



# COPY EDITING

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CONTEST DIRECTOR | 2024-2025

**EVERYONE  
NEEDS A  
COPY EDITOR**

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call when their ready



We want to insure  
all customers have  
they privacy



CORONAVIRUS

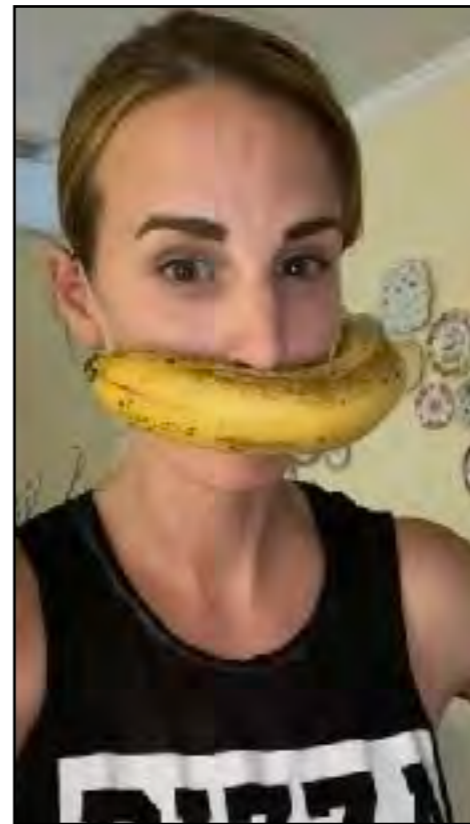
# HARRIS COUNTY MASK ORDER

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED IN PUBLIC

- Face masks required starting Monday April 27th through 30 days
- 10 years and older must wear face coverings
- Homemade masks, scarfs, bananas
- Possible \$1,000 fine for not wearing face covering



5:05 | 84°



Bakery hygiene

Please use the tongs provided  
for picking up loose items.

Drop Cakes By the  
Portuguese Cakes Dept  
1 EACH

75p

PLEASE  
USE  
TONGUES  
TO PICK  
PASTRIES.  
THX





ON YOUR SIDE AT 6

**MASKS & HAND SANITIZER HANDED OUT**  
UNDESERVED NEIGHBORHOODS IN RICHMOND

6:08 | 63°





**copy editor** Seldom a formal title.  
Also: copy editing, copy edit.

# WHY STUDY COPY EDITING?

## Marketable skills

- attention to detail
- teamwork
- ability to meet deadlines
- time management
- problem solving
- cultural awareness



# WHAT IT'S NOT

- a headline writing contest
- a current events contest
- a spelling contest



# WHAT IT IS

a contest that focuses on editing,  
including

- knowledge of current events
- grammar, spelling, punctuation, style
- sentence structure, including passive voice and word choice
- current events, cultural knowledge
- media law and ethics



# HIGH-LEVEL EDITING



- Are there any legal issues (libel)?
- Did the reporter interview the right people?
- Did the reporter interview enough people?
- Did the reporter ask the right questions?
- Does the story cover all sides?
- Is the story in context?

# Ebola in America: Timeline Virus

OCT 24, 2014, 9:09 AM ET

By SYDNEY LUKICH and W...

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Doctor Tests Positive for Ebola

Ebola, a virus that is effective in the most populous city with the

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa has killed 4,877 of them as of Oct. 22, the World Health Organization

Find out how the virus first reached this summer — and who flew from Liberia to Texas

Oct. 24, 2014 — Dallas nurse is virus-free, the National In

Oct. 23, 2014 — Dr. Craig A. Spencer at Bellevue Hospital in New York City, where he was working with a conference that Spencer or with "very few" people. He

**NBC NEWS**  
U.S. WORLD LOCAL P...  
Published October 23rd 2014, 6:00 AM  
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**HONDA**

# Ebola-free, Dallas nurse returns to North Texas

Jessica Gresko, Associated Press 8:17 a.m. CDT October 23, 2014



Pham arrived at Meacham Airport in Fort Worth just before midnight Friday

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Dallas nurse Nina Pham — declared Friday to be free of the Ebola virus — is back home in North Texas after a whirlwind Friday that included a meeting with President Obama.

Pham arrived at Meacham Airport in Fort Worth just before midnight Friday.

Care life pilot Jason Davis said he flew Pham back to Texas and said, "she's great." Davis described Pham as being in "great spirits."

Pham had no comments for the media on her return, but Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas — her employer — released a photo showing a smiling young woman with her father, Peter, being presented with scrubs that had been signed by hospital colleagues.

Pham got a hug from the president in the Oval Office at the White House. And outside the hospital where she had been since last week, she was embraced by the nation's infectious disease chief, who oversaw her care.

**SILVERADO STORIES**

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### MORE STORIES

DFW passengers subdue homophobic assailant  
Oct. 20, 2014, 2:45 p.m.

Carter: States should decide gay marriage, not feds  
Oct. 20, 2014, 11:05 a.m.

Uncut: Frenchy's last stand?  
Oct. 20, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

White House working on new Ebola guidelines  
Oct. 20, 2014, 3:59 p.m.

you should know is that it's not very contagious — "Common sense and observation tell us that spread of the virus via coughing or sneezing is rare, if it happens at all," the World Health Organization says. It's spread through frequent contact with bodily fluids and can be spread only by someone who is showing symptoms.



From the Archives:  
Paul McCartney  
Gets Personal  
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An anatomy of a journalistic failure

BY SHEILA CORONEL, STEVE COLL, DEREK KRAVITZ | April 5, 2015

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'A Rape on Campus'

# What Went Wrong?



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: Last November, we published a story, 'A Rape on Campus' [RS 1223], that centered around a University of Virginia student's horrifying account of her alleged gang rape at a campus fraternity house. Within days, commentators started to question the veracity of our narrative. Then, when The Washington Post uncovered details suggesting that the assault could not have taken place the way we described it, the truth of the story became a matter of

### AROUND THE WEB



The Big Clue You Missed in the 'GoT' Finale



'80s Stars You Won't Recognize Today

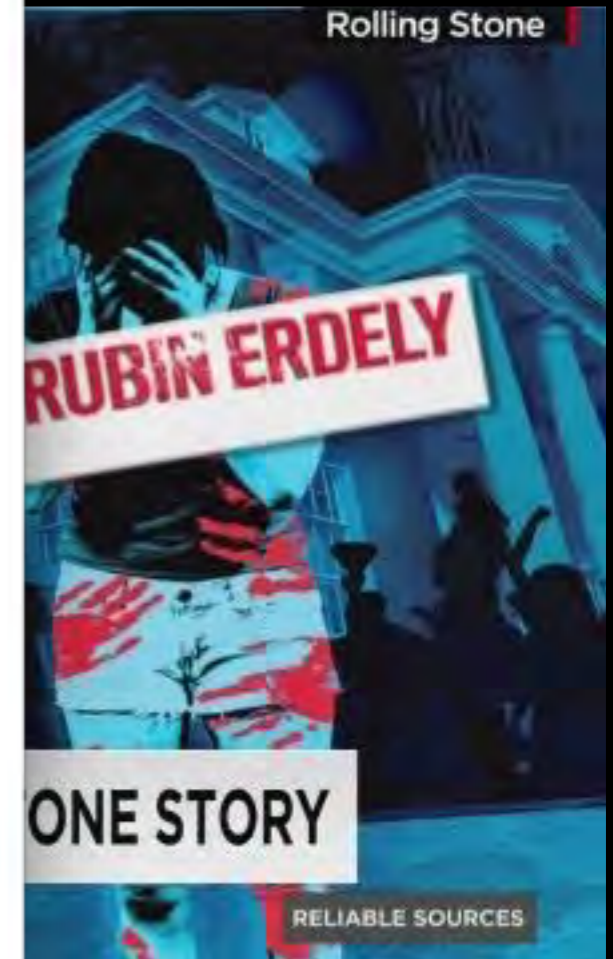


How to Tell if a TV Actor is Bad



13 Dead 'GoT' Characters Who Are Still Alive in the Books

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# CULTURAL LITERACY



Expect temperatures to be at coldest on Friday morning, near freezing.

By Patrick Beach  
pbeach@statesman.com

Yes, it'll be at least 20 degrees cooler Tuesday than it was Monday, but it's not slice-open-a-tauntaun-like-Luke-Skywalker-in-"The-Empire-Strikes-Back" cold.

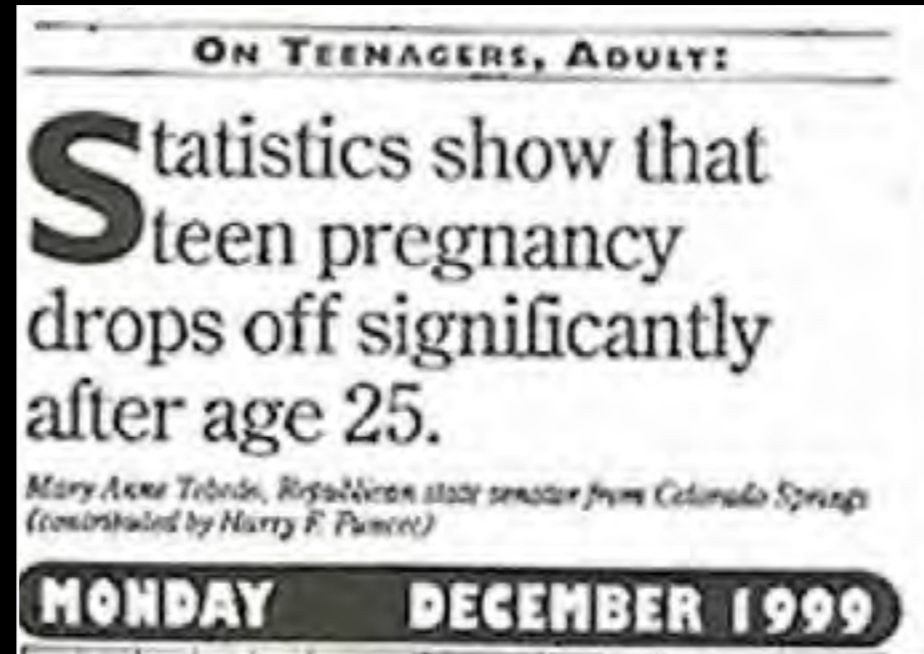
On the other hand, you'll

## CORRECTION

■ A story about Austin's cold weather on Tuesday's Page B1 incorrectly identified the character who sliced open a tauntaun to stay warm in "The Empire Strikes Back." It was Han Solo.



# MID-LEVEL EDITING



- Does the story flow well? Has the reporter made good use of transitions?
- Are sentences structured correctly?
- Has writer made appropriate use of passive voice?
- Is vocabulary appropriate for the audience?
- Is math correct?
- Is geography correct?

# CULTURAL SENSITIVITY



Officials at Mesquite High School in Mesquite, Texas, have recalled their recently distributed school yearbooks after it was discovered the books described some students with special needs as "mentally retarded," KDFW-TV reports.

"Some of the disabilities the students in the Special Education Program have are being blind, deaf or non-verbal," school spokeswoman Laura Jobe told the

ion, describing the offending language.

ording to KDFW, school officials confiscated the yearbooks after parents and lents objected to the language and called it "appalling and disgraceful."

ere was an oversight in the editing approval process," Jobe told the *Dallas Morning News*. "Those who work inside the special education department know se requirements."

- Avoiding sexist writing
- Being insensitive
- Cultural awareness



**mentally disabled, intellectually disabled, developmentally disabled** The preferred terms, not mentally retarded.

**disabled, handicapped** In general, do not describe an individual as disabled or handicapped unless it is clearly pertinent to a story. If a description must be used, try to be specific.



**firefighter, fireman** The preferred term to describe a person who fights fire is firefighter.

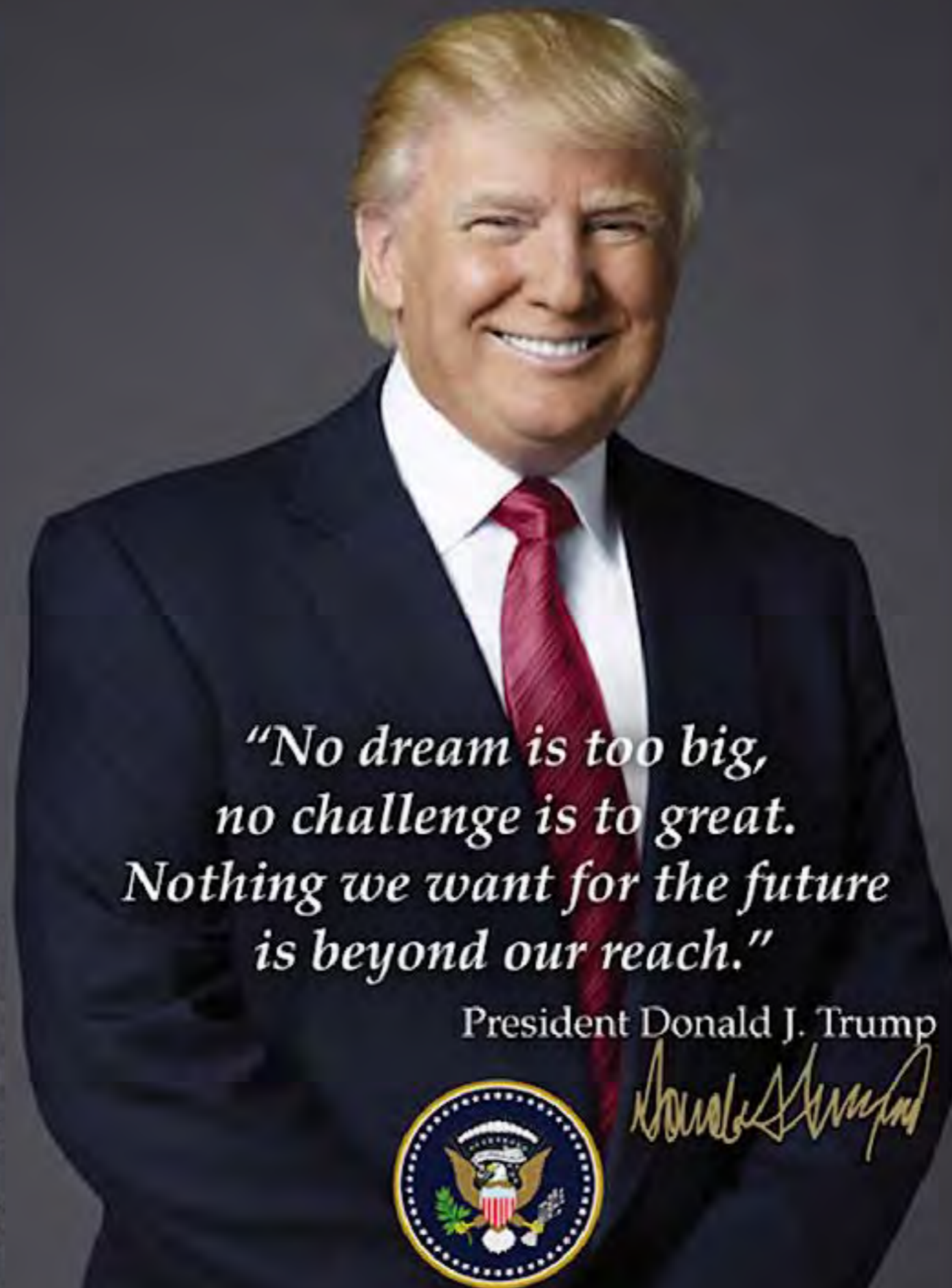
**mailman** Mail or letter carrier is preferable.

**transsexual** Use transgender to describe individuals who have acquired the physical characteristics of the opposite sex or present themselves in a way that does not correspond with their sex at birth.

# LOW-LEVEL EDITING



- Grammar
- Spelling
- Punctuation
- Style



*"No dream is too big,  
no challenge is too great.  
Nothing we want for the future  
is beyond our reach."*

President Donald J. Trump

A handwritten signature of Donald Trump in gold ink, located to the right of the Presidential Seal.





9:35  
35°

**FOX**  
**31**  
POWER

**BILL WOULD ALLOW CANNIBALS TASTING ROOMS**

**FROM**  
**CAP**

# GRAMMAR

- Subject / verb agreement
- Passive voice
- Order of tenses
- Pronoun / antecedent agreement
- Incomplete sentences
- Dangling modifiers
- Wordiness



# ASSESSMENT

1. Nursing schools now recruit more students **in order to / to** address a staffing shortage.
2. None of the politicians **were / was** ready to legalize marijuana.
3. **Everyone / Every one** who sees "The Exorcist" is frightened.
4. City officials want to **quickly raise money** so they increased fees for a **both** at the downtown farmer's market at 713 Ohio **Avenue**

# ASSESSMENT

5. Markwayne Mullin made history as the first ~~Native~~ <sup>Indigenous person</sup> to ~~actually~~ win election to the U.S. senate in nearly two decades. Fumbling in her purse, ~~her passport could not be found.~~ <sup>she could not find her passport</sup>

**Native Americans, Indigenous people/peoples** Generally use the term *Native Americans* in broad references when referring to two or more people of different tribal affiliations within the contiguous U.S. geographic boundaries. (See below for details on *Alaska Natives* and *Native Hawaiians*.)

Do not use the term *Native American* for an individual; see below for detail on more specificity when referring to one person or to citizens of the same tribe.

The term *Natives* is acceptable on second reference.

The term *American Indians* is generally considered outdated. However, some tribal citizens may use the term in reference to themselves, other tribal citizens or organizations. And it may appear in some legal contexts and organization names. It is acceptable in those contexts.

The term *Indigenous people(s)* is a broad umbrella term, describing the original inhabitants of a place globally. The term does not capture the political relationship or political status of Native American tribes or people, so use it only when the broad description is accurate. Be specific about a person's citizenship and/or affiliation, as noted below.

The term may be appropriate in some contexts, such as when generalizing across an array of geographies: *Indigenous people in the United States and Canada*; *Indigenous people in the United States* (encompassing Native Hawaiians and Alaska Natives); *Missing and Murdered Indigenous People*.

Do not use phrasing such as a *Native American* or *Native Americans* (or an *Indigenous person*) for individuals or for citizens of a single tribe. Instead, specify the proper name of the tribe and the person's connection to the tribe. If that information is not immediately available, try to obtain it.

Some tribes and tribal nations use *member*; others use *citizen*. Try to determine the correct term in each case. If that can't be determined, use *citizen*.

# SPELLING

- Capitalization
- Most commonly misspelled words
- Words in the AP Stylebook specifically because of spelling

# ASSESSMENT

1. King Charles denied there was any **wrongdoing** / **wrong doing**.
2. The bayous held alligators and other **noisy** / **noisome** – and I mean LOUD – creepers.
3. The Dallas region is just the latest locale to flood this past **Summer** / **summer**.
4. States must **acomodate** / **accommodate** / **acomodate** the wishes of inmates.
5. The dentist said the patient's **palate** / **palette** / **pallet** was burned eating pizza.
6. Clarence, a guardian angel, came down from **Heaven** / **heaven**.

# PUNCTUATION

- Apostrophes
- Hyphens
- Quotation marks

# ASSESSMENT

1. Tony Valdivinos' life is portrayed in an **Off-Broadway / off Broadway / off-Broadway** musical, "¡Americano!"
2. Ken Paxton personally issued the **attorney general's / attorney generals** opinion.
3. She said, "I can't believe **its / it's / its'** snowing again."

# AP STYLE BASICS

- Dates
- Times
- Numbers
- Titles
- Acronyms





# ASSESSMENT

1. "Whole" milk is just over **3%** / **3 percent** / **three percent** fat.
2. America's total national debt surpassed **\$31 trillion** / **31 trillion dollars** / **\$31,000,000,000,000** for the first time last fall.
3. The speed limit in rural West Texas is **eighty five** / **85 mph**.
4. A rugby team consists of **8** / **eight** players in the tight scrum.
5. On **Feb.** / **February** 17, Logan went to the dentist to have his teeth cleaned.
6. More than 100 migrants from the U.S.-Mexico border were dropped off near **Vice President** / **vice president** Kamala Harris' home.

# ASSESSMENT

1. Kremlin officials warned against "provocative" moves **toward / towards** China.
2. Reindeer herders have found a carcass of an **ice age / Ice Age** cave bear.
3. Democratic CD-14 candidate Nick Lampson of Beaumont claimed partial credit for inventing the **Amber Alert / amber alert / AMBER Alert**.
4. The **U.S. Postal Service / USPS / U.S.P.S.** raised the price of a first-class stamp.

AP STYLE  
RANDOM

# ASSESSMENT

1. Gwen Berry protested on the **pulpit / podium / lectern** during the trials.
2. Making a pleasing **cat litter / Kitty Litter** drives a \$700 million industry.
3. Texas opened an investigation into alleged violations of children's privacy by **Tiktok / TikTok / Tik-Tok / tiktok**.
4. The House passed legislation to **assure / ensure / insure** access to contraception.

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CURRENT EVENTS,  
ETHICS,  
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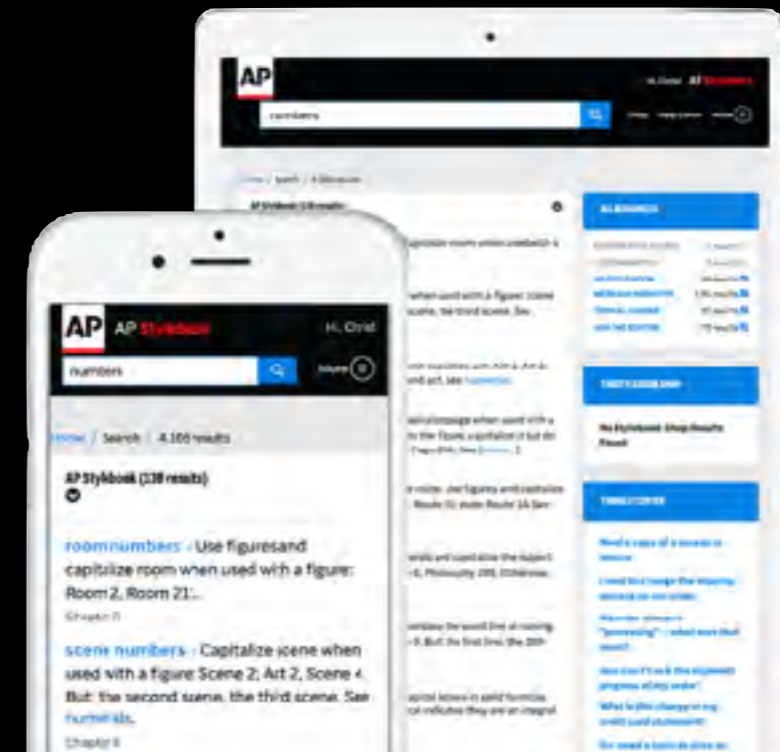
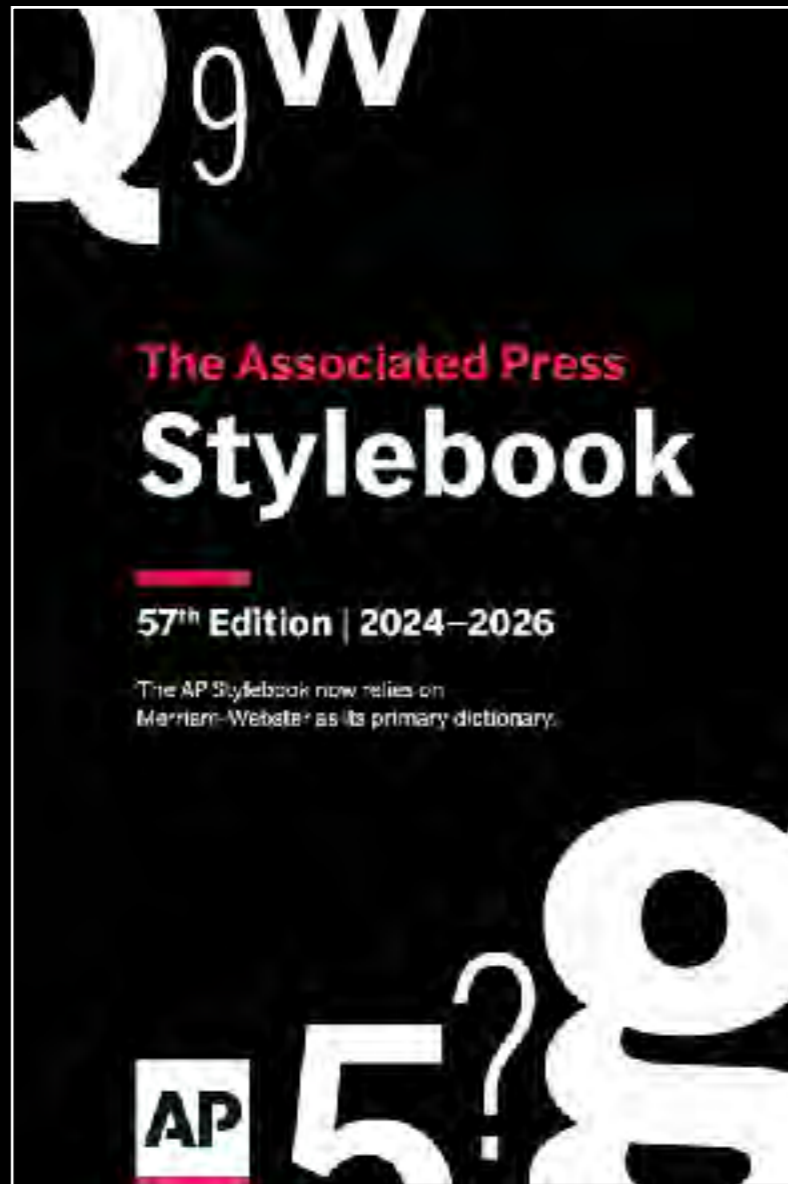
# ASSESSMENT

As legislators wind down a session with an historic ~~deficit~~ <sup>surplus</sup> and a focus on public education, a ~~new~~ survey released ~~May 16, 2023~~ <sup>Tuesday</sup>, shows Texans continue to support teacher raises, want an

Further, ~~Governor~~ <sup>Greg</sup> Abbott supports vouchers using public tax dollars for private education. And ~~Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick,~~ ~~Governor Ken Abbott~~ continued to push his unpopular private school voucher scheme. Patrick called urban school districts “dropout factories,” specifically citing Dallas I.S.D.

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## 57TH EDITION, 2024-2026



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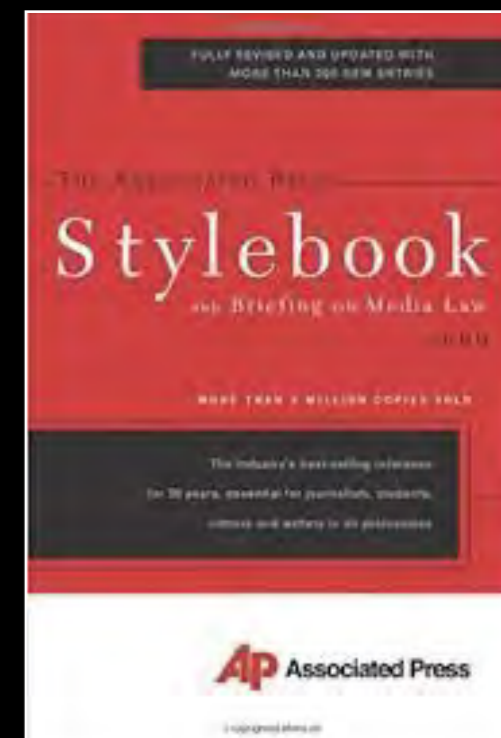
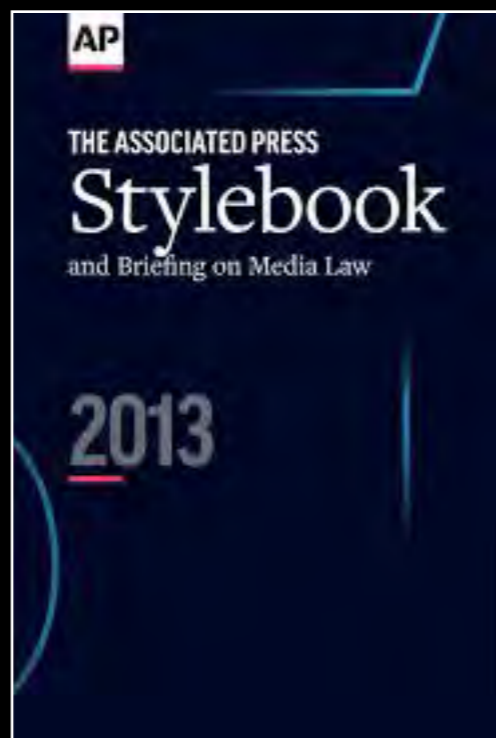
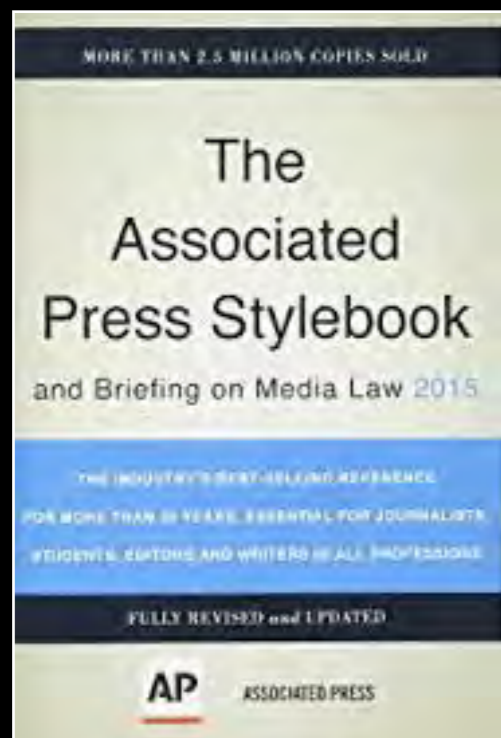
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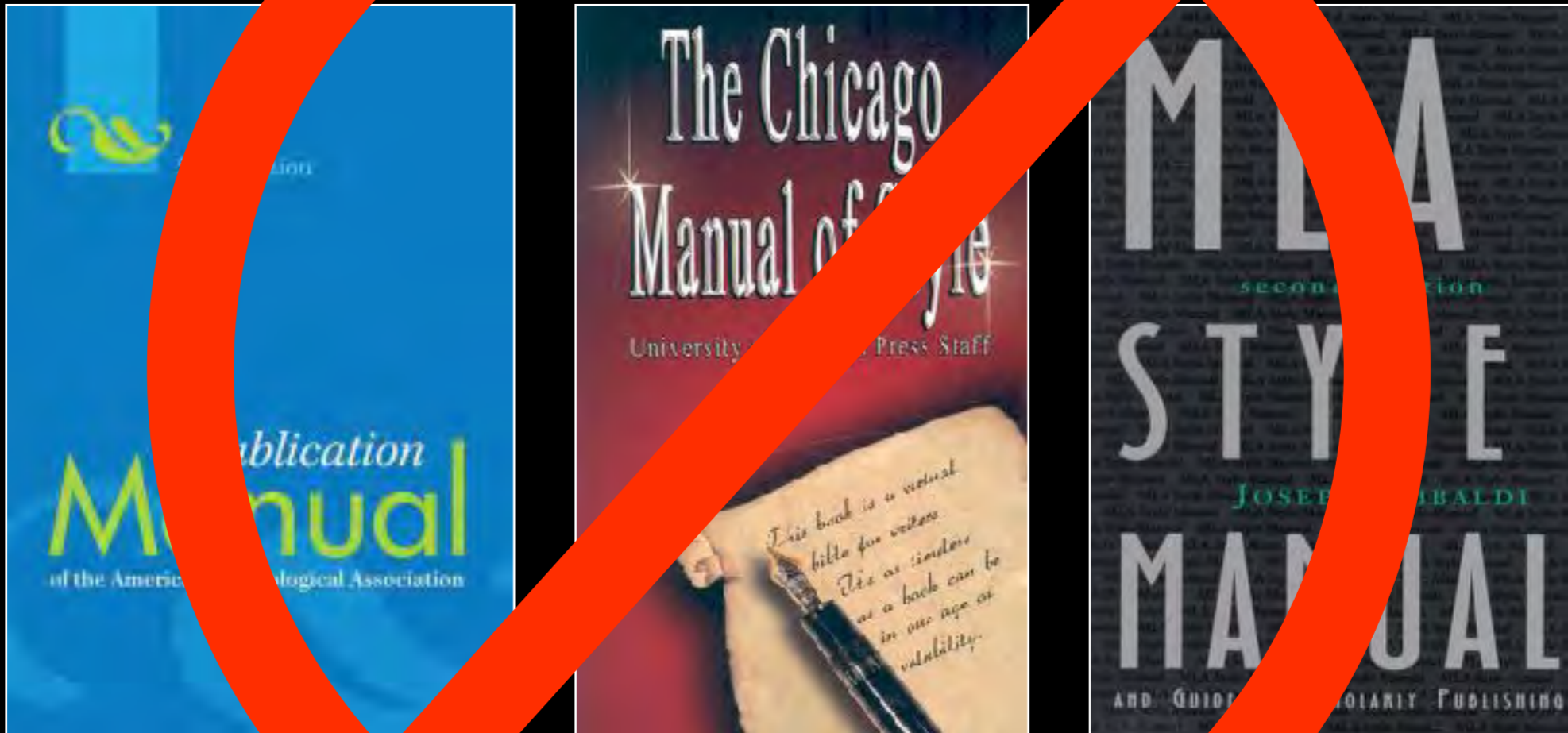
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# STYLE



# THE AP STYLEBOOK

**ARE THE CONTESTANTS ABLE TO USE  
THE AP STYLEBOOK DURING THE CONTEST?**

**YES.**

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# SYMBOLS

## Proofreader's Marks

#	Insert space (more space)
stet	Let it stand —(all margin)
⊂	Close up entirely
∩	Less space between
]	Move to right ]
[	Move to left
=	Align horizontally
	Align vertically
¶	Begin a paragraph
no ¶	No paragraph
run in	Run in
Flush ¶	No paragraph indent
+	Transpose left and right

IN MARGIN      IN TEXT

a	Insert word or letter
e	delete
e)	close
)	close
#	insert
(eg) #	equalize or make
(no)	begin continuation
# #	center
] [ ]	flush
(fl)	flush
(fr)	flush
(tr)	flush
~	ragged
⌊	margin
∨ ^	superscript or subscript
(sp)	spell out

Insert word or letter

Lesser-Known Editing and Proofreading Marks

zz-z-z delete ~ no one cares

☹ mixed metaphor, eh?

★@! insert 4-letter word for emphasis

🔪 remove permanently from your lexicon

∞ too long

👁 too silly

🙄 you wish

🐉 pls revisit your politics

🔪 pls cut the crap

🔍 pls paraphrase—obviously stolen from Web

🚫 pls don't eat Pringles while you work

(sc)

superscript or subscript (πr<sup>2</sup> or H<sub>2</sub>O)

spell out (set 1 hr. as one hour)

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⊖ Delete space

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IN MARGIN

PROOFREADERS' MARK

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( ) Insert parentheses

arrives May 6 (tomorrow)

IN TEXT

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set in boldface type (boldface)

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insert period or colon

insert double quotation marks (The Catbird Seat)

insert single quotation mark or apostrophe (today's newspaper)

insert hyphen (first-class)

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# SYMBOLS


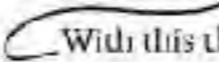









USE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD  
EDITING SYMBOLS.

# SYMBOLS

## SEE THE 2024-2026 STYLEBOOK.

Students will NOT be penalized for using other symbols. It is up to the judges to determine if marks are "clearly understood."

# Editing marks

	HONG KONG (AP) — The organization said Thursday. <u>It was the first and last attempts.</u>	indent for paragraph paragraph no paragraph
	With this the president tried the Jones Smith company is not over a period of <u>sixty</u> or more years there were <u>5</u> in the group. former <u>Governor</u> Rothwell attended The <u>Ga</u> man was the guest of prince <u>edward</u> said it was his as a result <del>This</del> will be the <u>ac</u> cuser pointed to them <u>In</u> these times it is necessary The order for the <del>later</del> <sup>STET</sup> devices The ruling <sup>is</sup> a fine example according to the <del>this</del> source	transpose use figures spell it out abbreviate don't abbreviate uppercase lowercase remove space insert space retain insert word delete
	By DONALD AMES J.P. Slavens J.P. Slavens	boldface, center flush right flush left
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		insert apostrophe
		insert quotation marks
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		dash
		
		



# SYMBOLS

## RECOMMENDED EDITING MARKS

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remove space

insert space

ignore correction

insert word

delete

insert comma

insert apostrophe

insert quotation marks

insert period

insert hyphen

insert dash

Spelling errors should be corrected,  
not simply marked for correction.



LET'S LOOK AT A TEST

# PART 1

CONTESTANT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## COPY EDITING CONTEST STATE 2024

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

**PART 1: Circle the correct response. (1 pt. each)**

1. He prayed he wouldn't have a **break down / breakdown** driving to Lubbock.
2. The United States and Russia stopped sharing **biannual / biennial** nuclear weapons data, something they historically did in March and August.
3. Police pulled the car from the lake **Nov. 4 / Nov. 4, 2023 / November 4, 2023 / Saturday, November 4, 2023**.
4. Tommy Chhe was named the **M.V.P. / MVP / Most Valuable Player**.
5. I've ratcheted up the classic **bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich / BLT** a notch or two here by adding tarragon to the mayo.
6. The legislature banned more books in **Kansas' / Kansas's / Kansases** schools.
7. The **70 year old / 70-year-old** went skydiving for the first time.
8. When the librarian brought out the **Bible / bible**, a replica of the one Gutenberg printed, to be photographed today, the senior pastor handled it with gloves.
9. A sports memorabilia auction house owner offered **\$2 million / two million dollars / 2 million dollars / \$2 million dollars** to the baseball fan.
10. A writer asked Charles and Emma whether they loved **one another / each other**.
11. A swarm of locusts **was / were** sighted approaching Odessa.
12. Neither the CIA nor its agents **is / are** on the record about the case.
13. **Everyone / Every one** who sees "The Exorcist" is frightened.
14. The speaker walked up on stage and stood behind the **podium / rostrum / lectern**.
15. He earned two **all-state / All-State / all state** medals in trombone performance.

TOTAL \_\_\_\_/15

# PART 1

# GRADING

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Answer Key

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5. I've ratcheted up the classic **bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich** / ~~BLT~~ a notch or two here by adding tarragon to the mayo.
6. The legislature banned more books in ~~Kansas~~ / **Kansas's** / **Kansases** schools.
7. The **70 year old** / ~~70-year-old~~ went skydiving for the first time.
8. When the librarian brought out the ~~Bible~~ / **bible**, a replica of the one Gutenberg printed, to be photographed today, the senior pastor handled it with gloves.
9. A sports memorabilia auction house owner offered ~~\$2 million~~ / **two million dollars** / **2 million dollars** / **\$2 million dollars** to the baseball fan.
10. A writer asked Charles and Emma whether they loved **one another** / ~~each other~~.
11. A swarm of locusts ~~was~~ / **were** sighted approaching Odessa.
12. Neither the CIA nor its agents ~~is~~ / **are** on the record about the case.
13. ~~Everyone~~ / **Every one** who sees "The Exorcist" is frightened.
14. The speaker walked up on stage and stood behind the **podium** / **rostrum** / ~~lectern~~.
15. He earned two ~~all-state~~ / **All-State** / **all state** medals in trombone performance.

#### Notes for judges

No. 1 – breakdown = nouns and/or adjective; break down = verb

No. 5 – BLT. Acceptable on first reference for a bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich.

No. 13 – every one, every one: two words when it means each individual item. One word when used as a pronoun meaning all people.

No. 14 – A speaker stands behind a lectern, on a podium or rostrum, or in the pulpit.

#### Tips for judges

##### Part 1

There is some subjectivity involved in all editing. If you find an error in the answer key, report it to the UIL office.

# PART 2

Part 2: Edit the following sentences to eliminate/correct **FOUR (and only four)** errors in wordiness, AP style, grammar, spelling or punctuation in each of the five statements below. Use clearly understood editing symbols. **Judges will consider only the first four corrections marked. Any others will be ignored. Compound errors such as changing "First Lady" to "first lady" will be considered as one error. (2 pts. each)**

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### POINTS

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TOTAL \_\_\_\_/10

# PART 2 GRADING

Four errors.

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### Notes to judges

No. 1 – There are several ways to fix the verb tense problem. Tenses need to convey a sense of time order. The simplest fix is to make all the verbs past tense – cleaned, worked, ran. Regardless, the student has to fix them all and therefore, this is one error.

ICU – Acceptable on second reference for an intensive care unit. If ICU is used on first reference, give the full term quickly thereafter.

Use assure to mean to make sure or give confidence. Use ensure to mean guarantee. Use insure for references to insurance.

local – Avoid the irrelevant use of the word. ICUs are always in hospitals.

No. 4 – There should NOT be a comma before "because." The second part of the sentence explains the challenge.

### Tips for judges

#### Part 2

There are four errors per item.

If fixing one error creates another, it counts as one.

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The altered speed limit would be in affect only when it’s posted on signs notifying drivers of the change and it can’t be lower than 10 miles per hour under the regular speed limit, typically 65 miles per hour. However, a drop of 10 miles per hour under the right conditions might mean less deaths.

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In 2013, house bill 2204 allowed TxDOT to try a pilot program testing the effectiveness of variable speed limits. The agency set up variable speed limits in Temple, San Antonio, and Eastland Counties and collected data, which was analyzed by the TAMU Transportation Institute.

The bill passed the House by a 90 to 47 vote. It was approved in the Senate 25-6. Governor Greg Abbott signed it June 9, 2023.

Modified from a Aug. 22, 2023, Texas Tribune story by Noah Nkalsi Bach, “Starting Sept. 1 in Texas, your speed limit may vary based on local highway conditions” available online at <https://www.texastribune.org/2023/08/22/texas-variable-speed-limits/>

# PART 3 GRADING

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Answer Key

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### Notes for judges

¶1 — see highway designations

¶3 — The national highway agency is not the proper name. Lowercase. The story is probably referring to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, but it's unclear.

¶6 — There's no Temple County or San Antonio County. Even if there were, "Counties" would have a lowercase c. Eastland is a county. The best fix is "... Eastland County, Temple and San Antonio..."

TAMU = Texas A&M University

TxDOT = Texas Department of Transportation

¶7 — This is confusing. What bill? The 2023 bill was HB 1585. The 2013 bill was HB 2204. Perhaps switch the order of

¶6 and ¶7. It wouldn't hurt to put the number of the 2023 bill earlier in the story.

### Tips for judges

#### Part 3

This section is ranked to break a tie in the combined scores of parts 1 and 2. Assign no points.

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When judging Part 3, holistically read the changes the student indicated starting with the highest level of editing.

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- Lowest level: Grammar, spelling, punctuation, style

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# CHANGES IN 2024-2025

- **POINT VALUES FOR PART 2 HAVE DOUBLED:** Each error in Part 2 is worth 1 point now. That means each question is worth 4 points. That means the entire section is worth 20 points. Combined with the 15 points from Part 1, that means the entire test has a maximum value of 35 points.

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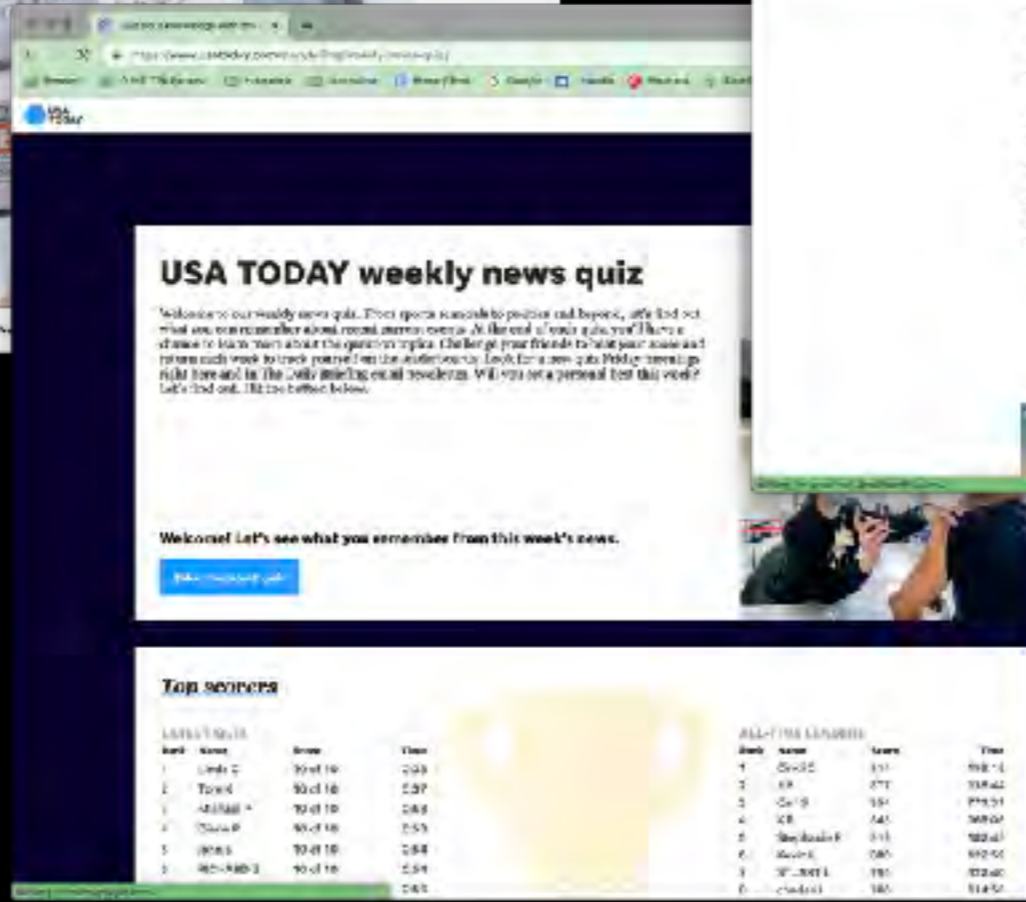
- **MAKING PART 3 REQUIRED AND RANKING TOP EXAMS:** We're examining the best way to make Part 3 required without putting undue burden on the judges. Part 3 allows students to evaluate three levels of editing:
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  - *Mid-level errors:* flow, word choice, sentence structure, math, geography, current events
  - *High-level errors:* law, ethics

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# WAYS TO TEACH


- **DRILL AND PRACTICE:** Do it over and over again. **Knowledge based.**  
Develop your own materials based on where students are weak.
  - Give current events quizzes.
  - Do a spelling bee.
  - Do a geography bee.
- **DRILL AND PRACTICE:** Use previous UIL tests. Invitational meets.  
**Synthesis based.**
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- **USE PUBLISHED MATERIALS:** Find published material with errors (and there's no shortage of it) and have students find / fix the errors. **Evaluation based.**

# WAYS TO TEACH



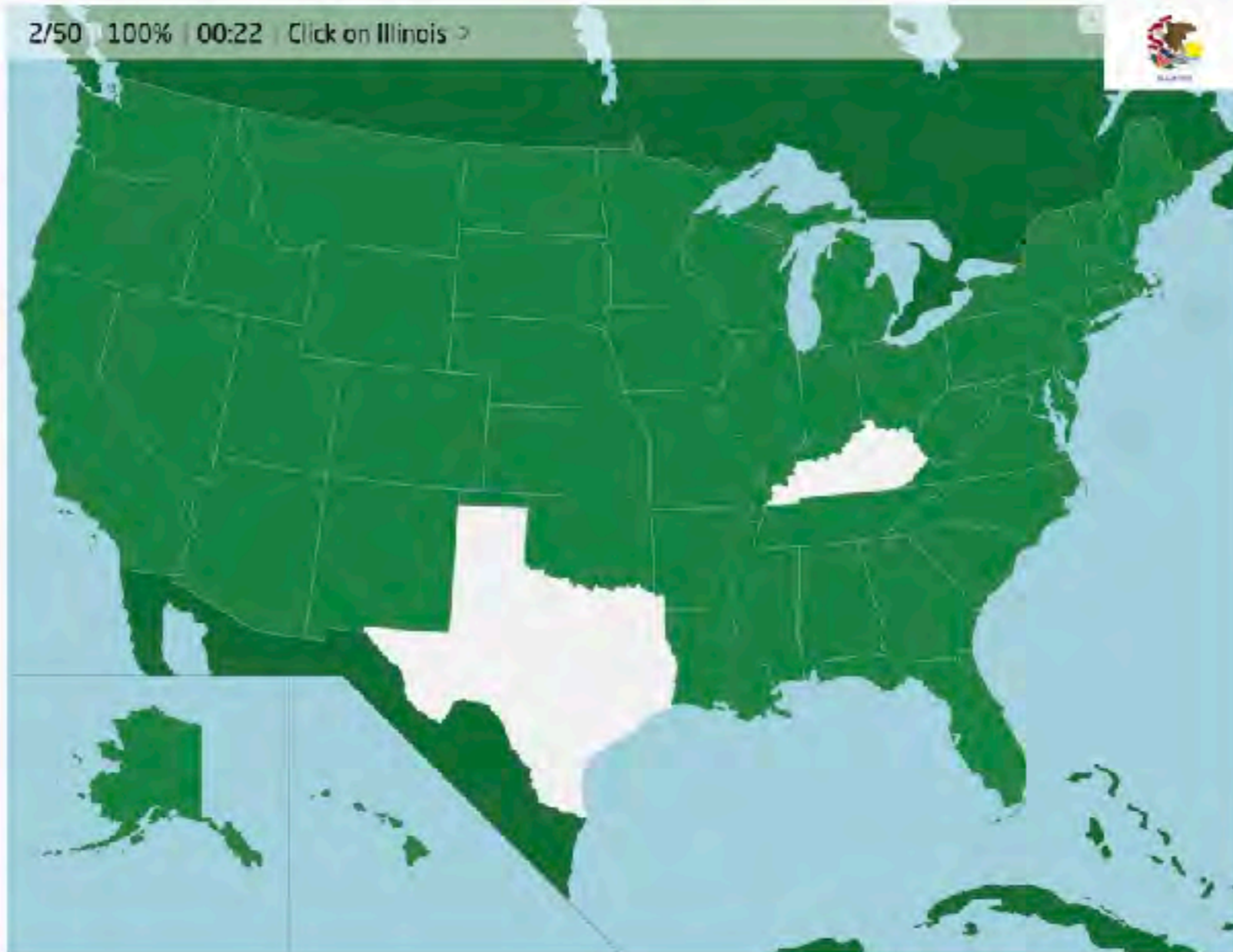
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*Nov. 17* Registration deadline  
*Nov. 29* Prompts emailed to coaches  
*Nov. 29 - Dec. 9* Schools conduct contests

*1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9*  
All contests must be completed.

*2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9*  
All contests must be submitted.



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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/03/15/insider/copy-edit-this-quiz-11.html>. The page header includes the New York Times logo, navigation links (SECTIONS, HOME, SEARCH), and a LOGIN button. Below the header is a row of featured articles with thumbnails and titles: 'World Cup Soccer's Swedish Assist: Mark for Mexico and a Times Editor, It's a Win-Win', 'Inside 'Coachella for Journalists'', 'She Wanted You to See a Family, Not Just a Pregnant Man', 'Meet the Woman Who 'Really Ruled' the New York Times Newsroom', and 'In a League of Their Own: Press v. Congress'. A large advertisement for Booking.com is displayed, featuring a grid of hotel images and the text 'What you pay is what you see. No booking fees, cleaning fees, or any other fees.' Below the ad is a 'Book now' button. The main content area is titled 'TIMES INSIDER' and features the headline 'Copy edit This! No. 11 Quiz' with red annotations: a bracket under 'Copy', a red circle around 'edit', and a red circle around 'Quiz'. The date 'MARCH 15, 2018' is shown below the headline. The introductory text reads: 'The Times's standards editor, Philip B. Corbett, invites readers to correct grammatical errors in recent New York Times articles. You can take other quizzes here.' The main body of text explains: 'Here's the latest installment of our copy editing quiz. Each of the passages below, from recent Times articles, contains at least one clear error in grammar or word usage. I'm not counting less-than-elegant phrasing that could be improved, or other more subjective editing judgments.' The final paragraph states: 'You don't have to explain the error or fix it; just click on the part you think is wrong. If I agree, you'll see my explanation. If you're off base, try again.'

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://acesaditors.org/resources/quizzes/78>. The page features the ACES logo in the top left and a navigation menu in the top right. The main content area is titled "GRAMMAR GUIDE QUIZ 78" and includes a note that the quiz must be viewed in a new window. A list of 78 quizzes is provided, with Quiz 78 being the current page. The footer contains six icons representing different website sections: Conference, Training, News, Job Bank, Editors For Hire, and Scholarships.

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