

English 092 - Editing Test #1 Answer Key

Read the following sentences carefully and then underline and correct any errors. You may add words or change word forms to make the sentences clear and grammatically correct. Answers will vary. (50 Marks)

Example:

Whose

? *It's*

Who's car is in front of the house, its blocking the driveway.

1. Because he tried very hard and finally succeeded. (fragment)
Because he tried very hard, **he** finally succeeded.
2. They're dog injured it's paw, they took it to a vet. (comma splice)
Their dog injured **its** paw, **so** they took it to a vet.
They're = they are. Use their for possession. It's is a contraction. The possessive of its never has an apostrophe.
3. Each player carried their own equipment. (pronoun antecedent agreement)
The players carried **their** own equipment.
4. Susans english class read The Great Gatsby last year.
Susan's English class read The Great Gatsby last year.
Possessive for Susan. Capital for English. Underline titles of books.
5. Bill Gates the president of microsoft is worth over forty billion dollars.
Bill Gates, the president of Microsoft, is worth over forty billion dollars.
(set off non-essential elements with commas)
6. Hes the type of person who only thinks about themself.
He's the type of person who only thinks about **himself**. (pronoun agreement)
7. After finishing the research essay the ice cream felt great.
After I finished the research essay, the ice cream felt great.
(the ice cream didn't finish the essay)

8. Vancouver is a fabulous tourist town it has a mild climate beautiful parks and you can stay in great hotels.
Vancouver is a fabulous tourist town. It has a mild climate, beautiful parks, and great hotels.
(run-on sentence and faulty parallelism)
9. I enjoy exercise because you feel so good when you stop.
I enjoy exercise because I feel so good when I stop.
(shift in Point of view)
10. Her and Bob were late for there appointment.
She and Bob were late for their appointment.
(pronoun case)
11. I worked on my essay for six hours and I needed a brake I hadnt eaten anything all day.
I worked on my essay for six hours and I needed a break. I hadn't eaten anything all day.
(run-on) Wrong word – break/brake. Missing apostrophe for contraction.
12. Camosun college has two main campuses_lansdowne and interurban.
Camosun College has two main campuses: Lansdowne and Interurban.
Use capitals on all proper nouns. Use a colon to introduce items that explain the first part of the sentence.
13. At the age of nine my family moved to Victoria.
When I was nine, my family moved to Victoria. (sense)
Use a comma after nine because the sentence begins with a dependent clause.
14. He succeeded because he was honest reliable always persisted and had good luck.
He succeeded because he was honest, reliable, persistent and lucky.
Keep lists of words parallel.
15. Groucho Marx once said I'd never join a club that would except me as a member.
Groucho Marx once said, "I'd never join a club that would accept me as a member." Use quotation marks for direct quotes."

16. George W. Bush was able to do something that his father could not do, get re-elected.

George W. Bush was able to do something that his father could not do: get re-elected. Use a colon after a complete statement. The words that follow the colon explain the first half of the sentence.

17. Mount Washington the biggest ski resort on Vancouver island last Winter had a record snowfall.

Mount Washington, the biggest ski resort on Vancouver Island, had a record snowfall last winter.

Watch capitals. Don't capitalize seasons, but use capitals for place names. Separate additional information with commas.

18. While watching the hockey game Bills car was stolen.

While Bill was watching the hockey game, his car was stolen.

Dangling modifier. Make it clear who was watching the game.

19. There is only one thing he is interested in, money.

There is only one thing he is interested in: money.

20. Each of the women want the job.

Each of the women wants the job. (subject verb agreement—each is singular)

21. She made the main course, her husband prepared the desert.

She made the main course, and her husband prepared the dessert.

(comma splice) Dessert is food. The desert is barren.

22. Being a bore I wanted to avoid his company.

As he was a bore, I wanted to avoid his company.

(make it clear who the bore is)

23. There are only two kinds of pedestrians in Montreal, fast and dead.

There are only two kinds of pedestrians in Montreal: fast and dead.

(A colon follows a complete sentence. The second part illustrates or explains the first part)