

Writing Starter 3, 2nd – Writing Worksheet

Unit 1. Writing Assignment

Name: _____

Find the eight mistakes. Cross out the mistakes and rewrite the sentences correctly. Check for spelling, correct tenses, capitalization, conjunctions, and punctuation.

The Earthquake

As I was sit at my desk, I suddenly felt the classroom move. I see the books falling off the bookshelf. I knew what was happening .it was an earthquake! Luckily, my teacher knew what to do. First, we all had to got on the floor. We couldn't go outside, so leaving a building during an earthquake is very dangerous. She also told us to stay away from the windows, so that we wouldn't get hurt by broken glass? Then we had to get under our desks. Or other tables. This would protect us from falling things. The earthquake only lasted a few minutes, but It felt like hours!

Think about a natural disaster. What should you do during this event? Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What kind of natural disasters happen in your area?

2. What should you do first if this happens? Why?

3. What should you do next? Why?

4. Have you ever experienced this? How did or would it feel?

Ideas

evacuate	news broadcast
flee	aftershock
emergency shelter	siren
first aid	safe zone
tornado	flood
tsunami	hospital
earthquake	brave
afraid	pocket knife

Now write a paragraph about a natural disaster in your area. What would you do, and what you would take with you in a disaster? Use your sentences from above. Add some of your own ideas, too.

_____happen in my area. _____

Check your sentences. Did you edit your writing for mistakes?

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Unit 2. Writing Assignment

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Find the punctuation mistakes. Add quotation marks, colons, and semicolons where appropriate.

My Sister's Favorite Sport

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Think about your brother or sister or other family member. What is his or her favorite sport? Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What is this family member's favorite sport? Why?

2. Is he or she good at that sport? How?

3. Why does he or she like this sport? What has he or she told you about this sport?

4. What do you think of his or her interest in this sport? _____

Ideas

soccer	
team sport	taekwondo
individual sport	swimming
practice	injury
trophies	dangerous
passing	awards
champion	exciting
running	fun
kicking	relaxing

Now write a paragraph about your family member's favorite sport. Use your sentences from above. Add some new ideas, too.

My _____'s favorite sport is

Check your sentences. Did you use commas, colons, semicolons, quotation marks, and exclamation marks correctly?

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Unit 3. Writing Assignment

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Find the sentences that do not belong. Rewrite only the sentences having cohesion.

To Give or Not to Give

I sometimes give money to very poor people that I see on the street. Sometimes I feel good about helping out people in need, but I read on the Internet that sometimes people pretend to be poor. It said they can make a lot of money that way. I have a computer in my bedroom. There is one man on my way to school who sits by my bus stop. My school is a little far from my home. He is very dirty and he looks very poor. I think that he is really homeless. When I asked him why he was so poor, he told me that he was not very lucky when he was younger and made some bad choices. I will be careful of my choices. He seems like a nice person, though. I will give him money when I can. I need to save some money, too.

Think about someone you have helped. Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. Who did you help? When?

2. Why did you help? How?

3. What happened when you tried to help?

4. How did this make you feel? Why?

Ideas

a friend	a family member
a stranger	scared
lost	in trouble
tired	gave money
exhausted	showed the way
looked after	said thank you
grateful	generous
happy	a bad feeling
call	thoughtful
disgusting	thoughtless

Now write a paragraph about someone you have helped. Use your sentences above. Add some new ideas, too.

I helped _____ last _____. _____

Check your paragraph for cohesion. Are all of the sentences connected to the main idea of the paragraph?

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Unit 4. Writing Assignment

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Find the mistakes. Rewrite the sentences using introductory clauses and phrases correctly.

A Special Time

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Think about a special time or event you had. Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What was a special time or event for you? When was this?

2. Where were you and who were you with?

3. What happened? Why is it special to you?

4. How did this event affect you?

Ideas

elementary school	last summer vacation
my grandmother's birthday	last year
in high school	my family
my best friend	at school
at the beach	remember
(to be) shocked	favorite
success	graduate
souvenir	hard work
memories	surprise party

Now write a paragraph about a special time or event you had. Use your sentences above. Add some new ideas, too.

A special time for me was _____

Check your sentences. Did you use introductory phrases and clauses correctly?

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Unit 5. Writing Assignment

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Change the underlined word to the correct pronoun. Rewrite the paragraph.

Tony and the Monkey

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Think about a smart animal. Answer the questions below.

1. What is a smart animal?

2. How is this animal smart?

3. What kinds of things does this animal do?

4. Does this animal do anything to help people? If so, what does it do?

Ideas

dog	cat
bird	pig
listen	jump
leash	help
do a trick	fetch (a ball)
guard	follow
companion	clever

Now write a paragraph about a smart animal. Use your sentences from above. Add some new ideas, too.

The ____ is a smart animal. _____

Check your sentences. Did you use pronouns correctly?

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Unit 6. Writing Assignment

Name: _____

Read the paragraph. Fill in the blanks with adjectives or adverbs to add description and give the story feeling.

The River

There is a _____, _____ river by my house. No one wants to play there. The _____, _____ water crawls slowly past my house. When I was five years old, I fell in the water. It was cold and _____. I screamed _____. My brother heard me and ran to get help. A man came with a _____ stick. I grabbed the _____, _____ stick. _____ the man pulled me out of the water. I was safe, but I felt so _____ when I was in the river.

Imagine a scary place. Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What kind of building or place is this? Where is it?

2. What does it look like? What can you see?

3. Can you hear anything? What can you hear?

4. What is the scariest thing about this place?

Ideas

park	house
down the street	next to the lake
old	new
bright	dark
quiet	noisy
neat	untidy
messy	shadow
clean	gross
creepy	damp
barking dog	rustling branches

Now write a paragraph about a scary place. Use your sentences from above. Add some new ideas, too.

The _____ is really scary. _____.

_____.

Check your sentences. Did you use feeling in your sentences?

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Unit 7. Writing Assignment

Name: _____

Fix the paragraph. Look at the underlined sentences and make them either longer or shorter. Then rewrite the paragraph.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches

I really like to eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, but I like to make them, too. First, I take two pieces of bread and put them on a plate and then I take the peanut butter and jelly out of the refrigerator and get a knife out of the drawer. I like to use a dull knife, one that is not so sharp, because I don't want to cut pieces out of the bread. I always spread the jelly first, because then I can clean the knife on the empty piece of bread. After that, I spread the peanut butter. But I don't go all the way to the edge of the bread. When I press the bread together I don't want peanut butter coming out of the side of the sandwich. Now my sandwich is ready. The last thing I do is to smash the two pieces of bread together. I start eating. Yummy!

Think about something you like to do or make. Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What do you like to do or make?

2. What do you do first? What do you do after that?

3. Why do you do it in this way? What might happen if you don't do it in this way?

4. What do you do last?

Ideas

clothes	cake
fresh juice	(to) collect
squeeze	(to) bake
create	play
first	next
after that	finally
cut	stir
sew	not taste good
break easily	fall apart

Now write a paragraph about something you like to do or make. Use your sentences from above. Add some new ideas, too.

One thing I like to _____ is _____.

Check your sentences. Did you use both long and short sentences?

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Unit 8. Writing Assignment

Name: _____

Fix the mistakes. Rewrite the paragraph using parallel structure correctly.

Tony the Interrupter

My friend Tony has a really bad habit. He never lets people finish talking. I know Tony is a nice person, but a lot of people think that his interrupting is rude. Most of the time, he interrupts people when he is excited about the topic of the conversation. For example, Tony really likes fishing, and he plays soccer. When people start talking about going fishing or soccer, Tony gets very excited. Then he starts talking and will talk continuously – even if the other person is not finished talking! I think that I have to talk to Tony and telling him about his bad habit.

Think about a habit you don't like. Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What is a habit you don't like? Why is it bad?

2. What happens because of this habit?

3. Why do people have this habit?

4. What should people do to stop this habit?

Ideas

cutting (someone) off	biting their
nails	text during class
bad habit	good habit
rude	polite
disgusting	irritating
too much stress	don't pay attention
exercise	chew gum

Write about a bad habit. Use your sentences from above. Add some new ideas, too.

A habit I don't like is _____

Check your sentences. Did you use parallel structure correctly?

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Unit 9. Writing Assignment

Name: _____

Combine the underlined sentences into single sentences. Rewrite the paragraph using modifiers correctly.

An Island Vacation

Last summer I went to an island with my family. It was a small island. We had to take a boat to get there. The boat ride was rough and bumpy, so I felt a little sick. When we arrived, we saw a group of women. The women were dancing. They danced gracefully. They put flowers around our necks to greet us. The flowers smelled so good and we felt very welcome. The island had beautiful soft, sandy beaches. I enjoyed swimming. I swam in the sea. It was cool and salty. I swam every morning. In the afternoons I went for walks with my parents. We enjoyed eating dinner in local restaurants and watching song and dance shows every evening. Our island vacation was relaxing. Our vacation was enjoyable. I hope we can go back again next summer.

Think about an ideal vacation. Answer the questions below.

1. Where would you go for your ideal vacation? Why would you go there?

2. What would you see and do on your ideal vacation?

3. What else would you do? What would you eat?

4. How would you feel? Why?

Ideas

cold	hot
comfortable	relaxing
eat lobster	go swimming
go hiking	play in the water
elegant	frightening
dangerous	animals
hike	birds
slide	ice cream
buy souvenirs	caves
slip	ice

Now write a paragraph about your ideal vacation. Use your sentences from above. Add some new ideas, too.

I would go to _____ for my ideal vacation. _____

Check your sentences. Did you use modifiers correctly?

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Unit 10. Writing Assignment

Name: _____

Read the paragraph and decide where to insert “for example” or “for instance.” Rewrite the paragraph using “for example” and “for instance” in at least three places.

Lost Keys

My parents both work and leave home before me, so I have to lock the front door when I go to school. However, I lose my keys all the time. It is a big problem for me, and it even makes me late for school. On Monday, I needed to lock the door, but I couldn't find my keys. It is the same problem after school. Yesterday afternoon I had to take everything out of my bag and shake it until the keys fell out. I asked my friends for advice. They said I needed a special place to keep my keys. Ella told me that her father sewed a small loop of tape in her book bag. She attaches the keys to the tape after she locks or unlocks the door. I liked Ella's idea, so I sewed my own loop. I think it works. Today I found my keys immediately, and I was not late for school.

Think about a problem you have. Answer the questions below.

1. What is your problem?

2. How does this problem affect your life negatively?

3. What ideas do you have to solve this problem?

4. How will the ideas be useful?

Ideas

late	lose things
forget to do things	
get in trouble at school	
make my parents angry	
get up early	write notes
make a list	improve my
memory	organize
get ready before bed	
ask for advice	

Now write a paragraph about solving your problem. Use your sentences from above. Add some new ideas, too.

My problem is/was _____ . _____

Check your sentences. Did you use explanations and examples correctly?

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Unit 11. Writing Assignment

Name: _____

Change the passive verbs to the active voice and rewrite the paragraph.

My Very Own Blanket

I have a small blue and white blanket. It is too small for me to use now, but it is very important to me. This blanket was made for me by my grandmother. The blanket was given to my mother when she gave birth to me. I was wrapped in the blanket every night for the first year of my life. The blanket was used by my mother to keep me warm. It is soft and fluffy, and although I don't remember using it, I like to rub it against my face and think about my grandmother. It was made by her to show me her love. I will always keep this special blanket.

Think about something that was made for you. Answer the questions below.

1. What is it? How long have you had it?

2. Who was it made by?

3. When was it made?

4. What is it used for? Why is it important to you?

Ideas

clothing	toy
food	game
album	grandparents
parents	friend
family member	before I was
born	for my birthday
for graduation	memory
for starting school	
for getting good grades	
symbol	unique

Now write a paragraph about something that was made for you. Use your sentences from above. Add some new ideas, too.

There is one thing that is very special to me. It is _____.

Check your sentences. Did you use the active or passive voice correctly?

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Unit 12. Writing Assignment

Name: _____

Find the mistakes. Rewrite the sentences using the past or past progressive tenses.

A Rainy Night

Last night, it is getting windy and starting to rain when I went to bed. The sound of the raindrops hitting the windows was too loud for me to sleep, so I was moving my bed away from the windows. I slept peacefully when I heard a loud noise. I woke immediately and jumped out of bed. My bedroom window was broken. I looked out of the broken window to see what had happened. While I look out of the window, my dog is starting barking. Then I realized that there was a broken tree branch on the floor of my room. The strong winds broke the tree branch and it was falling where my bed usually is. I was lucky that I moved my bed when the rain started.

Think about something interesting that happened to you recently. Answer the questions below.

1. What happened to you? When did it happen?

2. What were you doing when it happened?

3. What happened next?

4. How did you feel after it happened?

Ideas

a month ago	a few days ago
watching TV	sleeping
talking on the phone	
eating a meal	studying
lost	found
saw something strange	
appeared	an animal
surprised	heard a noise
shocked	excited
tired	afraid

Now write a paragraph about something interesting that happened to you. Use your sentences from above. Add some new ideas, too.

About _____ ago, I _____.

Check your sentences. Did you use the past and past progressive tenses correctly?

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Unit 13. Writing Assignment

Name: _____

Find the mistakes. Rewrite the paragraph using the second conditional correctly.

If I Were Famous

I'd like to be a famous actor. If I am famous, my life is different in many ways. First, if I were a well-known actor, I am be rich. If I were rich, I can buy a big house and live there with my family. I could get a cook to prepare all my meals, and I could eat whatever I wanted. If I were an actor, I could travel around the world to make movies, and I will get to know many other actors. We might take trips together or play sports and computer games at each other's houses. It is a lot of fun. If I became a famous actor, my movies are making a lot of people happy, so I hope my dream will come true.

Think about a job you would like to have Answer the questions below.

1. What job would you like to have?

2. What would be good about this job?

3. How would your life be different?

4. What could happen if you had this job?

Ideas

singer	athlete
police officer	scientist
designer	invent
create	perform
catch	win
Olympic medal	award
fashion show	criminal
Nobel Prize	fans
popular	newspapers

Now write a paragraph about a job you would like to have. Use your sentences from above. Add some new ideas, too.

I would like to be _____.

Check your sentences. Did you use the conditional correctly?

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Unit 14. Writing Assignment

Name: _____

Find the mistakes. Rewrite the paragraph using transitions correctly.

Delicious But Different

I like to eat chocolate and ice cream. Chocolate and ice cream are both sweet, and they are both delicious desserts. Instead, they are different in many ways. In summer, ice cream is a cool and refreshing treat. Similarly, chocolate is sticky and difficult to eat on a hot day. Likewise chocolate, ice cream comes in many different flavors: ice cream can taste like chocolate, but chocolate never tastes like ice cream. Unlike, chocolate is more versatile. We can use chocolate to make many different kinds of dessert. Also, ice cream is just ice cream. Despite their differences, I love both of these sweet and tasty foods.

Think about two friends. Answer the questions below.

1. Who are the two friends you chose?

2. How are these two friends similar?

3. In what ways are they different?

4. Why do you like these two friends?

Ideas

funny	smart
tall	thin
like sports	live near me
have long hair	have a dog
enjoy playing computer games	
go to my school	fun to spend time with

Now write a paragraph comparing and contrasting two friends. Use your sentences from above. Add some new ideas, too.

My friends _____ and _____ are _____ .

Check your sentences. Did you use transitions correctly?

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Unit 15. Writing Assignment

Name: _____

Read the paragraph. The sentences in *italics* are in the wrong places. Rewrite the paragraph with the information in the correct order.

Sara and the Ring

It was too big, but it was so pretty and it matched Sara's new skirt. Sara liked to play with her mother's jewelry, even though her mother told her not to. Last weekend, Sara was invited to a birthday party. She wanted to wear her mother's purple ring. *Sara decided she would never play with her mother's jewelry again.* Sarah took the ring and put it in her pocket. She planned to put it on her finger when she arrived at her friend's house. During the party, Sara worried and worried about what to say to her mother. At the end of the party, Sara's father came to take her home. She sat in the back in of the car and, to her surprise, she saw her mother's ring. *However, when she arrived, the ring was gone.*

Think about a news story you have heard recently. Answer the questions below.

1. Who is the story about? What happened to that person/those people?

2. When and where did it take place?

3. What happened to that person/people?

4. Why did it happen, and how did the story finish?

Ideas

an old man	a child
a grandmother	a mother
in my city	in a house
a few days ago	one afternoon
early in the morning	at night
accident	lost something
saved	found
fire	rescue
safe	happy ending

Now write a paragraph about a news story you heard recently. Use your sentences from above. Add some new ideas, too.

I recently heard a news story about_____.

Check your sentences. Did you answer all the *wh*-questions in your paragraph?

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Unit 16. Writing Assignment

Name: _____

Change the underlined words to give them personification. Rewrite the paragraph.

A Winter's Day

It was a bright, sunny day near the end of winter. The yellow sun was shining on the snowman standing alone in the field. Its warm rays reached a snowman standing in a field. A gentle breeze blew at the snowman. Its red scarf moved in the light breeze. A black bird landed on the snowman's hat and sat in the warm sunshine. The bird chirped with the other birds nearby. A small green plant was starting to appear from under the snow. Its leaves moved in the wind. It was a beautiful day to be outside.

Think about an object in your room. Answer the questions below.

1. What is the object? What does it look like?

2. How does this object move? Sound? Feel? Smell?

3. How is this object like a person?

4. What does this object do?

Ideas

cell phone	talkative
chatting	shouting
interrupting	smooth
hard	laughing
like my mother	helping
soft	book
teaching	bed
supporting	hugging
slowly	happily
introducing	taking care

Now write a paragraph about an object in your room. Use your sentences from above. Add some new ideas, too.

In my room, there is _____.

Check your sentences. Did you use personification in your paragraph?

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Answer key

Unit 1

The Earthquake

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Unit 6

(Answers may vary.)

The River

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Unit 7

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches

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Unit 10

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Unit 12

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Unit 13

If I Were Famous

I'd like to be a famous actor. If I were famous, my life would be different in many ways. First, if I were a well-known actor, I would be rich. If I were rich, I could buy a big house and live there with my family. I could get a cook to prepare all my meals, and I could eat whatever I wanted. If I were an actor, I could travel around the world to make movies, and I would get to know many other actors. We might take trips together or play sports and computer games at each other's houses. It would be a lot of fun. If I became a famous actor, my movies would make a lot of people happy, so I hope my dream will come true.

Unit 14

Delicious but Different

I like to eat chocolate and ice cream. Chocolate and ice cream are both sweet and they are both delicious desserts. However, they are different in many ways. In summer, ice cream is a cool and refreshing treat. In contrast, chocolate is sticky and difficult to eat on a hot day. Unlike chocolate, ice cream comes in many different flavors: ice cream can taste like chocolate, but chocolate never tastes like ice cream. On the other hand, chocolate is more versatile. We can use chocolate to make many different kinds of dessert. Yet ice cream is just ice cream. Despite their differences, I love both of these sweet and tasty foods.

Unit 15

Sara and the Ring

Sara liked to play with her mother's jewelry, even though her mother told her not to. Last weekend, Sara was invited to a birthday party. She wanted to wear her mother's purple ring. It was too big, but it was so pretty and it matched Sara's new skirt. Sarah took the ring and put it in her pocket. She planned to put it on her finger when she arrived at her friend's house. However, when she arrived, the ring was gone. During the party, Sara worried and worried about what to say to her mother. At the end of the party, Sara's father came to take her home. She sat in the back in of the car and, to her surprise, she saw her mother's ring. Sara decided she would never play with her mother's jewelry again.

Writing Starter 3, 2nd – Writing Worksheet

Unit 16

(Answers may vary.)

A Winter's Day

It was a bright, sunny day near the end of winter. The yellow sun was smiling on the snowman standing alone in the field. Its warm rays touched a snowman standing in a field. A gentle breeze blew at the snowman. Its red scarf danced in the light breeze. A black bird landed on the snowman's hat and bathed in the warm sunshine. The bird chatted with the other birds nearby. A small green plant was starting to appear from under the snow. Its leaves waved in the wind. It was a beautiful day to be outside.