

Proofreading

Read the following rough draft of a student’s essay, and then answer the questions that follow. Choose the best way to revise each underlined part.

MY BEST BIRTHDAY

I guess my best birthday party was last year when I turned nine. I always want to have one of those fancy birthday cakes from Trost's Bake Shop downtown but Dad never wanted to spend the money. Instead, he always baked a cake.

All of my friends came to the party. When we played the game Pin the Tail on the Donkey, Emma was blindfolded first. She was trying to find the donkey, and she crashed into the table by mistake. Dad had just put the birthday cake on the table down it went, onto the rug! A second later my dogs, Sunny and Cloudy, were on top of it, laping up the frosting.

Their cannot be a birthday party without a cake! Dad had no choice but to drive to Trost's and by the only cake they had left. It had three layers, chocolate filling, two inches of frosting all around, and about twenty-four pink candy roses! Thanks to Emma and the dogs, I recieved my birthday wish before I even blew out the candles.

Lesson 1

Proofreading: My Best Birthday

1. How should you correct the error in number 1?
 - A. change **guess** to **guessed**
 - B. change **I** to **I've**
 - C. change **best** to **most best**
 - D. There is no error.

2. How should you correct the error in number 2?
 - A. change **want** to **wanted**
 - B. change **have** to **had**
 - C. change **one** to **won**
 - D. There is no error.

Lesson 2

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1. How should you correct the error in number 3?
 - A. change **downtown but** to **downtown: but**
 - B. change **downtown but** to **down town, but**
 - C. change **downtown but** to **down town but**
 - D. There is no error.

2. How should you correct the error in number 4?
 - A. change **on the table** to **ontop of the table**
 - B. change **table down** to **table, and down**
 - C. change **went,** to **go,**
 - D. There is no error.

Lesson 3

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1. How should you correct the error in number 5?
 - A. change **it, laping** to **it. Laping**
 - B. change **laping** to **lapping**
 - C. change **laping** to **laping up**
 - D. There is no error.

2. How should you correct the error in number 6?
 - A. change **Their** to **They're**
 - B. change **cannot** to **cann't**
 - C. change **Their** to **There**
 - D. There is no error.

Lesson 4

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1. How should you correct the error in number 7?
 - A. change **Trost's and by** to **Trosts' and by**
 - B. change **Trost's and by** to **Trost's and buy**
 - C. change **Trost's and by** to **Trosts and by**
 - D. There is no error.

2. How should you correct the error in number 8?
 - A. change **recieved my** to **received my**
 - B. change **recieved my** to **recieved mine**
 - C. change **recieved my** to **recieve my**
 - D. There is no error.

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Read the following rough draft of a student’s essay, and then answer the questions that follow. Choose the best way to revise each underlined part.

THE GREAT GULLY MUTT

About once every year, my yellow dog Buster gets into some kind of trouble. Last year,
 he accidentally lock himself in the barn when the wind slammed the door closed behind him. He
 was trapped there. Buster barked for hours until I finally herd him and ran to the rescue.

This year, he darted off across our field and disappeared into the deep gully at the edge
 of the yard. He was gone for a long time, but my parents’ finally found him when they
 followed the barking. It turned out that Buster had caught his collar on a long low tree branch
 and couldnt get free.

Since that time, his name became the Great Gully Mutt. He is a friendly dog yet he still
 needs me to keep an eye on him.

Lesson 5

Proofreading: The Great Gully Mutt

1. How should you correct number 1?
 - A. change **kind of** to **kind've**
 - B. change **gets** to **had gotten**
 - C. change **kind of** to **kinda**
 - D. There is no error.

2. How should you correct number 2?
 - A. change **lock** to **will lock**
 - B. change **lock** to **would lock**
 - C. change **lock** to **locked**
 - D. There is no error.

Lesson 6

Proofreading: The Great Gully Mutt

1. How should you correct number 3?
 - A. change **finally** to **finaly**
 - B. change **herd** to **heard**
 - C. change **him** to **them**
 - D. There is no error.

2. How should you correct number 4?
 - A. change **parents'** to **parents**
 - B. change **parents'** to **parents's**
 - C. change **parents'** to **parent's**
 - D. There is no error.

Lesson 7

Proofreading: The Great Gully Mutt

1. How should you correct number 5?
 - A. change **long low tree branch** to **long, low, tree branch**
 - B. change **long low tree branch** to **long low, tree branch,**
 - C. change **long low tree branch** to **long, low tree branch**
 - D. There is no error.

2. How should you correct number 6?
 - A. change **couldnt** to **couldn't**
 - B. change **couldnt** to **could'nt**
 - C. change **get** to **got**
 - D. There is no error.

Lesson 8

Proofreading: The Great Gully Mutt

1. How should you correct number 7?
 - A. change **his name** to **his name**,
 - B. change **name became** to **name did became**
 - C. change **became** to **has been**
 - D. There is no error.

2. How should you correct number 8?
 - A. change **dog yet** to **dog yet**,
 - B. change **dog yet** to **dog, yet**
 - C. change **dog yet** to **dog. Since**
 - D. There is no error.

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Read the following rough draft of a student's essay, and then answer the questions that follow. Choose the best way to revise each underlined part.

january 5 2001

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Dear Jessie,

I can hardly wait to see you next Saterday. My dad and me will
2 3
meet you at the bus station on church street at 11 o'clock. We'll have
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lunch first, and then we'll go to the amusement park. I can't believe
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how big the roller coaster is! My Sister lucy is afraid of it, but you'll
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like it. We'll have a great time.

Your friend,

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Shawna

Lesson 9

Proofreading: Letter to Jessie

1. How should you correct the error in number 1?
 - A. change **january 5 2001** to **January 5 2001**
 - B. change **january 5 2001** to **january 5, 2001**
 - C. change **january 5 2001** to **January 5, 2001**
 - D. There is no error.

2. How should you correct the error in number 2?
 - A. change **Saterday** to **Saturday**
 - B. change **Saterday** to **Saderday**
 - C. change **Saterday** to **Satrday**
 - D. There is no error.

Lesson 10

Proofreading: Letter to Jessie

1. How should you correct the error in number 3?
 - A. change **My dad and me** to **My Dad and me**
 - B. change **My dad and me** to **My dad and myself**
 - C. change **My dad and me** to **My dad and I**
 - D. There is no error.

2. How should you correct the error in number 4?
 - A. change **church street** to **Church street**
 - B. change **church street** to **church Street**
 - C. change **church street** to **Church Street**
 - D. There is no error.

Lesson 11

Proofreading: Letter to Jessie

1. How should you correct the error in number 5?
 - A. change **first, and then** to **first and then**
 - B. change **first, and then** to **first, And then**
 - C. change **first, and then** to **first, and Then**
 - D. There is no error.

2. How should you correct the error in number 6?
 - A. change **i can't believe** to **i cant believe**
 - B. change **i can't believe** to **I can't believe**
 - C. change **i can't believe** to **I cant beleive**
 - D. There is no error.

Lesson 12

Proofreading: Letter to Jessie

1. How should you correct the error in number 7?
 - A. change **Sister lucy** to **sister lucy**
 - B. change **Sister lucy** to **sister Lucy**
 - C. change **Sister lucy** to **Sister Lucy**
 - D. There is no error.

2. How should you correct the error in number 8?
 - A. change **Your friend,** to **your friend,**
 - B. change **Your friend,** to **Your Friend,**
 - C. change **Your friend,** to **your Friend,**
 - D. There is no error.