

Find the Errors! II

Proofreading Activities



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Find the Errors! II Pretest

Directions: Each sentence below has one or more errors. In the space below each sentence, rewrite the sentence correcting all errors. Circle the 10 misspelled words in the Pretest and spell them correctly when you rewrite the sentences. (Missing capital letters do not count as misspellings.)

1. Our american literature class visited rowan oak the oxford mississippi home of the well known writer william faulkner author of the book *the sound and the fury*.
2. Our teacher mr. c j cobb jr told us that we would have a school holiday on columbus day and we all yelled Hooray
3. On the biology exam the students grades included 8 As, 7 Bs, and 6 Cs however the teacher was not satisfied with they're performance.
4. The suspect was described as a 5'10" male with a heavy black mustache weighing 150 pounds.
5. Each of the three boys have his own bedroom which means they don't never fight.
6. Yoku went to the refrigerator sees it is empty and makes out a shopping list.
7. Reese is going to glacier national park where you can go hiking and fishing.

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2. Capital Letters II

Directions: Add capital letters where they are needed in the story. Circle the five misspelled words. Rewrite them correctly in the Spelling Box.

judie was attending a christmas party at the home of dr. c. j. cobb, mayer of hazlehurst, alabama. It was the saturday before christmas, and judie had attended a number of lavish affairs, one with mexican food, one with italian food, and another with traditional american food. judie now had an extra ten pounds to show for it.

judie struck up a conversation with a young woman named ila m. slim. ila, a graduate of alabama state, began talking about her job. "you know, it's sad," she said. "so many people these days are out of work, and here i am living off the fat of the land."

"how do you do that?" judie asked.

"i'm an aerobics instructor at webster's gym in the sears building," she replied. "come join us in january. we are starting a new aerobics group."

judie was afraid she would look huge among all the svelte women wearing their spandex speedo workout clothes. But she had made a new year's resolution to lose wait. So on january 2, she hopped in her toyota and took highway 51 to webster's gym.

arriving at the gym, she chose an acme treadmill in the far west corner of the room, hoping to be inconspicuous. she worked out for ten minutes. then ila arrived, put on a tape of "go you chicken fat, go," and began the 60-minute workout.

judie tried to keep up, but fell farther and farther behind. It had been a long time since she had taken body conditioning 101 at hendrix college. She saw one person after another turn and stair at her. She hoped it was just her imagination. She tried to imagine herself somewhere else, ~ like in the rocky mountains listening to mozart. But when one woman turned, stared at her, and squinted to get a better look, Judie wanted to disappear.

judie stopped her workout and picked up her nike duffel bag. She hoped to sneak undetected out the west door, which led to the high street parking lot, and make a swift getaway in her camry. As she turned, she realized that the gym's only wall clock, a small nine-inch elgin, had been hanging just inches above her head the entire time.

SPELLING BOX

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

5. Quotation Marks

Directions: Add quotation marks, single quotation marks, and other punctuation marks where they are needed. Circle the five misspelled words. Write them correctly in the Spelling Box.

A nervous, balding man in his 40's had an appointment to see a councilor. He had never gotten help before, but he told himself that things were so bad he had to do something! He pulled into the parking lot, ignoring the sign that read Exit Only. The theme song Titanic was going around in his head. I'm really losing it he told himself with a sinking feeling.

I'm supposed to go to the door with a sign that says Dr. Lucy D. Hope, Therapist, he reminded himself. She told me on the phone You can't miss it.

Finding the office an hour later, the man was releived. It's a good thing I aloud plenty of time; I'm not even late! he told himself.

Dr. Hope ushered him into her comfortable office. What seems to be the problem she asked.

Doctor, I just don't know what to do! Its all more than I can stand he began.

Well, just calm down and tell me all about it she replied. As I always say A burden shared is a burden lightened.

O.K., Doctor. I have a five-bedroom home on three acres on Lake Caroline in Madison County. I drive a BMW and my wife drives a Jaguar. I have three children in college, and I bought each of them a new car. We belong to the country club. Each summer we spend a month in Europe.

Haven't you ever heard the expression it's not nice to brag said the counselor. Let's get back to what is really bothering you.

Don't you see the man shouted. I only make \$700 a month!

SPELLING BOX

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____



Proofreading Checklist

Directions: Refer to this checklist for all of your written work. Check the list to see that you have proofread well and have caught all the errors.

I have checked to see that . . .

1. Capital letters are used whenever needed.
2. Commas are used only as necessary.
3. Direct quotations are enclosed in quotation marks.
4. Colons, hyphens, apostrophes, parentheses, and underlining (italics) are used where needed.
5. All subjects and verbs agree.
6. Correct principal parts of verbs are used.
7. Pronoun references are clear and correct.
8. Numbers and numerals are written correctly.
9. Abbreviations are written correctly.
10. There are no spelling or usage errors.
11. Dangling or misplaced modifiers have been corrected.
12. Run-on sentences and sentence fragments have been eliminated.
13. Sentences vary in length and form.
14. Verb tense is consistent throughout.
15. Wordy sentences have been simplified.
16. Interesting vocabulary has been used, instead of trite, nondescriptive words.
17. Comparisons have been made correctly.
18. This writing represents my best effort.