1. The Planetarium

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In the planetarium, lights are shone on the curved ceiling to simulate stars and planets that may be light-years away. The author's favorite scene is shown above, where the moon's craters surround the audience.

Find the 9 errors in this activity. There are no errors in the illustration or the caption.
7. Making Maple Syrup

Large sugar bush operators now have pipeline systems, but small farmers still gathers sap from sugar pine trees by hand they empty the sap into a big tub and drive it by tractor and wagon to the sugar shanty where the liquid is boiled. It takes about twenty-five gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup.

This year, Claire and Dave Bevy are looking for help. “Watch and learn from we experts”, they say, “and you will do well. Then, if you ask permission to taste the sweet and sticky samples, our answer will be that you can. After a day of making maple syrup, you will be very tired, but you will have have a lot of fun”!

Find the 9 errors in this activity. There are no errors in the illustration or the caption.
18. The Wright Stuff

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Find the 13 errors in this activity. There are no errors in the illustration or the caption.
33. Letter to Madagascar

University of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, LA 70803
April 29, 2010

Dr. Phillipe Tsirana
University of Madagascar
Antananarivo, Madagascar

Dear Dr. Tsirana,

Thank you for assisting me in obtaining a travel visa. I will arrive at 4:00 p.m. on June 6 and will stay for twenty six weeks to study the ring-tailed lemurs in their natural habitat. They live in the rain forest and woodland in southwestern Madagascar. My article will be titled “The impact of deforestation on territorial behavior in Ring-tailed Lemurs”. I plan to bring my daughter with me. He is 14 and very excited about seeing Madagascar. I hope your colleague, Yvette, will be in town when we arrive. We look forward to seeing you and she. Oh I almost forgot. Whom will be meeting us at the airport and were should we meet?

Sincerely

Dr. Neva Ledesma

Find the 12 errors in this activity. There are no errors in the picture or the caption.
ANSWERS

This answer key provides the following information for each activity: the number and types of errors, a paragraph using superscribed numbers to show the locations of the errors, a corresponding number key explaining the errors, and the corrected paragraph.

Note that in the error count below, a run-on sentence or a sentence fragment is counted as one error even though the correction may require two changes, e.g., adding or deleting a period and a capital letter.

The errors in English mechanics in Editor in Chief® B1 have been geared to correspond to an intermediate-level English curriculum. For further information about the rules of grammar, usage, and punctuation covered in this book, see the Grammar Guide on pp. 59–83.

1. The Planetarium

9 errors—2 content; 1 capitalization; 3 grammar/usage; 1 punctuation; 2 spelling

The Planetarium Errors

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1. your visit—Spelling [6.1]
2. curved—Content: See illustration and caption [2.1]
3. ceiling—Spelling [6.1]
4. simulate—Usage: agreement of verb with subject (lights/simulate) [4.2]
5. a view—Grammar: article a before consonant sound [3.5]
7. summer—Capital: unnecessary [1.8]
8. view from—Punctuation: sentence fragment [5.38]
9. moon’s—Content: see illustration and caption (Earth appears in the background, so we cannot be viewing

from the earth; also, the caption says the moon’s craters surround the audience.)

(Acceptable: view of the earth’s surface OR view of the earth) [2.1]

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2. On a Grand Scale

10 errors—2 content; 1 capitalization; 4 grammar/usage; 1 punctuation; 2 spelling

On a Grand Scale Errors

The ancient egyptian architects built on a grand scale. Their greatest achievement was the pyramids. These pyramids were constructed as tombs for the pharaohs, the base of the Great Pyramid near Cairo lays on a piece of land equal in size to ten football fields. Huge limestone blocks weighing as much
where placed layer upon layer to rise pyramids that were around 600 feet tall. Egyptian architects also built their structures to last. The three pyramids at Giza are the largest and best preserved of all the Egyptian pyramids. There over 4,000 years old. The pyramids are considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and are the only ones still standing.

1. Egyptian architects—Capital: proper adjective [1.4]
2. pharaohs. The—Punctuation: run-on sentence [5.37, 1.1, 5.26]
3. lies on—Usage: word pair (lie/lay) [4.8]
4. 5,000—Content: see caption [2.1]
5. were—Spelling [6.1]
6. raise pyramids—Usage: word pair (rise/raise) [4.8]
7. 500 feet tall—Content: see illustration [2.1]
8. largest—Grammar: superlative adjective [3.9, 3.1]
9. They're—Spelling (Acceptable: They are) [6.1]
10. one—Usage: agreement of pronoun with noun (one of the Seven Wonders/one) [4.1]

On a Grand Scale Corrected

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3. Use of Peanut Oil

10 errors—2 content; 6 grammar/usage; 1 punctuation; 1 spelling

Uses of Peanut Oil Errors

Watch out if you have just eaten a peanut butter sandwich! That snack of yours may be more powerful than you think. The oil of peanuts is used for making nitroglycerin, a nonexplosive ingredient of dynamite. The oil is rarely used in household items. Grooming products and paint sometimes contain peanut oil. It is used in salad dressing, to.

Compared to olive oil, peanut oil is considered by some people to be the most tasty. Indeed peanut oil has many uses.

1. have just eaten—Grammar: helping verb (used in present perfect tense) [3.26, 3.24, 3.25]
2. of yours—Grammar: possessive pronoun used without noun [3.19]
3. you think—Usage: agreement of verb with subject (in adverb clause) [4.2]
4. an explosive—Content: see caption [2.1]
5. oil is commonly used—Content: see illustration and caption (Acceptable: often OR sometimes OR also OR oil is rarely used) [2.1]
6. contain—Usage: agreement of verb with compound subject (products and paint/contain) [4.3]
7. too—Spelling [6.1]
8. more tasty—Grammar: comparative adjective [3.9, 3.1]
9. Indeed,—Punctuation: comma used after introductory word [5.14]
10. many uses—Usage: agreement of noun with adjective in number [4.5]

Uses of Peanut Oil Corrected

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1. Westville, NV—Punctuation: comma separates elements of address [5.7]
3. pinto—Content: see illustration and caption [2.1]
4. Chairman Pavick—Capital: title used as part of name [1.6]
5. bring—Usage: word pair (bring/take) [4.8]
6. he—Grammar: pronoun used as subject (in adverb clause) [3.19]
7. 12:00—Punctuation: colon used with hours and minutes [5.4]
8. Sunday—Capital: day of week [1.8]
9. an hour—Grammar: article an before vowel sound [3.5]
10. women’s—Punctuation: ’s used with plural possessive not ending in s [5.3]
11. five days—Content: see illustration and caption (the 17th to the 21st is 5 days) [2.1]
12. days, Nina—Punctuation: comma used with noun of address [5.13]

Pinto Show Corrected

101 Pine St.
Westville, NV 89500
July 8, 1994

Dear Nina,

Please join me in Westville for the annual pinto show! It will be better than ever because Chairman Pavick has planned a lot of new activities. When you come, bring your partner so that you and he may compete in a mixed event. The pinto parade will be at 12:00 on Sunday, and an hour of various women’s and men’s competitions will follow. The show runs for only five days, Nina, so come as soon as you can.

Your friend,

Sula

13. The Wright Stuff

13 errors—3 content; 5 grammar/usage; 3 punctuation; 2 spelling

The Wright Stuff Errors

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17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright brung powered flight to humans. Other events in the Wright's lives may not be as well known. In the early years, the two sold bicycles. They could of continued in the bicycle business, but they developed an interest in aeronautics. They experimented with gliders and built a wing tunnel to test various wing shapes. For less than $100, the two men eventually designed and builted the first power airplane. Orville was the first to fly it because he have won a coin toss for the honor. It’s hard to believe that their hometown newspaper did not even cover this momentous event in 1903, whom would have guessed that the skies would soon be our?

1. 1903—Content: see illustration [2.1]
2. 1903,—Punctuation: comma used after year (month day, year,) in sentence [5.10]
3. brought—Grammar: past tense (irregular) [3.22, 3.24]
4. Wrights—Punctuation: apostrophe used with plural possessive ending in s [5.3]
5. could have—Spelling [6.5]
6. wind tunnel—Content: see illustration [2.1]
7. $1000—Content: see caption [2.1]
8. two—Spelling [6.1]
9. built—Grammar: past tense (irregular) [3.22, 3.24]
10. had won—Grammar: helping verb (used in past perfect tense) [3.26, 3.24]
11. event. In 1903,—Punctuation: run-on sentence (Acceptable: event! In 1903, OR [though meaning changes slightly] event in 1903. Who) [5.37, 5.26, 1.1]
12. who—Grammar: pronoun who used as subject [3.21]
13. ours—Grammar: possessive pronoun used without noun [3.19]

The Wright Stuff Corrected

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