

## EDITING TEST 1

Identify the sentence skills mistakes at the underlined spots in the selection that follows. From the box below, choose the letter that describes each mistake and write it in the space provided. Also correct the errors. The same mistake may appear more than once.

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| a. Sentence fragment                 | e. Mistake with quotation marks     |
| b. Run-on                            | f. Mistake in pronoun point of view |
| c. Mistake in subject-verb agreement | g. Spelling error                   |
| d. Mistake in verb tense             | h. No mistake                       |

One reason that I enjoy the commute to school is that the drive gives me uninterrupted time to myself.  
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The classes and socializing at college is great, and so is the time I spend with my family, but sometimes all this  
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togetherness keeps you from being able to think. In fact, I look forward to the time I have alone it gives me a  
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chance to plan what I'll accomplish in the days ahead. For example, one Tuesday afternoon my history professor  
announces that a rough outline for our semester report was due that Friday. Fortunately, I had already done some  
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reading, and I had checked my proposed topic with her the week before. Therefore, on the way home in the car  
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that evening. I planned the entire history report in my mind. Then all I had to do when I got home was quickly  
jot it down before I forgot it. When I handed the professor the outline at 8:30 Wednesday morning. She asked  
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me "if I had stayed up all night working on it."  
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| 2. _____ | 4. _____ | 6. _____ | 8. _____ | 10. _____ |

## EDITING TEST 2

Identify the sentence skills mistakes at the underlined spots in the selection that follows. From the box below, choose the letter that describes each mistake and write it in the space provided below. Also correct the errors. The same mistake may appear more than once.

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| a. Sentence fragment      | f. Missing capital letter  |
| b. Run-on                 | g. Missing quotation marks |
| c. Dropped verb ending    | h. Missing comma           |
| d. Irregular verb mistake | i. No mistake              |
| e. Dangling modifier      |                            |

In the unending war of people versus machines, a blow was striked by a man in pennsylvania who  
had a run-in with an automatic banking machine. At about ten o'clock one night, he approached the  
machine to make a withdrawal. After he inserted his card the machine spat it back at him. The same thing  
happen a second time. He put his card in again, this time the machine kept the card. And did not give him  
the money he had requested. By now the customer was totally disgusted. Hitting the machine with all his  
strength, the card still did not come back. This was the last straw he grabbed a metal trash can and  
proceeded to beat up the machine. Unfortunately, the machine still had his card, and the man was later  
arrested and charged with causing \$2,500 worth of damage. He didn't mind. "I have been ripped off so  
often, he said, "that it was time for me to get even."

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