

Editing and Handwriting.

Read the passage below. Then go through it again with a coloured pen/pencil and find the errors listed at the end.

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Capital Letters	6
Full stops	3
Paragraphs	1
Commas	2
Apostrophes	1

This next passage needs you to check for spellings. You are looking for 10 incorrect words.

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Once you have edited the two passages, choose one and write it out in your best handwriting.

The answers are on the next page.

ANSWERS

Punctuation: (// means new paragraph)

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