

Editing
Exercise 2

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. Because I am an only child, used to having my own way and my own room all to myself, I found adjusting to living in the dormitory difficult; I had to share a room, a desk, a closet, and sometimes even my clothes. You never know what a roommate will decide to do. No error.
2. A species is a distinctive form of life, there is no question that computers are distinctive, but it is ridiculous to argue that a machine is like a human being. No error.
3. Whenever people discuss the idea of women in the world of men, a male voice always cries out that women are biologically different than men, even in the animal kingdom; the term “biologically different” is usually used to mean inferior, an expression of a male’s prejudice. No error.
4. In addition to telescopic photos, the astronomers who made the discovery used a sophisticated electronic spectrograph, which uses a color-spectrum breakdown of light from galaxies to determine their speed and position. No error.
5. “You might be the best basketball player in the entire conference,” shouted my father “but you still have to be able to read Shakespeare and know how to write correctly.” No error.
6. Adults choose mystery stories for the same reason children liked fairy tales. The appeal is the same: the battle between good and evil. No error.
7. Researchers have found that regular exercise not only improves one’s body physically, but the major side-effect is the increase in psychologic and emotional well-being. No error.
9. To enjoy exercise, a person must change their mental set and make a commitment to exercise regularly and consistently over a period of time. No error.

10. Beyond the vast number of modern, majestic skyscrapers of Denver, lie a paradise of mountains, meadows, sand dunes, wilderness, and hot springs. No error.
11. The extensive list of acknowledgments are evidence of the degree to which all employees, hourly wage earners included, contributed to the project and sacrificed for the good of the corporation. No error.
12. Although both were recommended, neither *Hamlet* nor *Romeo and Juliet* is appropriate for adoption; accordingly, we must suggest an alternate selection. No error.
13. I would like to have lived in Athens during the fifth century B.C. E., the golden age of Greek culture. No error.
14. Every transfer student must give proof of their having met health requirements, and all graduate students must give evidence of their having obtained a waiver or submit to examination by the school nurse upon admission to the university. No error.
15. If either an offensive lineman or a quarterback was available in the first round, they would be snatched up by the Saints; however, the team has an even greater need for wide receivers. No error.
16. Because their world view is markedly different than ours, we can never hope to convince them that the method in question is preferable to that of their scientists. No error.
17. An impartial judge was needed for the contest; therefore, John, who was completely uninterested and highly respected, was chosen. No error.
18. In China, adherence to a rigid structure, centralized planning, social conformity, and group identity have been nation assets. No error.
19. A growing number of talented young Japanese in science, business, and the arts are gravitating to the West in search of a freer working atmosphere. No error.
20. Once a person is in college, they should be able to decide what's best; after all, students are

adults and should be treated as adults, not only by their parents but also by college administrators. No error.