

## EDITING EXERCISE - WORKSHEET 2

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5. There was a big explosion in Bangkok, which damaged the downtown shopping district.
6. There are many people who say that learning English is difficult.
7. There is a bug in my soup.
8. There is something about the sound of this car's engine that worries me.
9. The tired elementary school teacher picked up her umbrella. It was wet.
10. Most doctors say it is a good idea to eat less junk food and more vegetables.

## POSSIBLE ANSWERS

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1. There is a group of high school students who are standing in the hallway making noise.
  - A group of noisy high school students is standing in the hallway.
2. It is important for all first-year university students to live in the school dormitory.
  - All first-year university students should live in the school dormitory.
3. There are several facts that suggest your idea is not correct.
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  - The spaghetti sauce is too salty.
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  - Something about the sound of this car's engine worries me.
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  - The tired elementary school teacher picked up her wet umbrella.
10. Most doctors say it is a good idea to eat less junk food and more vegetables.
  - Most doctors say eating less junk food and more vegetables is a good idea.
  - Most doctors say that we should eat less junk food and more vegetables.