

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD by Harper Lee – Grammar and Style

EXERCISE 2 PROOFREADING: SPELLING, CAPITALIZATION, PUNCTUATION

Read the following passage and decide which type of error, if any, appears in each underlined section.

PASSAGE 1

Mr Avery boarded across the street from
1
Mrs. Henry Lafayette Duboses house. Besides
2
making change in the colection plate every
3
Sunday, Mr. Avery sat on the porch every night
until nine O'clock and sneezed. One evening we
4
were privileged to witness a performince by him
5
which seemed to have been his positively last. For
6
he never did it again so long as we watched.

- ___ 1. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 2. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 3. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 4. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 5. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 6. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error

PASSAGE 2

Jem and I were leaving Miss Rachels front steps
1
one night when Dill stopped us: “Golly, looka
yonder.” He pointed across the street. at first
2
we saw nuthing but a kudzu-covered front porch,
3
but a closer inspection revealed an arc of water
4
descending from the leave’s and splashing in the
5
yellow circle of the street light, some ten feet from
source to Earth, it seemed to us.
6

- ___ 1. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 2. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
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- ___ 3. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
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- ___ 4. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
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- ___ 5. a. Spelling
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EXERCISE 3 PROOFREADING: SPELLING, CAPITALIZATION, PUNCTUATION

Read the following passages and decide which type of error, if any, appears in each underlined section.

PASSAGE 1

Uncle jack plunged into another long tale
1
about an old Prime Menister who sat in the
2
house of Commons and blew feathers in the
3
air and tried to keep them their when all about
4
him men were losing their heads I guess he was
5
trying to answer my question, but he made no
6
sense whatsoever.

- ___ 1. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 2. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 3. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 4. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 5. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 6. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error

PASSAGE 2

Later, when i was supposed to be in bed, I went
1
down the hall for a drink of water and herd Atticus
2
and uncle Jack in the living-room:
3
"I shall never marry, Atticus.
4
"Why."
5
"I might have childern."
6
Atticus said, "You've a lot to learn, Jack."

- ___ 1. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 2. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 3. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 4. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 5. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error
- ___ 6. a. Spelling
 b. Capitalization
 c. Punctuation
 d. No error