

Directions: Read the paragraph below. There are **15** errors that need to be corrected. Put proofreading marks where needed. Use this chart to help you:

Proofreading Mark	Type of Error	Example	Number of Errors in Paragraph
⦿	Add a period.	That's the end ⦿	4
?	Add a question mark.	Who is it?	1
≡	Make uppercase.	He is <u>ralph</u> .	7
/	Make lowercase.	I see a <u>T</u> ree.	3

A Crow named pete r Lee lived in st Louis, missouri. One tuesday in july Pete wanted a drink of water. the only water was at the bottom of a pitcher, and Pete couldn't reach it How could Pete drink Pete picked up a little Pebble with his Beak and dropped it in the pitcher. Pete did this over and over until the water level was high enough for him to drink

Activity: Now show what you know! Write at least four lines about an imaginary smart crow. Pick a different name and place to live than in the paragraph above.

Make **six** mistakes in your writing, with at least one mistake of each kind from above. Write the correct responses on the back of the page. Then see if your classmates can spot the errors?

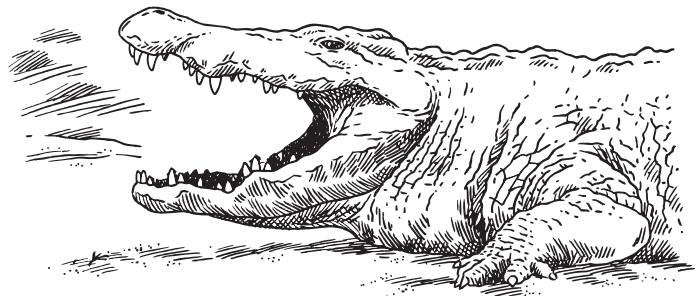
Directions: The passage below should be two paragraphs. Read the passage and insert the needed proofreading marks. There are **10** errors that need to be corrected. Use this chart:

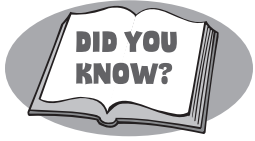
Proofreading Mark	Type of Error	Example	Number of Errors in Paragraph
¶	Make a new paragraph.	way.¶In conclusion,	1
⊙	Add a period.	That's the end ⊙	3
!	Add an exclamation mark.	Ouch!	1
—	Delete a word.	That's my my dog.	2
^	Insert a word.	This needs ^{to} go.	1
#	Insert a space.	I saw my [#] friend.	2

On January 7, 2012 a woman in Bees Creek, Australia, got an unwanted visitor. Jo
 Dod gotup when her dog would not stop barking. She soon found out why There was
 a crocodile measuring over 5 and one-half feet in house There is a crocodile farm next
 to Ms. Dod's property The farm has over 60,000 crocodiles. 20 crocodiles escaped
 fromthe farm a a few years ago. The crocodile was one of the the escaped animals, and
 it was returned to the farm

Activity: On the back of this paper, write a paragraph that tells what you would do if you woke up and found a crocodile in your house. Tell where you think the crocodile might have come from.

Make **six** errors, one of each type listed above, in your paragraph. Show the correct editing marks or have another student find and mark the mistakes.





The words *they're*, *their*, and *there* are often misspelled. They are on the list of the 100 most commonly misspelled words. The three words sound the same, but they do not have the same meaning. Many adults often misspell these words because they type in the wrong form on the computer. Since the computer doesn't always recognize that the wrong form has been used, the word is not caught by the computer's spelling or grammar check.

Definitions

- *They're* means "they are." (*They're* hungry, so they are eating a lot.)
- *Their* is possessive. It means it belongs to them. (*Their* house is painted gray.)
- *There* is for everything else. (Can we go *there*?)

Directions: Cross out the misspelled word in each sentence. Then write the correct spelling.

1. Their from Guatemala. _____
2. There country is in Central America. _____
3. They grow bananas they're. _____
4. The ancient Mayans built big cities their. _____

Activity: Now it's your turn. Write three sentences about people from three different countries. Use a different form of *there* in each sentence.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



Go back and check your spelling. If you can substitute "they are" for the word, then it should be spelled *they're*. If it is possessive, it should be spelled *their*. Everything else is *there*.

E-mail Scam

Smart Sam’s father got an urgent message on his computer. It was from his friend Linda, who teaches English grammar at the local high school. The message read:

Dear Dave,

My children need your help! There in Greece, and all of they’re money was stolen. They’re is an immediate need for 2,000 dollars because their stuck at the airport. Could you wire me 2,000 dollars? My bank account number is 1234597503. I will pay you back as soon as I get my next paycheck. If the money doesn’t get their soon, my poor children will miss there flight.

Thanks for being they’re for me and my family,

Linda

Activity: Smart Sam’s father wanted to help his friend, but Smart Sam told him not to. Explain in a paragraph why Smart Sam told his father that the message is a scam and that Linda didn’t write it. Make sure you tell how Sam checked what form of *there* should be used. Then, go back and correct the seven misspelled words in the message.
