

WRITTEN COMPOSITION

Write a composition about your favorite memory.

The information in the box below will help you remember what you should think about when you write your composition.

REMEMBER—YOU SHOULD

- write about your favorite memory
- make your writing interesting to the reader
- make sure that each sentence you write helps the reader understand your composition
- make sure that your ideas are clear and easy for the reader to follow
- write about your ideas in detail so that the reader really understands what you are saying
- check your work for correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences

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Revising and Editing Sample

Charles wrote a story about migration. Migration is a term used to describe the movement of animals from one location to another. Charles wrote this paper and would like for you to read it. As you read, think about how he should correct and improve his paper. When you finish, answer the questions that follow.

The Mystery of Migration

(1) Scientists have learned many facts about the animals that live on our planet. (2) However, one thing remains quiet puzzling. (3) How does the process of migration work? (4) Scientists know that animals migrate to find food. (5) They also migrate to give birth. (6) Humpback whales, for example, usually live in the icy waters of the Arctic and the Antarctic, but when it comes time to have their babies, they move to the warmer waters near the equator.



S-1 What change should be made in sentence 2?

- A.** Change *remains* to **remain**
- B.** Delete the comma after *However*
- C.** Change *quiet* to **quite**

S-2 What is the BEST way to combine sentences 4 and 5?

- A.** Scientists know that animals migrate to find food, they also migrate to give birth.
- B.** Scientists know that animals migrate to find food or give birth.
- C.** Scientists know that to find food and migrate, animals give birth.



REVISING AND EDITING

DO NOT GO ON TO THE REVISING AND EDITING SECTION.
WHEN YOU FINISH THE READING AND WRITTEN
COMPOSITION SECTION, RAISE YOUR HAND AND WAIT
FOR A TEST ADMINISTRATOR TO ASSIST YOU.





Tasha read a story about the unusual wedding of Ekaterina Dmitriev and Yuri Malenshenko. Tasha wrote this paper and would like for you to read it. As you read, think about how she should correct and improve her paper. When you finish, answer the questions that follow.



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Out-of-This-World Wedding

(1) In some ways it was just like any other wedding. (2)

The bride wore a tradition wedding gown and was surrounded by family and friends. (3) In other ways, this wedding was very different. (4) The groom was wearing a flight suit and 240 miles above Earth on the International Space Station floating.



1. What change should be made in sentence 2?

A. Change *tradition* to **traditional**

B. Insert a comma after *gown*

C. Change *surrounded* to **surounded**

2. What is the BEST way to revise sentence 4?

F. The groom, who was wearing a flight suit, he was floating 240 miles above Earth on the International Space Station.

G. The groom was wearing a flight suit and floating 240 miles above Earth on the International Space Station.

H. The groom was wearing a flight suit. Floating 240 miles above Earth on the International Space Station.



(5) On August 10, 2003, Ekaterina married Russian astronaut Yuri in the world's first space wedding. (6) The ceremony took place during a live video link between the Johnson space center in Houston and the International Space Station. (7) The couple had wanted to get married in the same room. (8) However when Yuri's mission was extended, they decided not to wait for his return.

3. What change should be made in sentence 6?

A. Change *during* to *durring*

B. Change *took* to *taking*

C. Change *Johnson space center* to **Johnson Space Center**



(9) The meeting room at the space center was decorated to look like a wedding chapel. (10) Yuri and his crewmate Edward, appeared on a giant video screen. (11) Edward was the best man. (12) Edward played the "Wedding March." (13) He used a portable keyboard. (14) The bride and groom each placed a wedding ring on their own finger. (15) The ceremony ended with Ekaterina and Yuri blowing each other a kiss.

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4. What change should be made in sentence 9?

F. Insert **it** after *center*

G. Change *decoratted* to **decorated**

H. Change *wedding chapel* to **Wedding Chapel**



5. What is the BEST way to combine sentences 12 and 13?

A. Edward played the “Wedding March,” he used a portable keyboard.

B. Edward played the “Wedding March” and a portable keyboard.

C. Edward played the “Wedding March” on a portable keyboard.



(16) After the ceremony, the bride and the guests they attended a reception. (17) Before entering the reception, Ekaterina spoke with reporters. (18) Standing next to a cardboard cutout of her groom, she told reporters that their long-distance relationship had brought her and Yuri closer. (19) She then grabbed the cardboard cutout and said, I'm taking him with me."

6. What change should be made in sentence 16?

F. Delete *they*

G. Change *attended* to *will attend*

H. Change *reception* to *reception*

7. What change should be made in sentence 19?

A. Change *grabbed* to *grabed*

B. Delete the comma

C. Insert quotation marks before *I'm*





Isabelle wrote this report about paper money. Read Isabelle's report and think about how she should correct and improve her paper. When you finish, answer the questions that follow.



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Paper Money

(1) There are many interesting facts about the paper money we use in the United States. (2) First, it isn't actually made from regular paper. (3) It is made from a blend of cotton and linen. (4) That's why a dollar bill doesn't fall apart when it accidentally goes in a washing machine. (5) You would have to fold a dollar bill 4,000 times before it would tear.



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8. Which transition word or phrase could BEST be added to the beginning of sentence 5?

F. In comparison,

G. Finally,

H. In fact,

(6) As sturdy as paper money is, it eventually wears out and have to be replaced. (7) The time it takes for this to happen is not the same for all bills. (8) A one-dollar bill may last just 22 months because it is handled so often. (9) A hundred-dollar bill, the largest bill used today could last as long as nine years because it is used less often.

9. What change should be made in sentence 6?

A. Change ***have to be replaced*** to ***has to be replaced***

B. Change ***sturdy*** to ***sturdey***

C. Change ***wears*** to ***worn***



10. What change should be made in sentence 9?

F. Change *largest* to *larger*

G. Insert a comma after *today*

H. Delete *because*

(10) You may wonder what happens to money when it finally does wear out. (11) The bureau of engraving and printing is the agency responsible for printing U.S. money. (12) It is also this agency's job to collect damaged money. (13) The old money is shredded, and the old money is then used in a variety of ways. (14) People are working to find ways to recycle old money and use it in products such as filters and vacuum-cleaner bags. (15) Some artists have used shredded money in their artwork. (16) Artists are creative people. (17) One company even sells shredded money. (18) It puts the pieces in bags or bottles. (19) People can buy a bag of shredded money for much less than its original value.



11. What change, if any, should be made in sentence 11?

A. Change *bureau of engraving and printing* to **Bureau of Engraving and Printing**

B. Delete *is*

C. Change *responsible* to **responsibly**

12. What is the BEST way to revise sentence 13?

F. The old money, which is shredded in a variety of ways, it is then used.

G. The old money is shredded. To be then used in a variety of ways.

H. The old money is shredded and then used in a variety of ways.



- 13.** Which sentence does NOT belong in this report?
- A.** Sentence 10
 - B.** Sentence 16
 - C.** Sentence 17
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Matt wrote this story about a trip he and his family took to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mat would like you to read his story and think about how he should correct and improve his paper. When you finish, answer the questions that follow.



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Up, Up, and Away!

(1) In October my family and I took a trip to the International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico. (2) I had never seen so many hot-air balloons in my life. (3) We saw balloons in a wide variety of shapes. (4) But the best part of our trip was when we went for a ride in a hot-air balloon.



(5) We arrived early in the morning to help the crew get the balloon off the ground. (6) First, we unrolled the colored part of the balloon. (7) Then, the pilot connected the balloon to the burner and basket. (8) An assistant brought out an enormous fan. (9) I held the mouth of the balloon open while the fan blasted air into it. (10) When the balloon looked half-full we stood aside so that the pilot could turn on the burner. (11) The fan continued adding air, and the burner kept heating it. (12) Because hot air rises, the balloon started to go up. (13) The crew held the basket down while my family and I climbed into it. (14) We were off!

14. What change should be made in sentence 10?

F. Change *looked* to **looks**

G. Insert a comma after *half-full*

H. Change *we* to **you**



15. Which sentence could BEST follow sentence 13?

A. I guess this was another part of their job.

B. I was wearing a jacket because it was cool that morning.

C. When everyone was settled, the workers let go of the basket.

(15) I felt like a bird flying graceful above the city. (16) As my sister and I looked down, we thought the houses looked like dollhouses. (17) The pilot explained that he could steer the balloon by changing its height to catch different air currents. (18) I could have stayed up in the air forever! (19) But eventually it was time to return to Earth. (20) The pilot let me pull a rope that opened a flap in the top of the balloon. (21) The hot air escaped, the balloon began to sink slowly. (22) Suddenly I felt a bump. (23) We skidded to a stop on the ground. (24) The ride was over. (25) When I close my eyes, I can still rember what it felt like to be lighter than air.



16. What change should be made in sentence 15?

F. Change *soaring* to **soar**

G. Change *graceful* to **gracefully**

H. Change *the city* to **it**

17. What is the BEST way to rewrite sentence 21?

A. As the hot air escaped, the balloon began to sink slowly.

B. The hot air escaping. And the balloon began to sink slowly.

C. Because the hot air escaped. The balloon began to sink slowly.

18. What change should be made in sentence 25?

F. Change *rember* to **remember**

G. Change *felt* to **feeled**

H. Change *lighter* to **more lighter**





Carolyn read an article about a sailing race around the world. Carolyn would like you to read her story and think about how she should correct and improve her paper. When you finish, answer the questions that follow.



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Sailing Solo

(1) Tim began sailing when he was 11 years old. (2) At that age, he had no idea that he would one day sail around the entire world. (3) In 2003, at the age of 50, Tim did just that. (4) Tim won second place in a race around the world.

(5) For more than 20 years, sailors have competed in a boat race called Around Alone. (6) Each sailor must sail around the entire world alone. (7) The trip is not easy. (8) Sailors face frightening waves, strong winds, and bad weather. (9) They also have to work in very hot and very cold temperatures.



(10) With no one else to rely on for help, the sailors must often stay awake for long periods of time to make sure they are on course and out of danger.

(11) Tim's journey went good. (12) He had two types of radar to warn other boats that he was approaching. (13) He checked with a laptop computer that he had for checking electronic charts and weather maps. (14) Tim used his computer to communicate with his two daughters in Wisconsin, as well as with students across the United States who was following his travels on the Internet. (15) He brought along other equipment too, including a satellite phone for emergencies. (16) I'm sure it was much more reliable than a cell phone.

19. What change should be made in sentence 11?

- A. Change *Tim's* to *Tims'*
- B. Change *journey* to *journy*
- C. Change *good* to *well*



20. What is the BEST way to rewrite the idea in sentence 13?

F. He had a laptop computer for checking electronic charts and weather maps.

G. He checked electronic charts and weather maps. With a laptop computer that he had.

H. He checked with a laptop computer. That he had for checking electronic charts and weather maps.

21. What change should be made in sentence 14?

A. Change *communicate* to **communicate**

B. Change *was following* to **were following**

C. Insert a comma after *computer*



(17) When he finished the race, Tim was greeted by a welcoming crowd that included their two daughters. (18) Before starting the trip, he said, The stars are aligned to make the dream a reality now." (19) Tim's smile proved that his dream had come true.

22. What change should be made in sentence 17?

F. Change *that* to **it**

G. Change *welcoming* to **welcomming**

H. Change *their* to **his**

23. What change should be made in sentence 18?

A. Delete the comma after *said*

B. Insert quotation marks before *The*

C. Change the period to a comma



24. Which sentence does NOT belong in this paper?

F. Sentence 3

G. Sentence 16

H. Sentence 19





Thomas tells his version of a Native American fable that teaches a lesson. Read his story and think about how the corrections and the improvement should be made. When you finish, answer the questions that follow.

Why Possum's Tail Is Bare

(1) Long ago, Possum had a bushy tail. (2) He carried it high, looking around to make sure the other animals noticed his fur. (3) Possum thought that he was very special.

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25. What change should be made in sentence 2?

- A. Change *He carried* to **Carrying**
 - B. Change *noticed* to **noticed**
 - C. Change *his* to **their**
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(4) Whenever Possum passed Rabbit, he would speak in a superior tone. (5) "I'm sorry," he would say, "that your tail is just a little puff. (6) I hope the sight of my fine, bushy tail doesn't embarrass you." (7) Then he would move on, he would swish his tail in Rabbit's angry face.

26. What revision is needed in sentence 7?

F. Then he would move on, swishing his tail in rabbit's angry face.

G. Then he would move on. Swishing his tail in Rabbit's angry face.

H. Then he would move on and swish in Rabbit's angry face his tail.



(8) When feast day arrived, Rabbit delivered invitations to all the animals in the forest. (9) Of course, he found Possum brushing his tail. (10) "Will you be able to attend the feast," Rabbit asked.

27. What change should be made in sentence 10?

A. Change *attend* to *atend*

B. Change *you* to *yours*

C. Change the comma to a question mark

(11) Possum nodded, saying, "It would be selfish to keep my beautiful tail out of sight." (12) Then he looked with pity at Rabbit's little tail. (13) Rabbit's blood boiled!

(14) Later that day Rabbit visited Cricket. (15) Annoyed by Possum's bragging, the two friends came up with a plan.



(16) Cricket was well known as an expert hairstylist. (17) When she offered to style Possum's tail, he was thrilled. (18) He dozed. (19) Cricket combed and cut. (20) Finally, Cricket stood back as if to admire her work. (21) "I'm going to protect your beautiful tail with this red scarf," she said. (22) "You can untie it at the feast when the dancing begin."

28. What is the BEST way to combine sentences 18 and 19?

F. He dozed because Cricket combed and cut.

G. He dozed as Cricket combed and cut.

H. He dozed, combed, and cut Cricket.

29. What change should be made in sentence 22?

A. Change *it* to **them**

B. Insert a semicolon after *feast*

C. Change *begin* to **begins**



(23) At that evening's feast the drums began to beat. (24) Possum untied the scarf, and Possum leaped onto the dance floor. (25) He flicked his tail, but there was no familiar whoosh of wind from waving fur. (26) Instead, his backside felt cold. (27) Suddenly, they heard the other animals laughing. (28) At that point, Possum realized that his tail was complete bald! (29) He was so embarrassed that he rolled over and pretended to be dead. (30) To this day possums everywhere roll over and play dead when they are upset

30. What is the BEST way to revise sentence 24?

F. Possum untied the scarf and leaped onto the dance floor.

G. Possum untied the scarf that leaped onto the dance floor.

H. Possum untied the scarf. And leaped onto the dance floor.



31. What change should be made in sentence 27?

A. Change *heard* to **herd**

B. Change *they* to **he**

C. Change *laughing* to **laughed**

32. What change should be made in sentence 28?

F. Change *realized* to **relized**

G. Change the second *that* to **it**

H. Change *complete* to **completely**

