

Lesson 6: Paragraph Predicament

Fix the paragraphs below based on these clues: in total, there are 7 spelling mistakes, 8 missing punctuation marks, and 4 capitalization errors.

Gus Grissom was a pianeer of american space exploration. He was one of the original Mercury Seven and he was the secont american ever to go to space.

Born in 1926 in Mitchell Indiana Grissom was originally a combat pilot in the korean war. He moved on to be an Air Force test pilot, and finally a NASA astronot. He made his first journey into space in 1961 aboard the Liberty Bell 7. In the year 1965 he became the first man in history to make a return trip to space as he journied aboard the Gemini 3. During preparations for his third trip to space Gus Grissom died in a fire during a launch pad test for Apollo 1.

Before his death, Grissom said the following: "If we die we want people to except it. We're in a risky bisness and we hope that if anything happens to us it will not delay the program. The conkuest of space is worth the risk of life.

Lesson 24: Proofreading

Fix the fragments! Choose the selection that corrects any error that might exist in the underlined portions of the paragraphs. If there is no error, select “no change.”

The twisty mountain roads made Jordan feel queasy. He loved reading, but he decided it would be smart to put his book down until the roads were straight again. Putting the book down and looking out the window helped him feel better. As a bonus, he got to enjoy the mountain beauty!

- a. reading but
- b. down. Until
- c. down, looking
- d. no change

The essay assignment loomed in front of Andrew. He freely admitted. Writing didn't come easily to him, so he always put writing assignments off until the last minute. His mom gently pointed out that if he'd do them a little bit at a time, they'd be much easier to complete. He knew she was right, and he decided to buckle down and get to work.

- a. admitted writing
- b. time. They'd
- c. right. And
- d. no change

The Statue of Liberty has been a welcome sight for many immigrants across the years. As they arrived at nearby Ellis Island, they would see the statue and know they were entering a land of freedom and democracy. Standing over 151 feet tall. It is a quintessential emblem of liberty, known throughout the world.

- a. Island. They
- b. democracy, standing
- c. tall, it
- d. no change

Lesson 72: Adjectives

Underline the adjectives in the sentences below. If you need help, try to find the nouns first, and then underline the words that are describing them. There are multiple adjectives in each sentence.

The small, yippy dog barked well into the summer night.

The young mom brought her newborn baby to the doctor.

My helpful brother will happily carry your heavy bags.

Whose striped bag is sitting on the filthy floor?

Stephanie lost her purple ring after three months.

The baby zebra galloped across the dusty terrain.

That dog has beautiful fur.

The colorful graphics made the computer game extra fun.

The popcorn ceiling left white flakes in my hair as I painted it.

My cozy bed is loudly calling my name at the end of this day.

We had a delicious dinner of juicy steak and mashed potatoes.

The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog.

The colorful leaves fell to the cold ground in the gentle breeze.

Lesson 141: Common Verb Mistakes

These verbs are commonly misused. Try to match the verb with its definition. Learn from any mistakes you make.

rise	_____	A. past tense of lay
raised	_____	B. past tense of lie
have raised	_____	C. to get up
rose	_____	D. rest in an upright position
lie	_____	E. past tense of sit
lay	_____	F. past participle of raise
laid	_____	G. rest in a reclining position
set	_____	H. past tense of raise
sat	_____	I. put or place something
sit	_____	J. past tense of rise

See if you can figure out the right time to use lay and the right time to use lie.

My dog is _____ by the door. He often _____ here.
 laying lying lays lies

He has _____ here many times. He _____ here just this morning.
 laid lain laid lay

Birds _____ eggs. A hen _____ over 200 eggs a year.
 lay lie lays lies

I _____ my toothbrush on the sink. The US _____ to the south of Canada.
 lay laid lies lays

Lesson 165: Commas • Combining Sentences Language Arts 6

Fill in any missing commas in the sentences below.

The threat of impending storms causes me undue stress.

At face value your idea seems to have merit.

I asked you to pick up milk not eggs.

Bring your pennies nickels and dimes to the fundraiser tomorrow.

My cousin a soccer player likes to run for fun.

Combine the following sentences into a single sentence that contains only one independent clause.

My grandparents live in a simple farm house.

It's on Shadowfax Drive in Gentryville.

They are neighbors of the mayor.

Their yard has a large apple tree.

The branches of the apple tree hold a fantastic rope swing.

We jump from the swing into the creek behind the tree.
