Editors

1. How should the sentence below be rewritten to avoid incorrect punctuation?

"What is the name of your dog"? my friend asked.

- A. "What is the name of your dog?" my friend asked.
- B. "What is the name of your dog? my friend asked."
- C. "What is the name of your dog" my friend asked?
- D. "What is the name of your dog," my friend asked.

2. Which of the following sentences contains a spelling error?

- A. I would make an educated gess when I was unsure of an answer.
- B. Billy and Shelly studied together for the math test last night.
- C. I thought the science test was too long to take in an hour.
- D. Coby wrote an incredible essay about his grandmother's life.

3. What type of error can be found in the paragraph below?

Have you ever visited Mt. Rushmore. My family took a trip to Mt. Rushmore when I was in seventh grade. It was a magnificent sight!

- A. punctuation
- B. subject/verb agreement
- C. capitalization
- D. spelling

4. Ronald Reagan was the 40th President of the United States. Mr Reagan, an actor turned politician, was governor of California before becoming President of the United States. Mr Reagan won the 1980 election by defeating President Jimmy Carter.

What type of error can be found in the paragraph above?

- A. spelling
- B. capitalization
- C. incomplete sentence
- D. punctuation
5. Proofread the paragraph below for organization. Which of the four sentences should be moved to the beginning to improve the flow of the paragraph?

Throughout his presidency, he wanted this country to be one nation with liberty and justice for all. At Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, after a terrible battle in which many soldiers died, President Lincoln made a famous speech known as the Gettysburg Address. Abraham Lincoln was President of the United States during the Civil War. He said that the soldiers who died in battle died for a very important reason.

A. sentence 4  
B. sentence 2  
C. sentence 3  
D. sentence 1

6. Which of the following sentences contains a spelling error?

A. I ate some chicken soup when I was sick.  
B. I went to see the doctor when I was not feeling well.  
C. It didn't take Tom too long to catch up with the rest of the class.  
D. Tom got behind in his school work when he missed school because he was sick.

7. Every day after school, Carla and I would study for our math class. One day while walking home, Carla said, "I won't be able to study our math assignments with you anymore. My family is moving to Hillsborough, and I'll be going to another school." We were both sad and tearful, but then I had an idea. We could still study together using the Internet at home.

What type of error can be found in the paragraph above?

A. capitalization  
B. spelling  
C. punctuation  
D. usage

8. Which of the following sentences contains a spelling error?

A. Mrs. Wagner was my teacher when I was in third grade.  
B. Do you remember when we were in the fourth grade?  
C. That was my favorite year!  
D. My favorite subject in school is science.

9. Which of the following sentences contains an error in usage?
10. Which of the following sentences contains an error in word choice?

A. Leslie was the first one to finish.
B. I thought the test was very difficult.
C. Tom received the highest test score in our class.
D. Kerry knew the correct answer to every question on the test.

11. What type of error can be found in the paragraph below?

Every year, people come from all over the world to visit Walt Disney World in Florida. Many people visit from as far away as Europe, Asia, and South America. Disney World, with its many theme parks, is a fun place to visit for people of all ages and nationalities.

A. punctuation
B. spelling
C. subject-verb agreement
D. capitalization

12. Which of the following sentences contains an error in punctuation?

A. Barry tried to draw the house, but he could not portray it correctly.
B. Jason played for the red team and Kerry played for the blue team.
C. The dogs ate our leftovers after dinner each evening.
D. Julie bought three items at the store: milk, bread, and cereal.

13. Which of the following sentences contains an error in word choice?

A. The test covers planets and stars.
B. I studied more for this test than I normally do.
C. I have a very important science test tomorrow.
D. I had begun to study for the test by five o’clock.

14. Which of the following sentences contains an error in word choice?

A. My brother worried that he had not studied hard enough for the test.
B. Everyone knew about the party except Kate.
15. Proofread the below paragraph for organization. Which of the four sentences should be moved to the beginning to improve the flow of the paragraph below?

1 The invention of the VCR enabled us to record our favorite programs. 2 The installation of electricity into homes began a series of inventions that Ben Franklin never imagined. 3 The invention of television enabled people to see as well as hear entertainment in their homes. 4 The invention of radio enabled people to hear news and entertainment in their homes.

- A. sentence 1
- B. sentence 3
- C. sentence 2
- D. sentence 4

16. Which of the following sentences contains a spelling error?

- A. I am glad that test is over.
- B. Jill was very glad to receive an A on the test.
- C. We have a history exam next Thursday.
- D. I knew every correct anser on the test.

17. Which of the following sentences contains an error in word choice?

- A. Carrie's mother took the entire soccer team to practice.
- B. Mrs. Frank gave us our assignments before class ended.
- C. They took there dog to the veterinarian to have his vaccinations.
- D. My brother thinks we should get another puppy to keep our dog company.

18. How many punctuation errors are found in the sentences below?

Have you ever run in a relay race. If you imagine a relay race, then you'll understand how the Pony Express worked.

- A. 4
- B. 3
- C. 1
- D. 2

19. This afternoon my mom was home for lunch. She wanted to know about my schedule for the
day. My mom asked, Do you have band practice after school?" I told her I did, and she asked me if I needed a ride home.

What type of error can be found in the paragraph above?

- A. spelling
- B. subject/verb agreement
- C. capitalization
- D. punctuation

20. Jealousy is an unpleasant emotion, yet it's difficult to escape. It seems like there's always something in the world to make you jealous. From losing a sports contest to your neighbor's new car, you have probably experienced jealousy. You must get a grip on your tendencies before jealousy rears its ugly head.

Which sentence in the reading selection above contains a misspelled word?

- A. It seems like there's always something in the world to make you jealous.
- B. You must get a grip on your tendencies before jealousy rears it's ugly head.
- C. From losing a sports contest to your neighbor's new car, you have probably experienced jealousy.
- D. Jealousy is an unpleasant emotion, yet it's difficult to escape.
Answers

1. A
2. A
3. A
4. D
5. C
6. B
7. A
8. B
9. C
10. D
11. D
12. B
13. D
14. B
15. C
16. D
17. C
18. C
19. D
20. B
Explanations

1. The sentence should be written:
   "What is the name of your dog?" my friend asked.
   The corrected error is in **bold**.

2. **I would make an educated gess when I was unsure of an answer.**

   Correct spelling: **guess**

3. The opening question is missing a question mark. It should read:

   *Have you ever visited Mt. Rushmore?*

4. **Mr. Reagan - Mr.** is an abbreviation and must end with a period.

5. The sentence would flow better if it read:

   Abraham Lincoln was President of the United States during the Civil War. Throughout his presidency, he wanted this country to be one nation with liberty and justice for all. At Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, after a terrible battle in which many soldiers died, President Lincoln made a famous speech known as the Gettysburg Address. He said that the soldiers who died in battle died for a very important reason.

6. **I went to see the docter when I was not feeling well.**

   Correct spelling: **doctor**

7. Every sentence should begin with a capital letter. The sentence "my family is moving, and I'll be going to another school" is missing a capital letter. It should read: **My family is moving, and I'll be going to another school.**

8. **Do you remember when we were in the forth grade?**

   This sentence should read:
   **Do you remember when we were in the fourth grade?**

9. **Yesterday, my class take a field trip to the new planetarium.**

   The sentence contains an error in verb tense. The sentence should read:
   **Yesterday, my class took a field trip to the new planetarium.**

10. **Kerry new the correct answer to every question on the test.**

    This sentence should read:
Kerry knew the correct answer to every question on the test.

11. Europe, Asia, and South America are proper nouns and must be capitalized.

12. Jason played for the red team and Kerry played for the blue team.

   The sentence is a compound sentence and should have a comma after the word "team." The sentence should read:

   Jason played for the red team, and Kerry played for the blue team.

13. I had began to study for the test by five o'clock.

   This sentence should read:
   I had begun to study for the test by five o'clock.

14. Everyone knew about the party accept Kate.

   The sentence should read:

   Everyone knew about the party except Kate.

15. The sentence would flow better if it read:

   The installation of electricity into homes began a series of inventions that Ben Franklin never imagined. The invention of the VCR enabled us to record our favorite programs. The invention of television enabled people to see as well as hear entertainment in their homes. The invention of radio enabled people to hear news and entertainment in their homes.

16. I knew every correct anser on the test.

   Correct spelling: answer

17. They took there dog to the veterinarian to have his vaccinations.

   The sentence should read:

   They took their dog to the veterinarian to have his vaccinations.

18. 1 Error: The first sentence should end in a question mark.

19. The third sentence is missing an opening quotation mark. It should read: My mom asked, "Do you have band practice after school?"

20. The sentence, "You must get a grip on your tendencies before jealousy rears it's ugly head" has the incorrect spelling. "It's" should appear as "its" because it is the possessive form of the pronoun "it," which is referring to jealousy. "It's" is a contraction of "it is."

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