

Editing
Exercise 1

This exercise tests your skills in editing. Each of the sentences contains underlined sections. Circle the underlined section where an error occurs. There is no more than one error in each sentence. If there is no error, circle No error.

1. According to a study, air pollution in Mexico City is so bad that breathing Mexico City's air is equivalent to smoking 2 packs of cigarettes a day. No error.
2. The *Paseo de la Reforma* in Mexico City is a grand avenue lined with trees, small parks, fountains, and statues, but it stands in sharp contrast to the unpaved, dusty streets in the poor neighborhoods. No error.
3. The traveler to Mexico City will find it's a bustling, sophisticated city with charm and beauty; you will also find poverty, pollution, and neglect. No error.
4. Any normal college; therefore, sets aside money for athletic scholarships, knowing that its investment will be repaid in full. No error.
5. Modern computers have demonstrated the ability to think, to remember, to respond to commands, and are communicating with the outside world. No error.
6. When the skeptic is pressed to the wall, he usually uses the argument that machines are man-made or artificial and do not qualify as "natural" living creatures. No error.
7. Danny disliked the silent atmosphere between he and his father, and it was difficult to believe that he would want to have that same kind of passive-aggressive relationship with his sons. No error.
8. Danny's surprise statement at the end of the book is; he is going to raise his family in silence just as he had been raised, unless he can find a better alternative. No error.
9. The treasure hunter who found a sunken Spanish galleon laden with millions of dollars' worth of loot say they have also discovered another treasure—a smaller one—at a different wreck not far from the Florida coast. No error.

10. Astronomers say that they have identified the largest known structure in the universe, an enormous string of galaxies that offer tantalizing hints about the origin and, perhaps, the fate of the universe itself. No error
11. A professor of astronomy at the university of New Mexico said that the identification a graduate student and himself made provides new evidence that there is more to the universe than visible matter, such as stars. No error.
12. The author said in a very casual voice that she was use to putting subheadings in bold type and italics to divide her work into smaller parts. No error.
13. In the period from September to Christmas, a play opens every night, as does a film, as do several art shows, ballets, and operas. This makes for a season of superlatives, when everything is the best or the worst, a masterpiece or a bomb. No error.
14. After studying textbooks for years, the conclusion is obvious; children's minds are warped by the stereotypical way in which sex roles are portrayed. No error.
15. Even the female heroines in stories in textbooks reinforce traditional sex roles for example, Jean wins over the girls who have rejected her not by using her social skills but by making the best cookies for the school fair. No error.
16. The reporter, taking advantage of a lull in the proceedings, jumped to his feet to ask the president was he going to keep the troops in Iraq in spite of the constitutional crisis that might ensue. No error.
18. None of the subheadings in the essay is a complete sentence, each of the subheadings must be rewritten to turn the fragments into complete sentences and provide effective transitions from the previous section. No error.
19. Developing the habit of exercising can be a slow and laborious project; experts warn that it is a task that can't hardly be accomplished overnight. No error.

20. Mesa Verde National Park located on a plateau in southern Colorado, is the site of more than 5,000 cliff dwellings, some of which can be entered only by descending ladders and crawling through tunnels. No error.