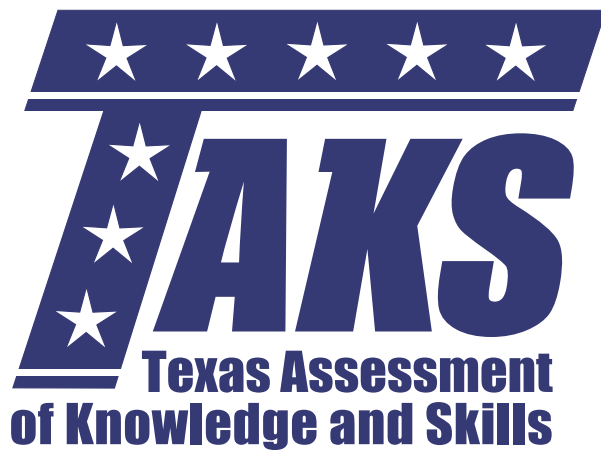


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**GRADE 7  
WRITING**

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# WRITTEN COMPOSITION

Write a composition about a time when you thought you were right.

The information in the box below will help you remember what you should think about when you write your composition.

**REMEMBER—YOU SHOULD**

- write about a time when you thought you were right
- make your writing interesting to the reader
- make sure that each sentence you write helps the reader understand your composition
- make sure that your ideas are clear and easy for the reader to follow
- write about your ideas in detail so that the reader really understands what you are saying
- check your work for correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences

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## Revising and Editing Sample

### DIRECTIONS

Read the introduction and the passage that follows. Then read each question and fill in the correct answer on page 2 of your answer document.

*Jesse wrote this paper for his science class. He has asked you to help him decide how to correct and improve it. Read Jesse's paper. Then answer the questions that follow.*

### The Mystery of Migration

(1) Scientists have learned many facts about the animals that live on our planet. (2) However, one thing remains quiet puzzling. (3) How does the process of migration work? (4) Scientists know that animals migrate to find food. (5) They also migrate to give birth. (6) Humpback whales, for example, usually live in the icy waters of the Arctic and the Antarctic, but when it comes time to have their babies, they move to the warmer waters near the equator.

**S-1** What change, if any, should be made in sentence 2?

- A** Delete the comma after *However*
- B** Change *remains* to **remain**
- C** Change *quiet* to **quite**
- D** Make no change

**S-2** What is the BEST way to combine sentences 4 and 5?

- F** Scientists know that animals migrate to find food, they also migrate to give birth.
- G** Scientists know that to find food and migrate, animals give birth.
- H** Scientists know this, animals migrate to find food and give birth.
- J** Scientists know that animals migrate to find food or give birth.





# REVISING AND EDITING

DO NOT GO ON TO THE REVISING AND EDITING SECTION.  
WHEN YOU FINISH YOUR COMPOSITION, RAISE YOUR HAND  
AND WAIT FOR A TEST ADMINISTRATOR TO ASSIST YOU.

**DIRECTIONS**

Read the following passages and mark your answers on page 2 of your answer document. Remember that you are NOT permitted to use dictionaries or other reference materials on this section of the test.

*In response to a class assignment, Drew wrote the following story. He would like you to read his story and suggest ways he can correct and improve it. Then answer the questions that follow.*

### An Afternoon at the Movies

(1) As I starred at the flickering images on the screen, I had to shake my head to keep from falling asleep. (2) I was annoyed with myself for having spent \$10 on such a dumb movie. (3) I hate wasting money, and even more than that, I hate wasting time. (4) Because I seldom have the opportunity to see movies, I had asked some of my friends to recommend a good one. (5) Most of my friends are in choir. (6) Several people had mentioned *Rabbits from Outer Space*.

(7) “It’s the funniest movie of the year” Tony had assured me.

(8) “You’ll laugh from the beginning to the end.”

(9) “It’s fantastic!” Sharon had agreed. (10) “The people who made this film are the most creative folks in hollywood. (11) I don’t know how they ever came up with the idea. (12) Just imagine—giant rabbits hopping out of spaceships and heading right for the vegetable section at the supermarket! (13) What a concept!”

(14) “You won’t believe the spechial effects,” Manny had added.

(15) “The sound track is incredible, too. (16) If you’re going to see only one film this summer, this is the one you should see.”

(17) After hearing all these rave reviews. (18) I decided I had to see *Rabbits from Outer Space*. (19) Now I was sitting in the theater, bored out of my mind. (20) As I seethed with frustrating, something finally occurred to me. (21) I *hate* animated films! (22) In fact, I have always hated them. (23) I didn't even like cartoons when I was a little kid. (24) Why had I listened to my friends! (25) I should have investigated the film myself.

(26) As another giant rabbit popped a handful of carrots into its mouth, I closed my eyes. (27) Since I had already paid for the seat, I was determined to at least get a good nap for my money!

1 What change should be made in sentence 1?

- A Change *starred* to **stared**
- B Delete the comma
- C Change *I had* to **having**
- D Change *falling* to **fallen**

2 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 7?

- F Change *funniest* to **funnyest**
- G Insert a comma after *year*
- H Change *had assured* to **assures**
- J Make no change

3 What change should be made in sentence 10?

- A Delete the quotation marks
- B Insert a comma after *film*
- C Change *folks* to **folk's**
- D Change *hollywood* to **Hollywood**

4 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 14?

- F Change *spechial* to **special**
- G Change *effects* to **affects**
- H Delete the comma
- J Make no change

- 5 What revision, if any, is needed in sentences 17 and 18?
- A I heard all these rave reviews, then I decided I had to see *Rabbits from Outer Space*.
  - B After hearing all these rave reviews, I decided I had to see *Rabbits from Outer Space*.
  - C I heard all these rave reviews. And decided I had to see *Rabbits from Outer Space*.
  - D No revision is needed.

- 6 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 20?
- F Change *frustrating* to **frustration**
  - G Change *occurred* to **occurring**
  - H Change *me* to **myself**
  - J Make no change

- 7 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 24?
- A Change *listened* to **lissened**
  - B Change *to* to **too**
  - C Change the exclamation point to a question mark
  - D Make no change

- 8 Which sentence does NOT belong in this story?
- F Sentence 5
  - G Sentence 6
  - H Sentence 25
  - J Sentence 27

*Ivana wrote this paper about a teenager she admires. Read Ivana's paper and look for the corrections and improvements she should make. When you finish reading, answer the questions that follow.*



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Bethany Hamilton rides a wave.

## Unstoppable Bethany

(1) Hawaiian native Bethany Hamilton loves to surf. (2) Most days you'll find her in the ocean paddling out to the waves, trying to catch a big one. (3) There are lots of surfers in Hawaii, but you would probably if you saw her recognize Bethany. (4) She's the surfer with only one arm.

(5) At the age of 13, Bethany was surfing off the coast of Kauai's north shore when she was suddenly attacked by a 14-foot-long tiger shark. (6) The shark took a 17-inch bite out of Bethany's surfboard. (7) It bit off most of Bethany's left arm. (8) A friend's father was nearby, and he

quickly tied a tight band around Bethany’s upper arm to stop the bleeding. (9) Then Bethany was rushed to the hospital. (10) But who would have dreamed she would ever surf again? (11) Bethany, that’s who!

(12) Shortly after the shark attack, Bethany expressed her determination to begin surfing again. (13) Her parents thought she might need help coping with the loss of her arm, but Bethany proved them wrong. (14) Just 10 weeks after the accident, Bethany was back on her surfboard. (15) She says the hardest part was learning to paddle with one arm. (16) Bethany explains that it’s a little like doing “a one-arm push-up. (17) Difficult as it was, she continued to practice, and before long she was successful. (18) In a matter of months, the young surfer was back in competitions again.

(19) Bethany has a prosthetic arm now, she doesn’t wear it much. (20) She has learned to do just about everything with one arm. (21) She can hold a soda bottle between her thighs and open it with her right hand. (22) She can peel an orange by sitting on the floor and holding it with her feet. (23) The only thing she hasn’t been able to do is braid her own hair. (24) But Bethany don’t waste any time thinking about what she can’t do. (25) She is grateful for what she can do—and that includes surfing!

- 9 What is the BEST way to revise sentence 3?
- A Since there are lots of surfers in Hawaii. You would probably recognize Bethany if you saw her.
  - B Even though there are lots of surfers in Hawaii, you would probably recognize Bethany if you saw Bethany.
  - C There are lots of surfers in Hawaii, you would probably recognize Bethany if you saw her.
  - D There are lots of surfers in Hawaii, but you would probably recognize Bethany if you saw her.

- 10 What transition word or phrase could BEST be added to the beginning of sentence 7?
- F Instead
  - G Even worse
  - H Therefore
  - J In other words

- 11 Which sentence could BEST follow and support sentence 9?
- A She had been surfing off the north shore of Kauai with her best friend Alana Blanchard and Alana's brother and father.
  - B Everyone wanted to get Bethany to the hospital as quickly as possible.
  - C Bethany likes to surf early in the morning when the waves are the most challenging.
  - D After emergency treatment and a few days of observation, Bethany was allowed to go home.

- 12 What change should be made in sentence 13?
- F Change *parents* to *parent's*
  - G Change *copeing* to *coping*
  - H Delete the comma
  - J Change *them* to *her*



- 13 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 16?
- A Change *explains* to *explanes*
  - B Change *it's* to *its*
  - C Insert quotation marks after the period
  - D Make no change

- 14 What revision, if any, is needed in sentence 19?
- F Bethany has a prosthetic arm now, but she doesn't wear it much.
  - G Bethany has a prosthetic arm now. And doesn't wear it much.
  - H Bethany has a prosthetic arm now. That she doesn't wear much.
  - J No revision is needed.

- 15 What revision, if any, is needed in sentence 21?
- A She can hold a soda bottle between her thighs. Opening it with her right hand.
  - B She can hold a soda bottle between her thighs, she opens it with her right hand.
  - C She can hold a soda bottle between her thighs and open it. With her right hand.
  - D No revision is needed.

- 16 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 24?
- F Change *don't* to *doesn't*
  - G Change *waste* to *waist*
  - H Change *any* to *no*
  - J Make no change

*Harrison's story tells about a game his family played. Read the story and look for corrections and improvements that Harrison should make. Then answer the questions that follow.*

## The Great Alphabet Adventure

(1) One Saturday last month was rainy and bleak. (2) When I whined about being bored, Dad made his typical comment. (3) "Only unimaginative people get bored!" he insisted. (4) Then he presented a new idea. (5) "Let's start an alphabet adventure."

(6) Mom looked puzzled. (7) My sister Lanie and I looked disgusted. (8) But Dad looked excited and began to explain his plan. (9) For the remainder of the Month, we would devote each day to a letter of the alphabet. (10) Today would be "A" day. (11) We would wear "A" clothing, eat "A" foods, and engage in "A" activities. (12) We struggled a little trying to find "A" clothing. (13) Dad finally put on a silk necktie, calling it his ascot, and Mom put on an A-line skirt. (14) Lanie found some angel wings she had worn in a school play. (15) I wore a T-shirt with a picture of an American flag on it. (16) Fascinated by this new challenge, I began planning the menu. (17) It included apples, of course, but we also ate anchovies, artichokes, and avocados. (18) After lunch we went to an art gallery and a favorite arcade. (19) That night Dad was on his accordion and to play a festive tune.

(20) Each day was a new challenge, but “Q” day probably tested our creative the most. (21) Eventually we came up with a few ideas. (22) We took turns playing quarterback in a backyard football game and then spent some quiet time in our rooms. (23) We dined on quail and quick bread. (24) And in the true spirit of “Q” day, me and my sister quarreled a bit. (25) In the evening we played a board game called Quick Wit and watched a TV quiz show. (26) We were unsure of what to wear until I remembered that our wristwatches had quartz batteries.

(27) Everything went well until we got to “X.” (28) We checked the dictionary, but Mr Webster was no help. (29) After pounding on a toy xylophone, we were out of ideas. (30) Lanie finally suggested that we cheat a little and accept words that start with the sound of “X.” (31) “An excellent idea!” I exclaimed as I ran to the phone to order an extra-large pizza for lunch.

17 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 9?

- A Change *remainder* to **remander**
- B Change *Month* to **month**
- C Change the comma to a semicolon
- D Make no change

18 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 14?

- F Change *found* to **finds**
- G Change *she* to **they**
- H Insert **them** after *worn*
- J Make no change

19 What is the BEST way to revise sentence 19?

- A That night Dad played it. A festive tune on his accordion.
- B That night Dad played a festive tune. And on his accordion.
- C That night Dad played a festive tune, he was on his accordion.
- D That night Dad played a festive tune on his accordion.

20 What change should be made in sentence 20?

- F Delete the comma
- G Change *probably* to **proably**
- H Change *our* to **are**
- J Change *creative* to **creativity**

21 Which transition could BEST be added to the beginning of sentence 23?

- A For example
- B Consequently
- C Later
- D In contrast

22 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 24?

- F Change *spirit* to **spirrit**
- G Delete the comma
- H Change *me and my sister* to **my sister and I**
- J Make no change

23 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 28?

- A Change *dictionary* to **Dictionary**
- B Insert a period after *Mr*
- C Change *was* to **wasn't**
- D Make no change

*When Kelly's parents told her about a meaningful event they had participated in years ago, she was inspired to write this paper. Read Kelly's paper and look for the corrections and improvements she should make. Then answer the questions that follow.*



## Hands Across America

(1) It was Sunday, May 25, 1986. (2) The Arizona dessert usually would have been nearly empty at that time of year. (3) On that hot spring afternoon, however, a human chain stretched across the vast and barren space. (4) Scores of people were holding hands and singing. (5) Across the country, from New York City to Long Beach, California, more than seven million Americans was holding hands to form similar chains. (6) From the East Coast to the West Coast, people were giving

their time and money to fight hunger and help the homeless. (7) This great event, called Hands Across America, raised \$20 million for soup kitchens. (8) Just as important, the event directed the nation's attention to the problems caused by poverty.

(9) For 15 minutes on that day, Americans across the nation raising their voices at the same time. (10) They pledged to help one another. (11) "We are the world; we are the children," they sung. (12) "We are the ones who make a brighter day, so let's start giving."

(13) Republicans and Democrats joined in. (14) President Ronald Reagan held hands with participants in Washington, D.C. (15) Bill Clinton, who was the governor of Arkansas at that time, linked hands with other participants in Little Rock. (16) About 800 celebrities showed their support in places around the country. (17) Even Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck joined in at Disneyland.

(18) People from all walks of life held hands. (19) Across 4,152 miles the spirit of caring brought them together. (20) People filled gaps in the chain by stretching out red, white, and blue ribbons to fill the gaps. (21) They linked boats across lakes and rivers, reaching over the sides to join hands. (22) Snaking through cities and over mountains, Americans created one of the largest charitable events ever held.

(23) In Hands Across America, people opened their hearts and outstretched arms. (24) Challenging one another, they called out in unison, "Reach out and touch somebody's hand! (25) Make this world a better place if you can!"

24 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 2?

- F Change *dessert* to **desert**
- G Change *usually* to **usally**
- H Insert a comma after *empty*
- J Make no change

25 What change should be made in sentence 5?

- A Delete the comma after *California*
- B Change *than* to **then**
- C Change *was holding* to **were holding**
- D Change *similar* to **simular**

26 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 9?

- F Change the comma to a period
- G Change *raising* to **raised**
- H Change *their* to **there**
- J Make no change

27 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 11?

- A Delete the quotation marks at the beginning of the sentence
- B Delete the comma
- C Change *sung* to **sang**
- D Make no change

**28** What change, if any, should be made in sentence 16?

- F** Change *celebritys* to **celebrities**
- G** Change *showed* to **shown**
- H** Insert **they were** after *support*
- J** Make no change

**29** Which sentence could BEST follow and support sentence 18?

- A** More than 40 recording artists gathered in January 1985 to record the award-winning song “We Are the World.”
- B** From nursing-home residents to members of motorcycle clubs and from baseball teams to wedding parties, Americans joined together that Sunday afternoon.
- C** My parents lived in California in 1986, but they moved to Texas before my brother and I were born.
- D** In my community we have yearly food drives where we distribute paper bags to homes and ask the residents to fill the bags with canned food for our local food bank.

**30** What is the BEST revision to make in sentence 20?

- F** People filled gaps in the chain. Stretching out red, white, and blue ribbons to fill the gaps.
- G** People filled gaps in the chain, they stretched out red, white, and blue ribbons.
- H** People filled gaps in the chain by stretching out red, white, and blue ribbons. To fill the gaps.
- J** People filled gaps in the chain by stretching out red, white, and blue ribbons.

**31** What is the BEST way to revise sentence 23?

- A** In Hands Across America, people opened their hearts. And outstretched arms.
- B** In Hands Across America, people opened their hearts, they stretched out their arms.
- C** In Hands Across America, people who opened their hearts and outstretched arms.
- D** In Hands Across America, people opened their hearts and stretched out their arms.



*Annie is in the seventh grade. She was asked to write a story about an exciting time in her life. Read Annie's paper and think about the corrections and improvements she should make. When you are finished reading, answer the questions that follow.*

## The Quiz Show

(1) I was nervous when I found out that I had been chose to be on a local quiz show called *Answer Up!* (2) Although I do really well in school, I wasn't sure how I would do on a television show. (3) I hoped that I wouldn't embarrass me!

(4) Mom bought me a new dress and my hair trimmed. (5) I picked a pretty shade of pink lipstick to wear. (6) I was ready for the show!

(7) On the day of the show, I was a wreck. (8) I kept studying maps, and I kept reciting the names of countries and reciting their capitals.

(9) I reviewed all the U.S. presidents and the rulers of at least 50 countries. (10) My head was so full of information that it felt like it would burst!

(11) Before the show a makeup artist put makeup on me. (12) She applied mascara and a deep-red blush. (13) The artist wouldn't let me wear my pink lipstick. (14) I had to wear an awful shade of red. (15) I was sure that I looked like a circus clown.

(16) Once the game began, the time passed by as if I were in a dream. (17) The host, Paul Glen, he would ask me a question, and the answer would just fly out of my mouth. (18) I felt like an encyclopedia.

(19) Toward the end of the show, I was in first place. (20) Then the final question came. (21) I listened carefully as the host said, “If you hear the word *ciao*, what country are you most likely in.”

(22) The word *ciao* sounded like this: *chow*. (23) I thought it was a Chinese word, so I said, “China.” (24) I was wrong! (25) The answer was Italy. (26) *Ciao* means “hello” or “good-bye” in Italian.

(27) I didn’t win the grand prize but I did get a huge trophy.  
(28) When the show aired last month, all my friends were watching.  
(29) I didn’t look like a clown, and I didn’t humiliate myself. (30) Except for the fact that my friends now yell *ciao* when they see me, the quiz show was an enjoyable experience.

**32** What change should be made in sentence 1?

- F** Change *nervous* to **nervus**
- G** Change *chose* to **chosen**
- H** Change *local* to **locally**
- J** Insert a comma after *show*

**33** What change should be made in sentence 3?

- A** Change *wouldn't* to **would'nt**
- B** Change *embarrass* to **embarress**
- C** Change *me* to **myself**
- D** Change the exclamation point to a question mark

**34** What is the BEST way to revise sentence 4?

- F** Mom bought me a new dress. And my hair trimmed.
- G** Mom bought me a new dress, she took me to get my hair trimmed.
- H** Mom bought me and trimmed a new dress and my hair.
- J** Mom bought me a new dress and took me to get my hair trimmed.

**35** What is the BEST way to rewrite the ideas in sentence 8?

- A** I kept studying maps, I kept reciting the names of countries and their capitals.
- B** I kept studying maps. And reciting the names of countries and their capitals.
- C** I kept studying maps, countries, and capitals and reciting their names.
- D** I kept studying maps and reciting the names of countries and their capitals.

**36** What transition word or phrase could BEST be added to the beginning of sentence 14?

- F** In conclusion
- G** At first
- H** For example
- J** Instead

**37** What change, if any, should be made in sentence 17?

- A** Delete *he*
- B** Delete *and*
- C** Change *fly* to **flew**
- D** Make no change

**39** What change, if any, should be made in sentence 27?

- A** Change *the* to **no**
- B** Insert a comma after *prize*
- C** Change *huge* to **big old**
- D** Make no change

**38** What change, if any, should be made in sentence 21?

- F** Change *carefully* to **careful**
- G** Delete the comma after *said*
- H** Change the period to a question mark
- J** Make no change

**40** What change, if any, should be made in sentence 30?

- F** Change *Except* to **Accept**
- G** Change *an* to **a**
- H** Change *expeirince* to **experience**
- J** Make no change

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ON THE ANSWER DOCUMENT.









