

ANSWER KEY

Editing Practices (Guided)

Editing Exercise 1

Because there are no natural enemies of sharks, they have little reason to fear anything that they come in contact with on the water. As top of the food chain predators, they are naturally curious about anything that they ran into that they aren't familiar with, and while they obviously have no hands to explore something with, the only way they can get a feel for the new object are to bite. While such a bite may not be intended to kill the target, sharks have incredible powerful jaw which can make the bite deadly. Sharks do not attack a human with the express purpose of getting the easy meal. The digestive system of a shark works extremely slow, and it is difficult for sharks to digest the high ratio of human bone that is contained within a person. They is also not worth the effort to try to strip the flesh from the bones of a human — it is too time consume and difficult to manoeuvre the prey with no way to hold it safe with the mouth.

	Error Type
1 <u>in</u>	preposition - sharks live in water
2 <u>run</u>	verb form - simple form for habitual action
3 <u>because</u>	conjunction - introduces a cause/reason
4 <u>is</u>	SVA - 'only way' is singular
5 <u>✓</u>	word form - adjective to adverb, "incredible" describes the power, not the jaws
6 <u>jaws</u>	number - mouths have two jaws
7 <u>an</u>	article - meal is not specific
8 <u>slowly</u>	word form - adjective to adverb, 'slow' is describing the verb of 'works'
9 <u>It</u>	pronoun - subject is referring to action, not person
10 <u>consuming</u>	verb form - simple to continuous form - gerund of 'consuming'

Editing Exercise 2

A double-decker bus ended up on the wrong side of the road after its driver			Error Type
suffers	1	suffered	tense - happened in the past
Serangoon Central on the morning of 7 July. Many videos of the incident was	2	were	SVA - 'videos' is plural
circulated on social media, which showed the SBS Transit buses stationary in the	3	bus	number - only 1 bus involved in accident
middle lane and facing traffic. Its windscreen appeared badly damaged, though	4	and / while	conjunction - both parts of sentence are about damage to bus
its front bumper was scratched and broken. The green metal rod appeared to be	5	A	article - green metal rod not mentioned before; capital letter required
stuck in one of the cracks on the windscreen. The bus captain had suddenly felt	6	in	✓ preposition - not on the surface, but in the material itself
dizzy, causing the bus to veering from its path and end up on the other side of the	7	veer	✓ verb form - to-infinitive rule
road. The SCDF responded to the incident and dispatched an ambulance at the	8	to	preposition - idea of sending it to a location
scene. Since the incident, the bus captain was taken to the hospital in a	9	After	conjunction - referring to time period immediately after incident; requires capital letter
consciousness state and is currently undergoing tests. He had been certified fit to	10	conscious	word form - noun to adjective; to describe the state

drive after his annual medical review last month.
Editing Exercise 3

Helen Keller's improbable journey from being a frustrated deafblind child unable to communicate, to her exalted place in the world stage as the famous global citizen she would become, is one of the greatest story of the 20th century. An illness at 19 months of age leaves her deaf and blind. She had a difficult childhood due to her multiple disabilities, and her life turned around when she met Anne Sullivan, her instructor and companion. Helen led a full life dedicate to tireless advocacy and fearless activism that opened wide the doors of possible and hope for people with disabilities. Therefore she was outspoken in her principles, she inspired changes in public attitudes about the capability of people with visual impairments. As she pushed for revolutionary changes in a law, people with disabilities were able to transit into mainstream education and employment. Helen Keller inspires future generations of people with disabilities to live life to the fullest.

		Error Type
1	<u>on</u>	preposition - stage is a surface/platform
2	<u>stories</u>	number - 'one of the [plural noun]' rule
3	<u>left</u>	SVA - 'illness' is singular
4	<u>but</u>	conjunction - main and sub-ordinating clauses are contrasting ideas
5	<u>dedicated</u>	verb form - using past participle as adjective
6	<u>possibility</u>	word form - adjective to noun; doors of [noun]
7	<u>Because/As</u>	conjunction - introduces a cause/reason; requires capital letter
8	<u>capabilities</u>	number - many people = many capabilities
9	<u>the</u>	article - law is referred to as a generic subject
10	<u>inspired</u>	tense - action is in the past; Helen Keller has passed away already

Editing Exercise 4

Polar bears are the world's largest land predators, and the most majestic creature of the Far North. But dramatic changes, caused by global warming, is

taking place in the Arctic, threatening the survival of these spectacular species.

Global warming is melting the polar ice caps, robs the bears of the ice floes

they need to hunt preys. As the annual sea ice melts, polar bears are forced

ashore to spend their summers fasting. Although the Arctic ice cap continues to

melt sooner and form lately polar bears will become too thin to reproduce and

they will become extinct by the end of this century. The polar bears' homes – the

Arctic – was experiencing the effects of global warming more than any other

place. Temperatures in the Arctic were rising at almost twice the rate of that of

the rest of the world, and it is threatening to place the entire Arctic ecosystem at

1 are

2 this

3 robbing

4 prey

5 If

6 later

7 home

8 is

9 are

10 in

Error Type

SVA - 'changes' is the subject, not 'global warming'

number - polar bear only, one species

verb form - participial phrase, use of present participle

number - singular and plural form of 'prey' is the same

conjunction - main clause states a condition; requires capital letter

word form - comparative form required to match 'sooner'

number - 'the Arctic' as a collective home of polar bears

SVA - 'the Arctic' as a singular region

tense - temp rising is currently happening, see 'is threatening' in next line

preposition - common expression "in jeopardy"

jeopardy.

Editing Exercise 5

From a backyard summer camp for people with intellectual disabilities to a global movement, Special Olympics has been change lives and attitudes for more than four decades. It all began in the early 1960s, where Eunice Kennedy Shriver saw how unjustly and unfairly people with intellectual disabilities are treated. She also saw that many child with special needs did not even have a place to play. She decided to take action. Soon, her vision began to take shape, as we held a summer camp for youth people with intellectual disabilities in her own backyard. The goal was to learn what this youngsters could do in sports — and not dwell on what they could not do. This vision eventual grew into the global Special Olympics movement. The 1st International Special Olympics Summer Games were held in Chicago, USA on July 1968. About a thousand intellectually disabled youths from

1 changing

2 when

3 were

4 children

5 she

6 young

7 these

8 eventually

9 was

10 in

Error Type
verb form - has been + [present participle verb/ '-ing form']
preposition - not place but time; 1960s
tense - past tense; happened in 1960s
number - 'many'; plural form needed
pronoun - Eunice, a woman, held the camp
word form - noun to adjective; describes 'people'
pronoun - plural form needed; 'youngsters'
word form - adjective to adverb; describes action of 'grew'
SVA - 'Games' sounds plural, but is actually a single event, so singular form needed
preposition - month is a duration; 'in' required

USA and Canada competed in track and field and swimming.

Editing Practices (Unguided)

Editing Exercise 6

The Riding for the Disabled Association in Singapore provides therapeutic horse riding for people with disabilities. Not only is horse riding a form of physical therapy for the disabled, the activity also promote emotional growth and cognitive development in a way that is unique, fun and exhilaration. Often, therapeutic horse riding has the power to change the person's perspective on life.

Furthermore, interaction with the animal is a powerful experience but the strong bond that is sometimes built over the rider and the horse has a profound, uplifting effect on people who were depressed, in agony or suffering. Through therapeutic horse riding, riders with disabilities gain self-confident and experience accomplishment. They also benefit for improved blood circulation, respiration, balance and coordination. For people with physical or intellectual disabilities,

1 ✓

2 promotes

3 exhilarating

4 a

5 and

6 between

7 are

8 self-confidence

9 from/with

10 ✓

Error Type

SVA - 'activity' is singular

word form - noun to adjective; other words in list are adjectives

article - no specific person mentioned

conjunction - subordinate clause is adding information about the 'powerful experience'

preposition - two subjects; rider and house; use of 'between' appropriate

tense - factual statement; present tense required

word form - adjective to noun; gain -> noun required

preposition - phrasal verb; benefit + from/with

riding a horse gives them a chance to enjoy a new sense of independence.

Editing Exercise 7

The process of working out the sequence of events before, during, and after a crime is known as crime scene reconstruction. It is perhaps one of the aspects of forensic science that fascinate the public most, featuring in many police dramas. Reconstruction requires not just a scientific approach and also logic, experience and open-mindedness on the part of the investigating team who must be prepared to reject any presumption that does not fits with the actual evidence presented. Reconstruction starts when the investigator takes a first walk over the crime scene. Even at this stage, it may be possible to constructing a rough hypothesis of what may have happened and how. A hypothesis is a set of ideas or a general picture of what may have taken place. It did not become a theory until it fits all the available supporting information. While the investigator is forming the first impression, others are recording the scene and gathering evidence.

	Error Type
1 <u>known</u>	word form - verb to adjective
2 <u>fascinates</u>	SVA - 'one of the aspects' singular
3 <u>but</u>	conjunction - 'not just... but' structure
4 <u>✓</u>	
5 <u>fit</u>	verb form - does + base form of verb
6 <u>through</u>	preposition - walk through a scene ('across' concept), not over ('above' concept)
7 <u>construct</u>	verb form - to-infinitive rule
8 <u>✓</u>	
9 <u>does</u>	tense - factual statement; present tense required
10 <u>a</u>	article - impression not previously referred to; requires indefinite article

Editing Exercise 8

In the early days of meteorology in the United States, storms were named with a latitude/longitude designation representing the location where the storm originates. This names were difficult to remember, difficult to communicate and subjected to errors. On the Second World War, military meteorologists working in the Pacific began to use women's names for storms. That naming method made communication so easy that in 1953 it was adopted from the National Hurricane Center for use on storms originating in the Atlantic Ocean. Once this practice started, hurricane names quickly became part of common language but public awareness of hurricanes increased dramatic. In 1978, meteorologists watching storms in the Eastern North Pacific begun using men's names for half of the storms. For each year, a list of 21 names, each starting with a different letter of the alphabets was developed and arranged in alphabetical order.

- 1 originated
- 2 These
- 3 During / In
- 4 ✓
- 5 by
- 6 ✓
- 7 and
- 8 dramatically
- 9 began
- 10 alphabet

Error Type
tense - action happened in the past; past tense required
pronoun - plural pronoun needed
preposition - World War is a period of time
preposition - subject doing the adopting is the Hurricane Center
conjunction - both ideas are similar and add on to each other
word form - adjective to adverb; word describes the increase
verb form - past tense form instead of past participle form
number - alphabet is a collective noun for the 26 letters; not referring to individual alphabets in this case

Editing Exercise 9

The great challenge of this conference is to give voice to women everywhere whose experiences go unnotice, whose words go unheard. Women comprise

more than half the world's population. Women are 70 percent of the world's poor, and two-thirds of those are not taught to read and writing. Women are the

primary caretakers for most of the world's children and elderly. And much of the

work they do is not valued. At the very moment, as we sit here, women around

the world is raising children, planting crops, working on assembly lines, running companies, and running countries. Women also are dying from disease that

should have been prevented or treated; they are been denied the right to go to

school by their own fathers and brothers; they are being forced to prostitution;

and they are being barred from the ballot box. Those of us who have the

opportunity to be here have the responsibility to speak for those who could not.

- 1 unnoticed
- 2 ✓
- 3 write
- 4 Yet/But/However
- 5 this
- 6 are
- 7 diseases
- 8 being
- 9 into
- 10 ✓

Error Type
verb form - past participle form required
word form - to-infinitive also applies to the next verb in the list; basic form required
conjunction - contrasts with previous sentence
determiner - used to identify a specific moment
SVA - 'women' is plural
number - more than one type of disease (common sense)
verb form - present participle required for continuous form (are +ing verb)
preposition - 'prostitution' is a state of being/occupation; 'into' is required here

Editing Exercise 10

A Gurkha soldier who single-handedly fought off an attack on his base by up to 30 Taliban insurgents have been awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross. Acting

Sergeant Dipprasad Pun, 31, exhausted all his ammunitions and at one point had to

use the tripod of his machine gun to beat off a militant climbing the walls of the

compound. A soldier fired more than 400 rounds, launched 17 grenades and

detonated a mine to thwart the Taliban assaulting on his checkpoint near Babaji in

southern Afghanistan. Acting Sergeant Pun was on sentry duty on the evening on

September 17 last year when he heard a clinking noise outside the small base. At

first, he thought it might be a donkey, and when he went to investigate, he found two

insurgents digging a trench to lay an improvised explosive device at the checkpoint's

front gate. He then realised that he was completely surround and that the Taliban

1 has

2 ammunition

3 wall

4 The

5 assault

6 in

7 √

8 but

9 √

10 surrounded

Error Type

SVA - 'insurgents' is plural

number - ammunition is a collective noun; only singular form

number - militant could only be climbing one wall given the context of the sentence

article - soldier is referring to Pun, who has been mentioned before

word form - verb to noun; noun required to describe what was happening to the checkpoint

preposition - 'evening' is a duration of time

conjunction - contrast in two parts of the sentence

verb form - use of past participle as adjective

were about to launch a well-planned attempt to overrun the compound.
