

Practice Editing Grammar

Key:

1. D. The period makes two sentences, since there are two ideas in the text.
2. B. Although there are many adaptations in common, the second sentence contrasts the ideas. So, "However" is the best word to start the second sentence.
3. A. A period creates two sentences, and the word "Its" means that the *USS Kearsarge* had this job.
4. A. Since the third sentence extends the idea, the word "also" is the best way to show the connections between these ideas.
5. C. Since there are two separate ideas, a period followed by "This" creates two sentences for these two ideas.
6. B. The first two sentences discuss what marine engineers and naval architects do, but the third sentence contrasts what communication engineers do. The appropriate way to start a contrast sentence is "In contrast."
7. C. The word american should be capitalized: American.
8. D. The word "they" is missing. The first sentence would read: Robotics engineers design and build robots so they can do specific tasks.
9. B. The first sentence is missing end punctuation. A period would complete the sentence so it reads: The first American Navy started in 1775, and it was formed to help fight the Revolutionary War.
10. A. The word "spesial" should be spelled correctly: special.
11. C. The abbreviation for additive manufacturing should be capitalized as AM.

Parts of a Strong Paragraph

Key:

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. D
5. D
6. D
7. C

- **A topic sentence** is the start of a strong paragraph. This sentence is an introduction for the paragraph. It tells the main idea of the whole paragraph. A topic sentence does not include small details.
- **Supporting details** are in the middle of a paragraph. These sentences explain the main idea. They give extra details that the topic sentence did not explain.
- **A conclusion sentence** ends a strong paragraph. It is a short summary of the paragraph's main idea. It might sound similar to the topic sentence!

8. Supporting detail sentences should connect to the three ideas introduced in Molly's outline: the atmosphere, water cycle, and distance from the Sun support life on Earth. For example:
 - The water cycle on Earth causes weather, which helps plant life grow.
 - Earth's distance to the Sun supports life by keeping safe temperatures.

- 9.** 2
- 10.** 1, 3
- 11.** 3
- 12.** 2
- 13.** 2
- 14.** Remove the detail “, and football was invented over a hundred years ago”.
- Correct version: Football players use equipment to stay safe.
- 15.** Complete the main idea statement and make a complete sentence by adding a verb phrase, like “helped win major battles in American history”.
- Example of correction: Important ships helped win battles for America.
- 16.** Begin the sentence with a capital A, and end with a period.
- Correct version: **A**stronauts use many tools to complete science experiments in space.
- 17.** Remove the detail “, like my favorite flower tulips,”.
- Correct version: Plants use photosynthesis to get energy.
- 18.** Remove the detail “My name is Dee, and I am writing that cats use adaptations”.
- Example of correction: Cats use adaptations to do amazing things.
- 19.** Topic sentence should focus on the main idea of sport equipment. For example:
- Different types of equipment are important for playing many sports.
- 20.** Two detail sentences should include key details related to the topic sentence written in question 19. For example:
- Sports equipment like helmets and pads keep players safe.
 - Some sports have rules about using equipment in the game.
 - For example, helmets protect the head and knee pads protect knees.
- 21.** Conclusion sentence should mirror the topic sentence written in question 19, and it should not introduce any new details. For example:
- In conclusion, equipment is an important part of playing sports.

Author's Voice

Key:

Responses to each question can and should be different for each student. **There is no single "correct" answer.**

Acceptable answers keep the basic meaning of the given sentences while adding unique vocabulary or adjusting the sentence structure to match the writer's own voice. The sentences below are examples of student responses, but many others could be accepted.

#1 Examples. Dogs and cats each have different needs.

Dogs and cats do not need the exact same things.

Different things meet the needs of dogs and cats.

#2 Examples. Life on Earth is possible because of the water cycle.

The water cycle helps things live on Earth.

One key thing about Earth that supports life is the water cycle.

#3 Examples. Temperatures can be increased by increasing heat.

Increasing heat energy also increases temperature.

Temperatures increase when there is greater heat energy.

Getting Feedback on Your Writing

Key:

Correct sentences are shown below. Responses should also accurately use the symbols to represent each edit made (underlined capitalization, caret missing words, or circled punctuation).



1. Soccer is ^{the} best sport.
▪ Correct version: Soccer is the best sport.
2. Mountains can impact where rivers flow ~~into~~ across a continent.
▪ Correct version: Mountains can impact where rivers flow across a continent.
3. Neil Armstrong is famous for being the first person who walked on the Moon.
▪ Correct version: Neil Armstrong is famous for being the first person who walked on the Moon.
4. The Revolutionary War was fought by England and the colonies of America.
▪ Correct version: The Revolutionary War was fought by England and the colonies of America.
5. Math is an important skill for ~~successful in~~ many jobs.
▪ Correct version: Math is an important skill for many jobs.
6. Getting enough sleep can help students do well on test ^{and} feel better.
▪ Correct version: Getting enough sleep can help students do well on tests and feel better.
7. Engineers at NASA use the engineering process to solve problems.
▪ Correct version: Engineers at NASA use the engineering process to solve problems.
8. English is Mr. Cho's favorite class to teach.
▪ Correct version: English is Mr. Cho's favorite class to teach.
9. People ⁱⁿ history learned by reading books.
▪ Correct version: People in history learned by reading books.

- 10.** Monarch butterflies migrate thousands of miles across North America.
- Correct version: Monarch butterflies migrate thousands of miles across North America.
- 11.** Safety is the most important part of working in many construction jobs.
- Correct version: Safety is the most important part of working in many construction jobs.
- 12.** Some sports have a long history going back hundreds or thousands of years.
- Correct version: Some sports have a long history going back hundreds or thousands of years.