7. **Black Widow—Beware!**

Be careful when cleaning out your garage. You may find a unwelcome guest! The black widow spider often hides in dark corners of barns, sheds, and garages. The bite of a female black widow is poisonous and caused illness and severe pain. You can identify the female black widow by the bright red or yellow hourglass marking on his back. The male black widow is smallest and has red marks along the sides of his abdomen. The female may bite if you disturb her. The goodest idea is to look before you move anything.

Find the **7** errors in this activity. There are no errors in the picture or the caption.
8. Icebergs

Icebergs are like floating hills formed from frozen salt water. They can be many miles long and hundreds of foot high. Some icebergs are as big as a ten-story building. Only a small part of an iceberg shows because most of it lays underneath the land. Most icebergs are formed during the spring and summer when the weather is warmer. The ice melted as the sun shines and water collects in pools on top of the iceberg. Sailors of long ago collected the fresh water as it fell from the icebergs.

Huge chunks of glaciers sometimes break off and fall into the sea to become icebergs.

Find the 6 errors in this activity. There are no errors in the picture or the caption.
10. Detective Byrd

“I just know that Byrd would find Doctor Waller this week Megan!” Mark Bernowski said to his wife. He **grabbed** the Sunday paper and turned to the comics. The new episode of Detective Byrd appeared on page D-12. Mark and Megan enjoyed reading about the penguin who was following Dr. Waller’s kidnapper to the North Pole. They were disappointed to find that the strip ended with Byrd checking footprints. Then they notice the tree. “Watch out” they both exclaimed.

In today’s episode, Detective Byrd tracks Dr. Waller’s kidnapper. It seems that the kidnapper is taking Dr. Waller to the earth’s southernmost point.

Find the 7 errors in this activity. There are no errors in the picture or the caption.

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Your Friend,

Olaf

Find the 9 errors in this activity. There are no errors in the picture or the caption.
20. Biking Home

8 errors: 2 Content, 4 punctuation; 2 spelling

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1. July 8, 2009—Punctuation: comma used between day of month and year \[5.8\]
2. 2009,—Punctuation: comma used after month day, year in sentence \[5.9\]
3. baseball—Content: see caption and diamond-shaped field in illustration \[2.1\]
4. Apple Road—Content: see upper road running alongside Johnson home \[2.1\]
5. math. No—Punctuation: period at end of declarative sentence \[5.19\]
6. where—Spelling \[6.1\]
7. were—Spelling \[6.1\]
8. Street,—Punctuation: comma used between elements of an address \[5.6\]

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21. Earth’s Seasons

9 errors: 2 content; 4 capitalization; 1 grammar; 1 usage; 1 punctuation

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1. Sofia,—Punctuation: comma in greeting of friendly letter \[5.10\]
2. Mrs.—Capital: abbreviated title \[1.6\]
3. taught—Usage: word pair (teach/learn) \[4.5\]
4. sun—Content: See illustration and caption \[2.1\]
5. Hemisphere it has—Grammar: noun or pronoun (not both) as subject \[4.6\]
6. Pole—Capital: proper noun \[1.3\]
7. New Year’s—Capital: holiday \[1.8\]
8. summer—Content: According to the illustration, Chile is in the Southern Hemisphere. From the caption, you can conclude that winter occurs in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres at opposite times of the year. Since Montana is in the Northern Hemisphere and has winter in January, Chile must have summer in January. \[2.1\]
9. friend,—Capital: unnecessary \[1.10\]