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**Each of the following passages contains a sentence fragment. Select the version of the passage that has been revised correctly.**

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1. John Adams delivered the 1755 Harvard commencement oration in Latin. An accomplishment that earned him a job teaching Latin in a one-room country school.

A. John Adams delivered the 1755 Harvard commencement oration in Latin, an accomplishment that earned him a job teaching Latin in a one-room country school.

B. John Adams delivered the 1755 Harvard commencement oration in Latin. This accomplishment earned him a job. Teaching Latin in a one-room country school.

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2. Adams studied to become a lawyer. While he was teaching school.

A. While he was teaching school. Adams studied to become a lawyer.

B. While he was teaching school, Adams studied to become a lawyer.

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3. Adams practiced law in Boston. Before he became one of the most influential people in the early years of the United States.

A. Before he became one of the most influential people in the early years of the United States. Adams practiced law in Boston.

B. Before he became one of the most influential people in the early years of the United States, Adams practiced law in Boston.

C. Adams practiced law in Boston before he became one of the most influential people. In the early years of the United States.

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4. After serving as minister to France and England, Adams returned to the United States. To serve two terms as Washington's vice president.

A. After serving as minister to France and England, Adams returned. To the United States to serve two terms as Washington's vice president.

B. After serving as minister to France and England. Adams returned to the United States to serve two terms as Washington's vice president.

C. After serving as minister to France and England, Adams returned to the United States to serve two terms as Washington's vice president.

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5. Receiving seventy-seven electoral votes. Adams was reelected vice president in 1792.

A. Adams was reelected vice president in 1792. Receiving seventy-seven electoral votes.

B. Receiving seventy-seven electoral votes, Adams was reelected vice president in 1792.

C. Since he received seventy-seven electoral votes. Adams was reelected vice president in 1792.

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**Each of the following sentences is either correct, a comma splice, or a fused sentence. Select "no change" if the sentence is correct. If the sentence is a comma splice or a fused sentence, select the correctly edited version.**

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6. George Washington was born in 1732 in Virginia, he was raised on a farm established by his great-grandfather.

A. no change.

B. George Washington was born in 1732 in Virginia he was raised on a farm established by his great-grandfather.

C. George Washington was born in 1732 in Virginia, and he was raised on a farm established by his great-

grandfather.

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7. Washington had a big nose and a pockmarked face, however he was still considered a handsome man.

- A. Washington had a big nose and a pockmarked face he was still considered a handsome man.
- B. Washington had a big nose and a pockmarked face; however, he was still considered a handsome man.
- C. no change.

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8. Washington said this about the war for independence: "Our cause is noble; it is the cause of all mankind."

- A. Washington said this about the war for independence: "Our cause is noble, it is the cause of all mankind."
- B. Washington said this about the war for independence: "Our cause is noble it is the cause of all mankind."
- C. no change.

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9. At fifteen, Washington became a surveyor his first job was to survey the six-million-acre estate of his neighbor Lord Fairfax.

- A. no change.
- B. At fifteen, Washington became a surveyor, his first job was to survey the six-million-acre estate of his neighbor Lord Fairfax.
- C. At fifteen, Washington became a surveyor; his first job was to survey the six-million-acre estate of his neighbor Lord Fairfax.

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10. Washington wanted to return to Mount Vernon after the Constitutional Convention, his colleagues persuaded him to become the country's first president.

- A. Washington wanted to return to Mount Vernon after the Constitutional Convention his colleagues persuaded him to become the country's first president.
- B. Washington wanted to return to Mount Vernon after the Constitutional Convention, but his colleagues persuaded him to become the country's first president.
- C. no change.

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11. Washington's vice president John Adams was sworn in on April 21, 1789, Washington was sworn in as the first president on April 30, 1789.

- A. Washington's vice president John Adams was sworn in on April 21, 1789. Washington was sworn in as the first president on April 30, 1789.
- B. no change.
- C. Washington's vice president John Adams was sworn in on April 21, 1789 Washington was sworn in as the first president on April 30, 1789.

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**Subject-verb agreement-- For each sentence, fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb.**

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12. Many prominent photographers \_\_\_\_ Dorothea Lange to be America's greatest documentary photographer.

- A. consider
- B. considers

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13. Each of her books and magazine projects \_\_\_\_ done with the highest professional skill.

- A. was
  - B. were
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14. Neither text nor photographs \_\_\_\_ her early books.

- A. dominates
  - B. dominate
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15. Both scene and person \_\_\_\_ the subject of her photographs.

- A. is
  - B. are
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16. From the California camps for migrant workers \_\_\_\_ her most famous photograph, *Migrant Mother*.

- A. comes
  - B. come
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17. One collection of her photographs \_\_\_\_ the Japanese internment during World War II.

- A. depicts
  - B. depict
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18. Her photographs of Depression Era life still \_\_\_\_ a haunting power.

- A. have
  - B. has
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**For each sentence, fill in the blank with the correct pronoun.**

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19. Though other evangelists are better known than \_\_\_\_, Aimee Semple McPherson made her share of headlines in the 1920s.

- A. her
  - B. she
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20. One of the reasons for \_\_\_\_ being so famous was her flamboyant preaching style.

- A. her
  - B. she
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21. She married Robert Semple in 1908. After the wedding, \_\_\_\_ and her husband went on a mission to Hong Kong, where he died two years later.

- A. her
  - B. she
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**The following sentences may contain errors in pronoun/antecedent use. If a sentence has an error, select the correct version. Otherwise, select "No change."**

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22. With tuition on the rise, a student has to save wherever they can.

- A. With tuition on the rise, a student has to save wherever he can.
  - B. With tuition on the rise, students have to save wherever they can.
  - C. No change
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23. Not everyone gets along with their roommate, but they can usually manage to tolerate each other temporarily.

- A. Roommates do not always get along, but they can usually manage to tolerate one another temporarily.
  - B. Not everyone gets along with his roommate, but he can usually manage to tolerate him temporarily.
  - C. No change.
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24. Every house and apartment has its advantages and its drawbacks.

- A. All houses and apartments have its advantages and its drawback.
  - B. Every house and apartment has their advantages and their drawbacks.
  - C. No change.
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25. If his own knowledge is all the reader has to go by, how can he identify one source as more reliable than another?

- A. If his own knowledge is all the reader has to go by, how can they identify one source as more reliable than another?
  - B. If their own knowledge is all the readers have to go by, how can they identify one source as more reliable than another?
  - C. No change.
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**The following sentences may contain errors in pronoun reference. If a sentence has an error, select the correct version. Otherwise, select "No change."**

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26. Anna smiled at her mother as she opened the birthday gift.

- A. As Anna opened the birthday gift, she smiled at her mother.
  - B. Anna smiled at her mother as she opened her birthday gift.
  - C. No change.
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27. When drug therapy is combined with psychotherapy, the patients relate better to their therapists, are less vulnerable to what disturbs them, and are more responsive to them.

- A. Patients relate better to their therapists, are less vulnerable to what disturbs them, and are more responsive to them when drug therapy is combined with psychotherapy.
  - B. When drug therapy is combined with psychotherapy, the patients are less vulnerable to what disturbs them, and they relate better and are more responsive to their therapists.
  - C. No change.
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28. Not long after the company set up the subsidiary, it went bankrupt.

- A. Not long after the company set up the subsidiary, the company went bankrupt.
  - B. Not long after the company set up the subsidiary, there was a bankruptcy.
  - C. No change.
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29. In Texas, you often hear about the influence of big oil corporations.

- A. In Texas, they often hear about the influence of big oil corporations.
- B. In Texas, people often hear about the influence of big oil corporations.
- C. No change

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**Choose the sentence in each pair that does not contain a misplaced or dangling modifier.**

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30.

- A. Recently, several sports have gained popularity that no one had heard of thirty years ago.
- B. Recently, several sports that no one had heard of thirty years ago have gained popularity.

31.

- A. With a name that suggests their dangerous allure, members of Generation X are attracted to extreme sports.
- B. With a name that suggests their dangerous allure, extreme sports are attracting members of Generation X.

32.

- A. These "Generation X" games, which include snowboarding and sky-surfing, often involve going to inaccessible places.
- B. These "Generation X" games often involve going to inaccessible places, which include snowboarding and sky-surfing.

33.

- A. Snow activities are especially popular that can be done on remote mountaintops.
- B. Snow activities that can be done on remote mountaintops are especially popular.

34.

- A. Some of these sports have become so widely accepted that participants can now compete in the Olympics, such as freestyle skiing and snowboarding.
- B. Some of these sports, such as freestyle skiing and snowboarding, have become so widely accepted that participants can now compete in the Olympics.

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**The following sentences may be missing commas or may have incorrectly placed commas. If a sentence has an error, select the correct version. Otherwise, select "No change."**

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35. Lhasa is the capital of Tibet and it sits 11,800 feet above sea level.

- A. No change.
- B. Lhasa is the capital of Tibet, and it sits 11,800 feet above sea level.
- C. Lhasa is the capital of Tibet and, it sits 11,800 feet above sea level.

36. The Chinese have attempted to modernize Lhasa but, an ancient aura still pervades the city.

- A. No change.
- B. The Chinese have attempted to modernize Lhasa but an ancient aura still pervades the city.
- C. The Chinese have attempted to modernize Lhasa, but an ancient aura still pervades the city.

37. The Potala Palace, the "Palace of the Gods," dominates Lhasa and, this immense, eleven-story complex of buildings is where the Dalai Lama has traditionally lived.

- A. The Potala Palace, the "Palace of the Gods," dominates Lhasa, and this immense, eleven-story complex of buildings is where the Dalai Lama has traditionally lived.
- B. The Potala Palace, the "Palace of the Gods," dominates Lhasa and this immense, eleven-story complex of buildings is where the Dalai Lama has traditionally lived.
- C. No change.
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38. Lhasa was founded in A.D. 400 as a fortress but after the Potala Palace was built, Lhasa became a religious center.

- A. No change.
- B. Lhasa was founded in A.D. 400 as a fortress, but after the Potala Palace was built, Lhasa became a religious center.
- C. Lhasa was founded in A.D. 400 as a fortress but after, the Potala Palace was built, Lhasa became a religious center.
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**Choose the version of each sentence that correctly uses commas after introductory elements.**

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39.

- A. Sometime in the late 1980s the U.S. government began a plan to build a courthouse and office building in lower Manhattan.
- B. Sometime in the late 1980s, the U.S. government began a plan to build a courthouse and office building in lower Manhattan.
- C. Sometime, in the late 1980s the U.S. government began a plan to build a courthouse and office building in lower Manhattan.
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40.

- A. To get permission to build the government, had to do an environmental impact study.
- B. To get permission to build, the government had to do an environmental impact study.
- C. To get permission to build the government had to do an environmental impact study.
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41.

- A. During this, environmental impact study consultants discovered that the proposed building would be built on top of an African slave burial ground.
- B. During this environmental impact study consultants discovered that the proposed building would be built on top of an African slave burial ground.
- C. During this environmental impact study, consultants discovered that the proposed building would be built on top of an African slave burial ground.
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**Choose the version of each sentence that correctly uses commas with nonrestrictive (nonessential) word groups; transitional, parenthetical, and contrasting expressions; and absolute phrases.**

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42.

- A. Travelers who will be taking international flights this year are advised to take extra precautions, such as bringing extra identification and avoiding the most popular routes.
- B. Travelers, who will be taking international flights this year, are advised to take extra precautions such as bringing extra identification and avoiding the most popular routes.

C. Travelers who will be taking international flights this year are advised to take extra precautions such as bringing extra identification and avoiding the most popular routes.

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43.

- A. The students, in Psychology 101, crowded into the stuffy lecture hall sweating and fanning themselves.
  - B. The students in Psychology 101 crowded into the stuffy lecture hall sweating and fanning themselves.
  - C. The students in Psychology 101 crowded into the stuffy lecture hall, sweating and fanning themselves.
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44.

- A. The professor cool and commanding, strode into the room.
  - B. The professor cool and commanding strode into the room.
  - C. The professor, cool and commanding, strode into the room.
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**Choose the version of each sentence that correctly uses commas between items in a series.**

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45.

- A. The sign at the trailhead dictated that all hikers had to have proper equipment, such as a first aid kit a whistle a map and a compass.
  - B. The sign at the trailhead dictated that all hikers had to have proper equipment, such as a first aid kit, a whistle, a map, and a compass.
  - C. The sign at the trailhead dictated that all hikers had to have proper equipment, such as a first aid kit, a whistle, a map and a compass.
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46.

- A. In addition, the sign told us not to wear cotton clothing, jeans, or sneakers.
  - B. In addition, the sign told us not to wear cotton, clothing, jeans, or sneakers.
  - C. In addition, the sign told us not to wear cotton clothing, jeans or sneakers.
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47.

- A. Three members of the group--Fran, Jeremy and Dave--were underprepared, but Gail and Pete had brought along extra gear.
  - B. Three members of the group--Fran, Jeremy, and Dave--were underprepared, but Gail and Pete had brought along extra gear.
  - C. Three members of the group--Fran Jeremy and Dave--were underprepared, but Gail and Pete had brought along extra gear.
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**Choose the sentence in each pair that uses end punctuation correctly.**

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48.

- A. In some places, the ocean is more than seven miles deep!
  - B. In some places, the ocean is more than seven miles deep.
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49.

- A. Enormous pressure and complete darkness in the depths make it difficult for humans to discover what is down there.
- B. Enormous pressure and complete darkness in the depths make it difficult for humans to discover what is down there?

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50.

- A. When deep-sea fishing boats haul up their nets, they sometimes contain creatures never before seen or prehistoric life forms believed to be extinct?  
B. When deep-sea fishing boats haul up their nets, they sometimes contain creatures never before seen or prehistoric life forms believed to be extinct.
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51.

- A. The sheer size of the ocean depths indicates that there may be many more species down there than are found on land.  
B. The sheer size of the ocean depths indicates that there may be many more species down there than are found on land!
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**Semicolons--Select the version of each sentence that is correctly punctuated.**

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52.

- A. Many Americans think of the years after World War II as a golden era, a time before modern complexities made life more difficult.  
B. Many Americans think of the years after World War II as a golden era; a time before modern complexities made life more difficult.
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53.

- A. Besides failing to consider the quality of life at that time for women and minorities, an idyllic view of the mid-twentieth century ignores other issues as well.  
B. Besides failing to consider the quality of life at that time for women and minorities; an idyllic view of the mid-twentieth century ignores other issues as well.
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54.

- A. The late 1940s and 1950s marked the height of the Cold War era, many Americans were frightened about what might happen in the future.  
B. The late 1940s and 1950s marked the height of the Cold War era; many Americans were frightened about what might happen in the future.
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55.

- A. The Soviet Union, an ally of the United States during World War II, took control of the governments of neighboring countries, China, after a civil war, fell under Communist rule, and the Korean conflict, in which Americans were involved, seemed to prove that Communists wanted to take over as much land as possible.  
B. The Soviet Union, an ally of the United States during World War II, took control of the governments of neighboring countries; China, after a civil war, fell under Communist rule; and the Korean conflict, in which Americans were involved, seemed to prove that Communists wanted to take over as much land as possible.
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**In each of the following items, select the sentence that makes no errors in the use of apostrophes.**

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56.

- A. Grammar isnt everybodys favorite subject.  
B. Grammar isn't everybody's favorite subject.  
C. Grammar isn't everybody's' favorite subject.
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57.

- A. The guy whose been giving you a ride after work called at about nine o'clock.
  - B. The guy who's been giving you a ride after work called at about nine 'o clock.
  - C. The guy who's been giving you a ride after work called at about nine o'clock.
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58.

- A. Who will the critics' identify as the best new novelist of the decade?
  - B. Who will the critic's identify as the best new novelist of the decade?
  - C. Who will the critics identify as the best new novelist of the decade?
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59.

- A. Carol's and Jim income dropped drastically after Jim lost his job.
  - B. Carol and Jim's income dropped drastically after Jim lost his job.
  - C. Carol's and Jim's income dropped drastically after Jim lost his job.
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60.

- A. It's true that a snake sheds its own skin and usually swallows its prey whole.
  - B. It's true that a snake sheds it's own skin and usually swallows it's prey whole.
  - C. Its true that a snake sheds it's own skin and usually swallows it's prey whole.
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**In each of the following pairs, select the sentence that correctly uses quotation marks.**

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61.

- A. "To be or not to be" is probably one of the most famous lines in the English language.
  - B. To be or not to be is probably one of the most famous lines in the English language.
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62.

- A. A famous line that most children grow up learning in history class is Nathan Hale's saying, "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country."
  - B. A famous line that most children grow up learning in history class is Nathan Hale's saying "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country."
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63.

- A. Another American whose words are often quoted by schoolchildren is Abraham Lincoln; his Gettysburg Address speech is often assigned to students.
  - B. Another American whose words are often quoted by schoolchildren is Abraham Lincoln; his "Gettysburg Address" speech is often assigned to students.
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64.

- A. Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken" is often the first poem memorized by students in American schools.
  - B. Robert Frost's *The Road Not Taken* is often the first poem memorized by students in American schools.
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**Colons--Select the version of each sentence that is correctly punctuated.**

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65.

- A. In 1910, Robert Falcon Scott led his second expedition to Antarctica with two objectives to collect scientific data and to be the first humans at the South Pole.
  - B. In 1910, Robert Falcon Scott led his second expedition to Antarctica with two objectives: to collect scientific data and to be the first humans at the South Pole.
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66.

- A. The story of Scott's difficult journey continues to fascinate armchair adventurers: even though the expedition was, in many ways, a failure.
- B. The story of Scott's difficult journey continues to fascinate armchair adventurers even though the expedition was, in many ways, a failure.
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**In each of the following items, select the sentence that makes no errors in the use of capitalization.**

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67.

- A. The town in the south where I was raised had a statue of a Civil War Soldier in the center of Main street.
- B. The town in the South where I was raised had a statue of a Civil War soldier in the center of Main Street.
- C. The town in the South where I was raised had a statue of a Civil War Soldier in the center of Main Street.
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68.

- A. I caught a glimpse of President Bill Clinton and his family.
- B. I caught a glimpse of president Bill Clinton and his family.
- C. I caught a glimpse of President Bill Clinton and his Family.
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69.

- A. My favorite song by cole Porter is "You'd be so Nice to Come Home To."
- B. My favorite song by Cole Porter is "You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To."
- C. My favorite song by Cole Porter is "You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To."
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**In each of the following items, select the sentence that makes no errors in the appropriate use of abbreviations in academic writing.**

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70.

- A. The old NBC show is set in a fictional L.A. law firm.
- B. The old National Broadcasting Company show is set in a fictional Los Angeles law firm.
- C. The old NBC show is set in a fictional Los Angeles law firm.
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71.

- A. An MX missile, which is 71 feet long and 92 inches around, weighs 190,000 pounds.
- B. An MX missile, which is 71 ft. long and 92 in. around, weighs 190,000 lbs.
- C. A Maxwell missile, which is 71 feet long and 92 inches around, weighs 190,000 lbs.
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**In each of the following items, select the sentence that uses numbers correctly and consistently.**

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72.

- A. 307 miles long and 82 miles wide, the island offered little of interest.
- B. Three hundred seven miles long and eighty-two miles wide, the island offered little of interest.
- C. Three hundred seven miles long and 82 miles wide, the island offered little of interest.
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73.

- A. Time will provide perspective on the economic crisis of the '80s.
- B. Time will provide perspective on the economic crisis of the eighties.
- C. Time will provide perspective on the economic crisis of the nineteen hundred eighties.
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**In each of the following items, select the sentence that uses italics correctly and consistently.**

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74.

A. Hawthorne's story *My Kinsman, Major Molineux* bears a striking resemblance to Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

B. Hawthorne's story "My Kinsman, Major Molineux" bears a striking resemblance to Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

C. Hawthorne's story *My Kinsman, Major Molineux* bears a striking resemblance to Shakespeare's play "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

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75.

A. Is Samuel Beckett's play *Endgame* a sequel to Shakespeare's *King Lear*?

B. Is Samuel Beckett's play "Endgame" a sequel to Shakespeare's "King Lear"?

C. Is Samuel Beckett's play *Endgame* a sequel to Shakespeare's *King Lear*?