

## Paragraph Editing

**Purpose:** Learn writing skills by finding and correcting errors.

**How to use:** Read the paragraph. Find 19 errors. Write the correct sentences.

In this paragraph there are 19 mistakes. Most of the errors are related to basic writing skills, like:

- Punctuation
- Prepositions
- Spelling
- Verb agreement
- Verb tense

Dear Julie

Last weekend, we are going camping in the mountains. At Saturday, I played hiking and my husband and two sons did fishing. They love to fishing at the lake. They stayed there in three hours and caughted six big fish. We eated the fish for dinner. Tonight, we went to eat out. There is a small stake restaurant about one kilometer down the road. after that we will seeing a movie. Tomorrow, I will made a spaghetti dinner so today I will goes to the market and buy two kilogram of tomatoes, 500 grams of cheeses and one head of noodles. These days, my family are busy but everyone are happy and healthy.

Take care,

Mary

## Paragraph Editing Answers

The writing errors are numbered in this paragraph.

Dear Julie,

Last weekend, we (1) went camping in the mountains. (2) On Saturday, I (3) went hiking and my husband and two sons (4) went fishing. They love (5) fishing at the lake. They stayed there (6) for three hours and (7) caught six big fish. We (8) ate the fish for dinner. It was a delicious meal. Tonight, we (9) will eat out. There is a small (10) steak restaurant about one kilometer down the road. (11) After that we will (12) see a movie. Tomorrow, I will (13) make a spaghetti dinner so today I will (14) go the market and buy two (15) kilograms of tomatoes, 500 grams of (16) cheese and one (17) package of pasta. These days, my family is very busy but everyone (19) is happy and healthy.

Take care,

Mary

### Answers

- (1) Use past tense of 'go'.
- (2) Use the preposition 'on' with a day of the week.
- (3) Use 'go' with sports that end in ING. This sentence is past tense, so 'went hiking' and
- (4) 'went fishing'.
- (5) With *love* and sports, use the infinitive 'to fish or 'ing,' such as 'love fishing.'
- (6) Use preposition 'for' to describe how long you did something.
- (7) Use past tense of catch, 'caught.'
- (8) Use past tense of eat, 'ate.'
- (9) This sentence changes to future tense (e.g. Tonight), so use 'we will' or "we are going to ..."
- (10) Spelling should be 'steak'.
- (11) The beginning of a sentence needs a capital letter.
- (12) The future tense has no 'ing'. You could say "we are going to see..."
- (13) Use future tense.
- (14) 'go' - not goes - matches with I.
- (15) Make plural, so 'kilograms.'
- (16) Cheese is a noncountable noun, so no 's'.
- (17) Use 'box' or 'package' to count noodles.
- (18) Use 'is' with family.
- (19) Use 'is' with everyone.