the answer choices carefully. Ask yourself: "Am I looking for a mistake or correct capitalization and punctuation?"

For Numbers 1 through 4, look at the underlined part of the sentence. Choose the answer that shows the best capitalization and punctuation for that part.

- 1** Mom: don't you want me to go with you to the store?
- A** Mom. Don't you
B Mom? don't you
C Mom, don't you
D Correct as it is
- 2** While you were gone, Mr. Taylor said "the party starts at noon."
- F** said The party
G said, "The party
H said, "the party
J Correct as it is
- 3** Marisa has to go to the dentist today But she would rather stay home.
- A** today, but **C** today; but
B today. but **D** Correct as it is
- 4** On our trip to the beach, we found rocks, shells, and starfish.
- F** rocks shells and starfish.
G rocks, shells, and, starfish.
H rocks, shells and, starfish.
J Correct as it is

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What is the area of the shaded figure?

 = 1 square unit

- A 5 square units
B $5\frac{1}{2}$ square units
C 6 square units
D $6\frac{1}{2}$ square units



- Think about what you are supposed to do before you start working.
- Eliminate answers you know are wrong.
- Before you mark your answer, compare it with the question. Does your answer make sense?

