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## ELA BUZZ

**Anecdotes** are brief stories related to a specific topic. They are usually incidents from speakers' or authors' own lives or from the lives of people they know. Anecdotes can help explain or support a point.

Which of the following situations describes the use of an anecdote?

- a. Savannah is confused about the guidelines for a school mural. Her teacher prints up and reviews all the rules and requirements with her in detail.
- b. Seth says he's too new at drawing to enter a contest. His mom tells him about the time she tried out for a play alongside more experienced actors and still got a spot.
- c. Nalani isn't satisfied with her painting skills. Her cousin recommends an online video series that will show her new techniques and styles to help her improve.



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for the new pizza place menu.

Add punctuation to make the sentence correct.

Lincoln said Wouldn't it be awesome to have your artwork printed on a billboard



Prepositional phrases sometimes separate subjects from their verbs. Make sure the verb agrees with the subject, not the object of the preposition.

Circle the subject. Fill in the blank with the correct present perfect progressive tense of **promote**.

All the art teachers in our school \_\_\_\_\_ local art contests.

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**Dialogue tags** tell who a speaker is. They may have other clauses that tell what a speaker is doing, but they *must* include a speaking verb such as *said*.

**Action tags** tell what a speaker is doing *without* including a speaking verb. Unlike dialogue tags, they are offset from dialogue with ending punctuation, not commas.

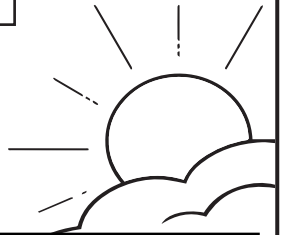
**Example:**     **Action tag:** Lea raised her hand. "Why was it built?"

**Dialogue tag:** Lea raised her hand and asked, "Why was it built?"

Check the box next to the correctly punctuated sentence.

Tiya gasped and said. "It weighs more than 10,000 tons?"

Marshall shook his head. "No, I've never been to France."



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Circle the correctly spelled words, then fill in the blanks to complete the sentence.

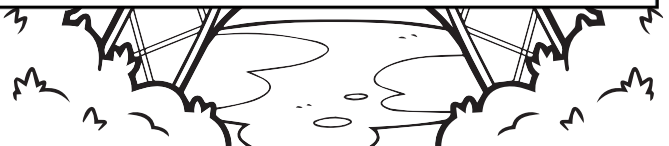
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The Eiffel Tower is one of the most popular \_\_\_\_\_ spots.

Add commas around the nonrestrictive appositive. Underline the antecedent it renames.

Gustave Eiffel engineer behind the Eiffel Tower also designed the Statue of Liberty.



Use a coordinating conjunction to create a compound sentence.

The Eiffel Tower isn't a house. It had an apartment for Gustave Eiffel.

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Larger birds like macaws and cockatoos are known for their **longevity**—many live upwards of 50 years!—which can be both rewarding and challenging for pet owners.

Use context to give a definition for the bold word.

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	<i>to lie</i>	<i>to lay</i>
present tense	lie / lies	lay / lays
past tense	lay	laid
present participle	lying	laying
past participle	lain	laid



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Check the box next to the sentence with no punctuation errors.

- "I'd love a pet lizard," said Munir, "but they require so much specialized care."
- "Unfortunately," said Lyric, "We don't have the space for a rabbit."
- "This is Pinch," said Debbie, "he's my hermit crab."

Circle the misspelled words, then spell them correctly on the lines.

Populer alternatives to pet mice or hamsters, gurbils are native to many parts of Eurasia and northern Africa.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Use context to fill in the blanks with a pair of correlative conjunctions.

Mr. Rosario would \_\_\_\_\_ keep a cat in his apartment \_\_\_\_\_ a dog, but he wouldn't say no if someone bought him a puppy!

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Modifiers can be unclear when not placed directly alongside the word or words they are modifying.

**1** Only free Athenian men could vote.

**2** Free Athenian men could vote only.

How does the meaning of sentence **2** differ from the meaning of sentence **1**?

Underline the common root in all three words.

~~democracy~~, government ruled by the people

Add commas around the transitional word, phrase, or clause in each example.



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Rewrite the sentence correctly.

All free greek men whom we're of age could assembl to discuss issues, and vote. **5 errors**

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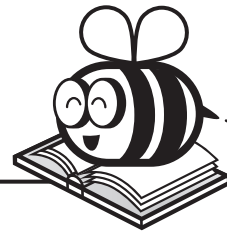
an absolute monarch.



Circle the coordinating conjunctions. Add the missing commas.

Ancient Greece is credited with creating the first democracy but not every city-state was democratic and not everyone could participate in the ones that were.

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*A quiet corner in the library hidden behind stacks of books. Students and teachers start to murmur.*

**JACK:** Ezra swore he'd bring the footage from last night's stakeout. What happened to promptness? We can't review it if it isn't here. *(He pauses a moment before snapping.)* This is getting ridiculous!

**TORI:** Hey! Don't abuse the furniture like that. Ms. Cervantes will be breathing down our necks if you don't relax. Getting banned from the library is the absolute last thing we need.

**JACK:** Aren't you anxious? If our suspicions are correct, the unexcused absences are just the tip of the iceberg. We've *got* to analyze that evidence. And what if he's not delayed? The alien invaders might've discovered, captured, and detained him! *(He flails.)*

**TORI:** Now *you're* the one being ridiculous.



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Fill in the blank with the correct plural or possessive form of **monkey**.

"We're no better than \_\_\_\_\_ to those aliens!" Jack said.

What idiom has the same meaning as **it's just the tip of the iceberg**?

- a. It's in the same ballpark.
- b. It's just a slap on the wrist.
- c. It only scratches the surface.

Circle the correctly spelled word to complete the sentence.

**disguysed    disguised    dissguyzed**

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Circle the adverb that shows degree. Underline the adverb that shows manner.

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Circle the prefix that means *not*.

anti **non** sub para

Fill in the blank with a word that means *not like a professional*.

Only nonprofessional

Rewrite the sentence correctly.

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**4 errors**

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All the art **teachers** in our school have been promoting local art

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**poem play short story**  
It uses **character dialogue tags and stage directions**.

How can you tell Ezra hit the table?

**Tori tells him "don't abuse the furniture."**

How can you tell the plot is still in the rising action phase?

**Answers will vary. The characters are only gathering evidence, so the plot is still building up.**

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"We're no better than monkeys to those aliens!" Jack said.

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