



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

# Copy Editing

## Study Packet 2020

This Copy Editing packet contains tests and keys from 2020 Invitational A, B, District, Region and State.

This item is intended for High School grade levels.

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# COPY EDITING CONTEST

## INVITATIONAL A 2020

### FOR JUDGE'S USE

Points from PART 1

Points from PART 2

FINAL PLACE

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POINTS/15

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TOTAL POINTS

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5. The teachers want to **accommodate / acomadate** you.
6. The nominee for homecoming queen was **butifl / beautifull / beautiful**.
7. **Apparently / Apparantly**, the biology teacher liked to talk about Basidiomycota (mushrooms).
8. The newly formed company expects unwavering loyalty from **its / it's** employees.
9. **2015 / Two thousand and fifteen** was a good year to invest in the market.
10. Turn in your exam before the 10 **a.m. / am / o'clock** deadline.
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In No. 5, the date can be fixed in several ways depending on when the story is published. Since the instructions said the publication date was Feb. 8, remove the day and the year. Fixing the date is one error.

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In the third paragraph, the first sentence needs to be attributed to someone.

In the fourth paragraph, "impressive" is an opinion. Instead, be specific.

In the final paragraph, whether the word "Metroplex" is required or not after Dallas-Forth Worth (note the hyphen) is unclear according to AP style. However, it does make it more clear that it's the DFW area, not just two cities.

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Modified from "Climate change to bring North Texas longer droughts, heavy rains, 120-degree temps within 25 years" by Anna Kuchment in the Dallas Morning News, Nov. 28, 2018.



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11. Use the **reins / reigns** to guide the donkey down the canyon.
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14. The editor is **18-years-old / 18 years old**.
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No. 1 "Whoever" is the subject of the dependent clause.

No. 3 The maxim that "between" introduces two items and "among" introduces more than two covers most questions about how to use these words.

The phrase "such as..." is essential and, therefore, should not be set off by commas. The Oxford comma, however, is not essential.

No. 4 When the student changes the verb in the first sentence from "voiced" to "said," they can take out the "that." Because fixing one error introduced this possible change, that would count as one error. Keeping the "that," however, is not wrong. For more on this, visit <https://www.quickanddirtytips.com/education/grammar/when-to-delete-that>.

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In the second paragraph, who considers the toads extinct?

Generally, in news stories, start a new paragraph with a new speaker. Therefore, paragraphs two and three need to be split into two paragraphs.

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- I want to attend the Lavender Festival this **fall** / **Fall** in Blanco, Texas.
- It's up to **we** / **us** student leaders to push for change.
- For the newspaper story, we talked to **Mary and him** / **he and Mary**.
- The teacher has to **separate** / **seperate** the misbehaving boys.
- That was a **persistant** / **persistent** bug.
- Ultimately, the teachers told the principal, **its** / **it's** his decision to make.
- He earned an A **because** / **since** he studied hard.
- In the culinary class, students had to choose **among** / **between** chocolate chip or sugar cookies.
- The garden-variety sentence is: **short** / **Short**, written at a third-grade level.
- It was a sunny day, and the students were feeling **alright** / **all right**.
- Basketball **coach** / **Coach** Tony Harper has been a coach for 48 years and was inducted into the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame.
- She received her **masters** / **master's** degree in education.
- In the United States, 161.5 million people, 50 **percent** / **%** of the population, live in nine states.
- Spelling out loud was an **idiosyncrasy** / **idiosyncracy** of his.
- The lunch bell rang at **12 o'clock** / **12 p.m.** / **12:00 a.m.** / **noon**.

**Tips for judges**

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In No. 1, replace “yesterday” with the day of the week. Also in this sentence, rewriting it to make it active, not passive, avoids having to say Chrysler twice. “Tuesday, Chrysler announced the recall ...”

In No. 2, there are other words that could be used other than refuted. Refute connotes success in argument and almost always implies an editorial judgment. Instead, use deny, dispute, rebut or respond to.

In No. 5, either foot or feet would be acceptable. And the apostrophe could be moved to the end of “explorers” to make it plural and possessive.

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- Tuesday  
~~Yesterday~~, Chrysler announced that the Dodge Chargers and Chrysler 300s are being recalled by Chrysler, only 2 of their models.

passive
- rebutted  
 The geographer ~~refuted~~ his colleague’s statement that the ~~US~~ state that is the farthest north, Alaska, is also the farthest both east and west because the Aleutian Islands cross the 180-degree meridian of longitude.
- misplaced modifier  
opinion  
~~Churning in the Pacific Ocean, Hawaiians~~ ~~nervously and tensely~~ watched the weather report for information about ~~Hurricanes~~ Erick and Flossie.
- An invitation from a ~~Professor~~ in Ohio to deliver the Mar. ’88 keynote address came in an ~~E-mail~~. Edgar Martinez, director of undergraduate research, accepted.
- 8-foot by 7-foot  
~~eight by seven foot~~  
 He found an ~~opening~~ in the cave. So, the experienced spelunker went in. Members of the local cave explorer’s group re-elected him president three times. However, that didn’t stop his sense of panic as the water began rising.

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Cutting out the lead as written is a subjective decision.

In the first paragraph it says the data was for the first half of the year. Yet it was released on March 19. Something is wrong.

In the second paragraph it says that wind and coal, which together account for 43% of energy, are dwarfed by natural gas. So natural gas has to be more than 14%.

Note the misspelling of Swift in the final paragraph. That's a major error.

There are several ways to punctuate the last sentence.

Students might note that this is a one-source story.

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~~The coal industry's slump has hit Texas.~~

For the 1st time since the Electric Reliability Council of Texas began collecting data on the states fuel mix in ~~the year~~ 2003, wind surpassed <sup>coal</sup> coal as an energy source during the first half of this year, according to data released March 19 2020. The EERCOT report shows that 22 percent of the states energy was derived from wind, overtaking coal by one percent.

The slight shift doesn't mean that wind energy is dominate in Texas fuel mix. The use of wind and coal <sup>passive</sup> is both dwarfed by natural gas, which <sup>numbers can't be right</sup> accounts for about 14 percent of the state's energy.

The change does, however, illustrate the steady growth of an industry that has ~~ben~~ ~~on the raise~~ for years, said ~~Dr.~~ Andrew Swift, a Professor at Texas Tech University's National Wind Institute and it's Associate Director of ~~Wind Energy Education~~. Swift said while building new coal plants requires a significant investment, wind farms <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ more of an "incremental investment".

"There is a lot of new wind capacity going in as coal plants are getting older," Swift said. "Its hard to build new [coal plants]; its <sup>risky</sup> ~~risque~~; it's expensive. You don't know where public policy is going to be."

Modified from "Not blowing smoke: Wind has overtaken 'risky' coal for energy use in Texas for the first time" by Vandana Ravikumar, USA Today, July 24, 2019

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- It was her **she** who was running around in the rain looking for toads.
- I want to get better at English **grammer** / **grammar**.
- It was an **unforeseen** / unforeseen difficulty.
- I should **have** of called my grandmother on her birthday.
- The increase in sea level will **adversely** / **aversely** affect coastal states.
- The solar activity won't **effect** / **affect** the computers.
- The city's newest and **most-modern** / **most modern** hospital opened yesterday.
- He majored in biology and loves to **SCUBA** / **S.C.U.B.A.** / **scuba** dive.
- Koda's birthday is **Aug.** / **August** 28, the announcer proclaimed during morning announcements.
- According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, Webb and Zapata **counties** / **Counties** are in a state of severe drought.
- The Houston Salsa Congress is a very popular **Winter** / **winter** festival.
- Baltimore **mayor** / **Mavor** Bernard Young asked the federal government for resources to clean up his city.
- Either the tubas or the contrabass flute **is** / **are** in the locker.
- The administrators asked that the reporter talk to Saja and **they** / **them** before running the story.

### Tips for judges

#### Part 1

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1. In ~~Upstate~~ New York, with a panicked look on their faces, the ~~bare~~<sup>bear</sup> started chasing the ~~furists~~<sup>tourists</sup>.

## Notes to judges

In No. 3, every one is two words when it means each individual item.

In No. 3, robbery involves the use of violence or threat in committing larceny.

In No. 5, the actual name of the corporation is the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, also known as Amtrak.

Also in No. 5, as verbs the difference between collide and hit is that collide is to impact directly, especially violently, while hit is to strike.

2. The case of two U.S. teen tourists who ~~brutally~~ killed an Italian police officer took another turn with the revelation that the plain ~~clothes~~<sup>clothes</sup> officer didn't have his gun the ~~knight~~<sup>night</sup> he was fatally stabbed as part of what the tourists, who have claimed their innocent ~~ce~~<sup>ce</sup>, said was a drug deal gone bad.

3. Every ~~one~~<sup>one</sup> of the efforts in Dallas County to decriminalize poverty includes declining ~~too~~<sup>to</sup> prosecute for ~~robbery~~<sup>theft</sup> of personal items worth ~~fewer~~<sup>less</sup> than \$750 unless the crime was for financial gain, assuming no violence was involved.

## Tips for judges

## Part 2

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This section is worth a maximum of 10 points.

4. As a health ~~care~~<sup>care</sup> executive, the company president said a 200 ~~percen~~<sup>percent</sup> increase in deductibles is inevitable and the increase will be a trending topic on social media and the ~~Internet~~<sup>internet</sup>.

5. The Amtrak ~~Co.~~<sup>collided with</sup> train hit a truck around 5 p.m. Sunday in University Park, Illinois about 30 miles south of Chicago, ~~Ill.~~<sup>Ill.</sup> The truck driver died trying to go around crossing gates.

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You are editing the news brief to be published Friday, Feb. 8, 2020.

There are 5.25<sup>tr</sup> million pieces of plastic debris in the ocean. Of that mass, 269,000 tons float on the surface, while some four billion plastic microfibers per square kilometer <sup>l</sup>iter the deep sea, <sup>T</sup>laying on the sea floor. ~~It's a lot of junk that just doesn't need to be there.~~

### Notes for judges

If there are 4 billion fibers per square kilometer, there have to be a lot more than 5.25 million pieces.

Opinionated statements do not belong in a news story. The phrase, "but not particularly useful in helping to solve the problem," however, is of some importance to the idea of the story. Maybe it could be attributed to someone. Maybe it could be reworded.

Students should question use of one source, especially one source that is barely credible.

Move attribution to be next to the speaker in the fourth paragraph.

### Tips for judges

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Scientists call these statistics the "wow factor" of ocean trash. The tallies, published last year in three <sup>a</sup>separate scientific papers, are useful in red-flagging the scope of the problem for the public but not particularly useful in helping to solve the problem.

Although scientists have known <sup>4</sup>four decades about the accumulating mass of ocean debris and its <sup>o</sup>deadly consequences for seabirds, fish, and marine animals, the science of sea trash is young and full of as-yet unsolved mysteries. Almost nothing was known about the amount of plastic in remote regions of the southern hemisphere, for example, until last year because few had ever traveled there to collect samples.

"The first piece is to understand where it is," Kara Lavender Law, <sup>said</sup>a first-year Massachusetts student of oceanography at the Sea Education Association in Woods Hole, MA, says.

Indeed, until scientists learn more about where ocean trash is, how densely plastic accumulates in different ocean ecosystems and how it degrades, they can't really calculate the damage <sup>v</sup>its causing.

~~Regardless it doesn't need to be there.~~

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UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

# COPY EDITING CONTEST

## STATE 2020

### FOR JUDGE'S USE

Points from PART 1

Points from PART 2

FINAL PLACE

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POINTS/15

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POINTS/10

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TOTAL POINTS

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There should be no ties.

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## STATE 2020

**DIRECTIONS:** This test is divided into three sections. Write all your responses as indicated. You have 15 minutes.

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2. It was **her / she** who was elected senior class president.
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5. Orders by the Trump administration **supersede / supercede** those pushed through under Obama.
6. There was more than one **occurrence / occurance** of trumpet players missing the B-natural.
7. The football team, riding high off a recent win, will attend **its / it's / their** fifth consecutive state championship game.
8. Read the newspaper. Then consider how current events **affect / effect** your life.
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11. The **hanger / hangar** at the DFW airport is for painting and repairing planes that belong to American Airlines.
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**POINTS**

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TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_/10



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### Notes to judges

Also in No. 2, no hyphen in any usage for dual heritage terms such as African American.

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In the first paragraph, "they" can be used instead of "he." Arguments for using they/ them as a singular sometimes arise with an indefinite pronoun (anyone, everyone, someone). And we don't know the gender of the consultants.

This sentence could also be read as "Every one of the consultants seemed surprised..." I'd still argue for "they found" in light of the new AP style rules.

AP style does NOT require that U.S. be spelled out. It seems logical to follow the rules of other acronyms and spell out on first reference.

AP style suggests using carbon dioxide, not CO2. However, this is a direct quotation.

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