

WRITING PORTFOLIO

2A



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CORRECTION SYMBOLS

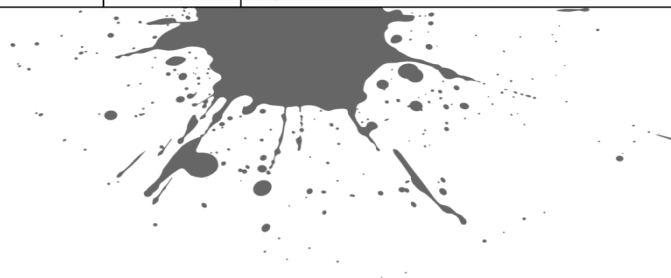
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INCORRECT SENTENCE

CORRECT SENTENCE

1.	Im happy youre here	p	I'm happy you're here.
2.	i love english.	cap	I love English.
3.	When did you up this morning?	^	When did you get up this morning?
4.	I rike cats.	sp	I like cats.
5.	My birthday is on June.	prep	My birthday is in June.
6.	He likes play tennis.	wf	He likes playing tennis.
7.	I love chocolate. I don't like white chocolate.	con	I love chocolate, but I don't like...
8.	Shibuya is fun and I often go to Shibuya.	rep	Shibuya is fun and I often go there.
9.	I buy a new shirt yesterday.	vt	I bought a new shirt yesterday.
10.	He go to university on Saturday.	s/v	He goes to university on Saturday.
11.	I went to Disneyland with all my friend.	pl	I went to Disneyland with all my friends.
12.	I visited to my grandparents.	X	I visited my grandparents.
13.	She name is Michelle.	pron	Her name is Michelle.
14.	I live in theTokyo.	art.	I live in Tokyo.
15.	My father every day beer drinks.	wo	My father drinks beer every day.
16.	I work on Sun day.	∩	I work on Sunday.
17.	My favourite dish is watermelon.	ww	My favourite food is watermelon.





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REWRITE #1

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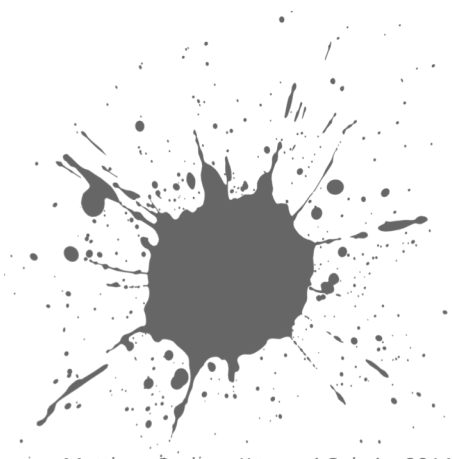
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WRITING 2A

PORTFOLIO ENTRY #1

Choose one topic and write about it. Be sure to use complete sentences and use paragraph style.

- A. Write about learning something new. What would you like to learn? Why do you want to learn it? What would you do with the new information or skill?
- B. Write about what you did during the break. What did you do and when? Where did you go and who did you go with? What is the best part of your break?
- C. Write about a famous person you would like to meet. What has this person done that is interesting to you? What would you talk about? What would you like to learn from meeting him or her?



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REWRITE #2

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PORTFOLIO ENTRY #2

- A. Write about a place that you have visited on vacation or for a school trip. Where is it? Why did you want to go there? What activities did you do there? What is the best thing about this place?
- B. Write about your favorite relative. Who is this person? What job does he/she have? What qualities make this person special? How do you feel when you are around this person?
- C. In your opinion, is English a good second language to learn? Why or why not? Give three reasons for your opinion.

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REWRITE #3

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PORTFOLIO ENTRY #3

A. Answer the questions about **two large cities** that you have visited. Use complete sentences to answer the questions.

A. What two large cities have you visited? _____

B. Where are the two cities? _____

C. Which city is better? List 3 reasons why one is better than the other. Give an example to support each reason. _____ is a better city than _____.

i. Reason: _____

Support: _____

ii. Reason: _____

Support: _____

iii. Reason: _____

Support: _____

B. Answer the questions about **two different restaurants** that you have eaten at. Use complete sentences to answer the questions.

A. Which two fast food restaurants have you eaten at? _____

B. What type of food do they serve? _____

C. Which restaurant is better? List 3 reasons why one is better than the other. Give an example to support each reason. _____ is better than _____.

i. Reason: _____

Support: _____

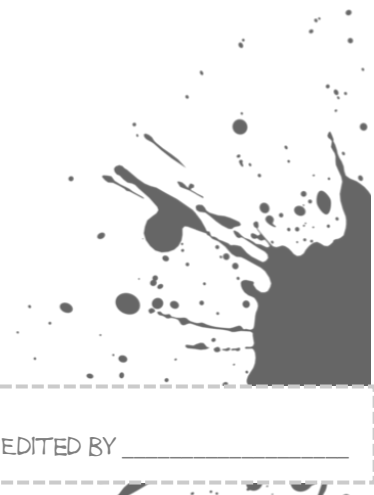
ii. Reason: _____

Support: _____

iii. Reason: _____

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- Choose A or B. Copy your sentences into a paragraph below. Don't forget to indent the first line.



REWRITE #4

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REWRITE #5

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PORTFOLIO ENTRY #4 (100 WORDS)

- A. Write about an interesting place to visit in your hometown or prefecture. Where is it? What is special about this place? What is the history? What should a visitor do or try there?
- B. Write about a great job that you want or you think you be interesting to do. What kind of job is it? What skills would someone need? What are the benefits of doing this kind of job?

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PORTFOLIO ENTRY #5 (100 WORDS)

- A. Give some advice about doing something, such as choosing a cellphone, buying a car, or choosing a university. What should a person know when making that choice? What steps should a person follow?
- B. Write about your perfect travel destination. Where would it be? Why is this a good place? What would you do there?
- C. If you could have super powers, which powers would you have? Why would you choose those powers? What would you do with your powers? Would you be good or bad? What would your name be?

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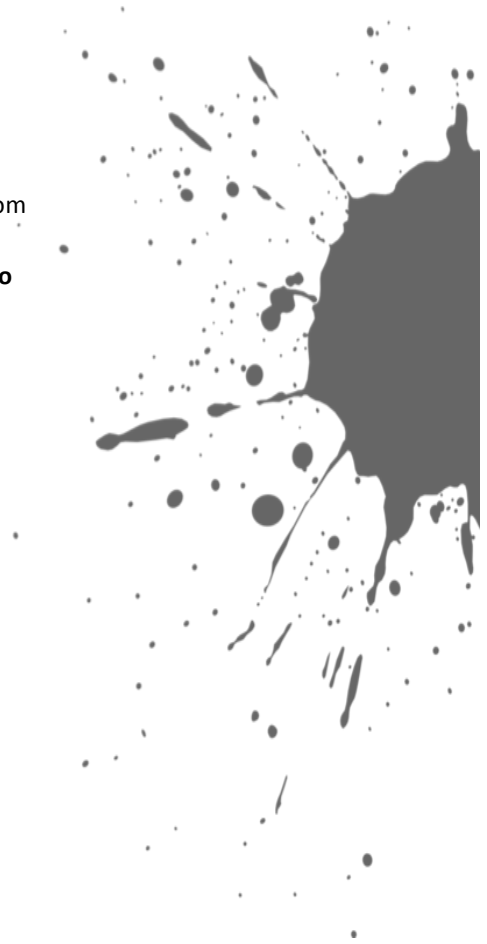
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PORTFOLIO ENTRY #6 (150 WORDS)

- A. In your opinion, is it a good idea to make students wear school uniforms? Give **three reasons** to support your opinion.
- B. What do you think will be the highest paying job in 50 years from now? Give **three reasons** to support your opinion.
- C. What are the best snack foods? Choose **two foods** and give **two reasons each** why each food is a good choice.



REWRITE #7

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REWRITE #8

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PORTFOLIO ENTRY #7 (100 WORDS)

- A. What is the definition of a perfect parent? What are the characteristics of such a person? Give examples and details of each characteristic.
- B. Choose a mechanical device, such as a watch, a coffee maker, a smart phone, or an MP3 player? How does it work? Explain the process step by step.
- C. Killing whales is a controversial activity in the world. Do you think it is right or wrong to kill whales? Give three reasons for your opinion.

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PORTFOLIO ENTRY #8 (100 WORDS)

- A. Choose one: love, jealousy, fear. How does the dictionary define this emotion? Is it a good emotion or a bad emotion? Who usually feels this emotion and why? Give some examples when you feel this way.
- B. What is the definition of *stereotype*? How does a stereotypical boy act? How does a stereotypical girl act? Do you think that boys and girls are different? Do you think it is fair that society has different expectations for the boys and girls? Explain.
- C. What is laughter? What makes you laugh? What are the effects of laughter in a person's life?

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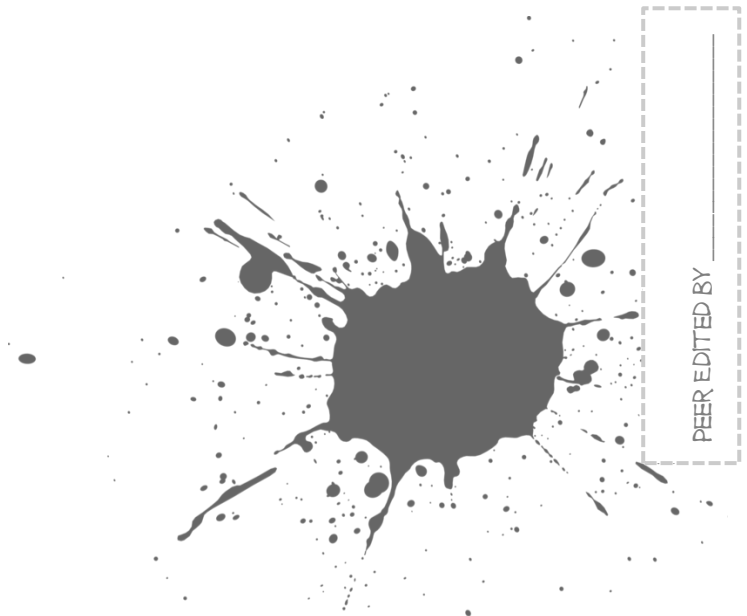
REWRITE #9

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PORTFOLIO ENTRY #9 (200 WORDS)

- A. Write a paragraph in which you define the word *pride*. What is it? What is its purpose? When should people feel pride? Can pride be negative? When can a person have too much pride?
- B. Same-sex marriage is a controversial topic in America and Japan these days. While gay people can get married in England and Canada, only some parts of America allow it and it is still illegal in Japan. What is same-sex marriage? Do you agree or disagree with it? What are three reasons that it should be allowed or not allowed in Japan?
- C. Compare two countries. [For example, America versus England, Japan versus Korea, China versus _____, etc.] How are the two countries the same? How are they different? Finally, which do you think is a better country to visit?



REWRITE #10

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PORTFOLIO ENTRY #10 (200 WORDS)

- A. Write about what you need to do to get a driver's license. What are the steps involved? (6 steps)
- B. What is the best way to make new friends? What can you do to make more friends? Please give examples and details. (7 steps)
- C. What is obesity? What causes obesity in children? What are the effects of obesity? (5 steps)
- D. What is the best way to get a girlfriend/boyfriend? What is the process? (5 steps)



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Unit Focus Chart

Unit	1A	1B	2A	2B
1	Punctuation. Run-on sentences. Sentence fragments. Missing Words.	Misplaced commas. Independent /dependent clauses. Comma splices.	Commas. "Because." Contractions. Sentence fragments.	Commas. "Because." Contractions. Sentence fragments.
2	Singular/plural nouns. Quantifier + s/es. Subject-verb agreement.	Irregular plural nouns. Common mistakes with nouns.	Irregular singular and plural nouns. Subject-verb agreement.	Singular/plural nouns. Subject-verb agreement.
3	Word choice. Word form.	Word choice. Word form. Articles (a, an, the)	Word choice. Word form. Word order.	Word choice. Word form. Infinitives vs. Gerunds
4	Pronoun agreement. Verb tense (simple past, present, future)	Verb tense (present vs. present continuous).	Pronoun agreement. Articles (a, an, the).	Verb tense (passive). Irregular verb forms.
5	Prepositions (location /transportation).	Review of all editing symbols.	Verb tense (irregular). Prepositions (time).	Review of all editing symbols.

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A. Sentence Activity

Correct the sentences below. Underline and place correction symbols above each mistake. Use the correction symbols in the box to the right. Symbols may be used more than once.



1. My father brother, and sister came to watch my baseball game (2 mistakes)
2. I love science. Because it is interesting. (2 mistakes)
3. Because I disobeyed my mom I cant go to the summer festival on Saturday. (2 mistakes)
4. First Harry Potter is my favorite character, because he has magical powers. (2 mistakes)
5. snakes and turtles are both reptiles but only turtles have legs. (2 mistakes)
6. I often go to karaoke, but never when its a school night. (2 mistakes)

B. Paragraph Editing (12 mistakes)

Correct the paragraph below. First, underline and place correction symbols above the mistakes, then rewrite the paragraph to correct any mistakes. Use the correction symbols in the box to the right. Symbols may be used more than once.



Well, its another rainy day. First, I think I will take a walk around the neyborhood to stretch my legs. Second I will cook a big breakfast with toast eggs and bacon. After that, I might mow my lawn, because the grass is getting pretty long. Next, maybe I will visit my grand mother. I think she wants me to go grocery shoping with her. I will ask my brother to come with us but I doubt he will go. Because he doesnt like going to the grocery store as much as I do.

FOCUS: Irregular singular/plural nouns, subject-verb agreement

A. Sentence Activity

Correct the sentences below. Fill in the blanks with the singular or plural nouns and the correct verb agreement.

1. Please hand me two forks and two _____. (knife)
2. Two _____ is a long time to live in another _____. (year, country)
3. We need to walk a few _____ to get to the train station. (kilometer)
4. My family _____ near the beach in Miyazaki. (live)
5. The _____ of Germany _____ very friendly. (person, be verb)

B. Paragraph Editing (11 mistakes)

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My girlfriend had a terrible cold for several day. She blew her nose sneezed, and coughed. Yesterday, I made her chicken soup, and told her to drink orange juice. Because they is good for a cold. After that, she went to the doctor. There were many persons in the waiting room, but we could see the doctor quickly. The doctor gave her some medicines, and she has been in bed since then. Today, she is feeling much better. She was even able to visit the park for two hour. I really hope she doesn't get sick again soon. We is very tired of the sneezing and coughing.

FOCUS: Word choice, word form, word order

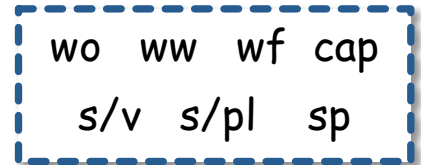
A. Sentence Activity

Correct the sentences below. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1. I am (interested / interesting) in the (exited / exciting) rides at Universal Studios.
- 2. As the (entered children / children entered), the room was filled with (happy / happiness).
- 3. The (scary / scared) part of the story really (scary / scared) the children in library.
- 4. As the temperature (rows / rose / roze), the amount of snow also (decreased / increased).
- 5. I often buy (close / clothes) at the mall because it is (convenient / useful).

B. Paragraph Editing (13 mistakes)

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If you want to have an amazed time at Disney World, I will give you some advices. First, you should arrive as early as possible. You want to have much as time in the park as you can because there are many interested rides and things to do, For example, Space Mountain, the monorail, and the merry-go-round. Number too, you should go to the most exciting attractions first. That is because they is the most populer, and many persons will be in line. It is very convenient to make a list. Last, make sure you meet the Disney characters. You will forget never your time, if you have a piksure with Mickey Mouse. I hope you enjoy your visit.

FOCUS: Pronoun agreement, articles (a, an, the)

A. Sentence Activity

Correct the sentences below. Choose the correct pronoun or article to complete the sentence.

- 1. My mother cooks dinner three nights a week. (She / Her / His) best dish is chicken *nanban*.
- 2. Next, you will see (a / an) large tree. When you arrive at (a / the / none) tree, turn left.
- 3. Mr. Ayano loves (he / him / his) two dogs. (His / They / Their) names are Pochi and Koro.
- 4. The audience had (a / an / none) hour before the concert. So, (it / they) all went to eat first.
- 5. Ms. Ann told me to put (her / some / the) boxes by the door. (She / He) said (it / they) are heavy.

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art	ww	wf	s/v
pron	^	s/pl	x

My best friends are Hiro and Ayaka. This does not mean that them are alike. In fact, they is very different. One difference is their personality. For example, Hiro is very funny, while Ayaka is more serious. Another difference is there hobbies. Hiro loves sing, and Ayaka loves a video games. Hiro and me often go to karaoke together, while Ayaka and he often spend time at game center. Even though Hiro and Ayaka are different, them have big similarity. That is, they both love scared movies. The three of us often watch horror movies together.

FOCUS: Verb tense (irregular forms), prepositions (time)

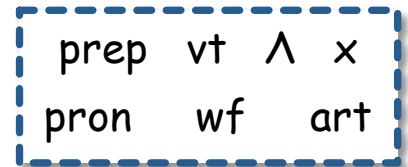
A. Sentence Activity

Correct the sentences below. Choose the correct verb or preposition to complete the sentences.

1. I want to have the party (in / on / at) May, but I am busy (in / on / at) May 5th.
2. My sister was born (in / on / at) June 13, 1995. I was born ten years later (in / on / at) 2005.
3. Last week, my bus (leaved / left /) (in / on / at) 12:30 (in / on / at) Friday.
4. Lisa has not (ride / rode / ridden) a horse before, but her son (ride / rode / ridden) yesterday.
5. I (buyed / bought / have bought) flowers two days ago, but now they are (died / dead / dying).

B. Paragraph Editing (13 mistakes)

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It is always a good idea to plan a vacation before you go. At April I will go to California next month. My airplane left Tokyo at midnight in April 2nd, and it will arrive in San Francisco on noon the next day. The first day of my trip, I planning to visit a San Francisco Bay Aquarium. On the afternoon of the second day, my plan is to go skydiving. That night, I want to made a reservation on seven o'clock at the Old Bay Restaurant. At the last day of the trip, I took a cruise around the Bay. I'm sure they will be beautiful. With careful planning, I thought my vacation will be great.



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