

2013 English Writing Contest School Students

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A. Proofreading (45%)

(You must find and circle the 15 mistakes in the sentences)

1. Proofread the story.
2. Circle the word/words with grammar and spelling errors and correct them.
3. Circle any incorrect punctuation marks and correct them.

1. I love sports. I practice soccer, basketball, and tennes. My favorite sport to
ANS: I love sports. I practice soccer, basketball, and tennis. My favorite sport to
2. play is soccer. I like sports because I get to play with all my frienda. My
ANS: play is soccer. I like sports because I get to play with all my friends. My
3. friends and I play soccer a lot. Amy friends on my team are good at soccer.
ANS: friends and I play soccer a lot. All my friends on my team are good at soccer.
4. I want to be the best player on our team. Who is the best player on the team.
ANS: I want to be the best player on our team, who is the best player on the team?
5. Today we plaed our first game. This morning it was rainin and I was afraid
ANS: Today we played our first game. This morning it was raining and I was afraid
6. our first game would be canceled. Just befor the game the rain cleared away
ANS: our first game would be canceled. Just before the game the rain cleared away
7. and the sun came out? The weather was purfect for our soccer game. The
ANS: and the sun came out! The weather was perfect for our soccer game. The
8. other teim was big and fast, but we won the game. I scorred three goals. I have
ANS: other team was big and fast, but we won the game. I scored three goals. I have
9. never scored that many goales before. We won the gam because we practiced
ANS: never scored that many goals before. We won the game because we practiced
10. hard. To celebrate we went out to dinner. I ordered a hamburgo with fries
ANS: hard. To celebrate, we went out to dinner. I ordered a hamburger with fries
11. to eat and a cola to dink. It was so delicious! Today waz a great day.
ANS: to eat and a cola to drink. It was so delicious! Today was a great day.

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B. Writing a story (55%)

(Use colored pen to **highlight** the vocabulary words that you use.)

Directions

1. Make up your own sentence by using the words from the vocabulary box.
2. Underline the words from the box when writing them.
3. You may use the same word more than once, as well as other words you have learned, to complete the sentence.
4. Remember, you need to use all the words/phrases in the vocabulary box to make your story as complete as possible.

Vocabulary Box:

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|-------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| 1. passport | 2. time | 3. visit | 4. plane | 5. hotel |
| 6. map | 7. far away | 8. travel | 9. beautiful | 10. long |
| 11. boat | | | | |

I love to travel. Every time, passport in hand, I visit a different place. This time, I went to the seaside. As I got off the plane, a delightful rush of salty sea wind greeted me passionately. I then knew I was going to have a wonderful time. The beach couldn't be more beautiful. Golden sand, merging into the deep blue sea, hotels, painted in soft colors, perched gracefully just by the sea. Brightly colored umbrellas dotted the long shoreline, and boats and surfers rode on the rolling waves. I didn't need a map to get around. The place was so dream-like that my feet seemed to lead me where ever I wanted to go. A call woke me from my thoughts. An ice cream cart was nearby. I treated myself to one. There's nothing like the

combination of the blazing summer sun, the cool sea breeze and cold, creamy savory ice cream. After I deposited my baggage at my hotel, I rented a small boat and decided to take a cruise around the coast. A handful of boats were scattered over the sea, making the whole scene even more enjoyable. Out on the sea, I could see fisherboats far away on the horizon, perhaps bringing in the previous night's catch. I also went on a donkey ride - on a gentle gray donkey called Blossom's back - across the beach, went for a paddle in the deep blue sea, made sandcastles and watched the tide wash them away, and of course, sat down on the beach on a towel, beneath an umbrella, my favorite book in hand, and enjoyed the sun and the sea. At the end of the day, I stepped out to the porch of my hotel and watched the setting sun cast a romantic shade of pink, purple and orange. I'll be back, I thought. Definitely.
over the surface of the sea