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Revising and Editing Formatted Practice

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

(19) I could hear the fear in her voice, but I wasn't too worried. (20) Pam always made something out of nothing. (21) I was sure she was wrong. (22) She was starting to make me nervous. (23) I walked over to the window to see for herself. (24) Pam was right. (25) Something terrible was happening to the mountain.

- 1** What is the **BEST** way to combine sentences 21 and 22?
- Ⓐ I was sure she was wrong, for she was starting to make me nervous.
 - Ⓑ I was sure she was wrong, or she was starting to make me nervous.
 - Ⓒ I was sure she was wrong, but she was starting to make me nervous.
 - Ⓓ I was sure she was wrong, and she was starting to make me nervous.

(5) A day at camp starts with swimming lessons in the pool. (6) Then we have our mourning snack. (7) After that, we start a Crafts project or work on one from the previous day. (8) Then it's time for lunch. (9) Lunch is fun because we eat at picnic tables and the camp leaders tell us stories. (10) After lunch, we play outside. (11) Sometimes running races. (12) Other times, we learn a new sport. (13) This week, we learned how to play tennis.

- 2 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 9?
- Ⓕ Change **eat** to **ate**
 - Ⓖ Insert a comma after **tables**
 - Ⓗ Change **tell** to **tells**
 - Ⓙ Sentence 9 should not be changed.

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

This is a story that Chase wrote for English class about a nomad family in Mongolia. Mongolia is a country in Asia, between Russia and China. In Mongolia, nomads herd animals such as sheep, goats, yaks, camels, and horses. The nomads live in large, round tents called gers. A ger can be taken down and moved easily. Every July there is a three-day event in Mongolia called the Naadam Festival. During Naadam, everyone plays games, eats food, and celebrates. The most exciting event of the festival is the horse race. Over 1,000 children ride horses in this event. Chase would like you to read his story and look for any revisions he needs to make. When you finish reading, answer the questions that follow.

Getting Ready for the Naadam Festival

(1) Jaran slowly opens his eyes and looks around inside the ger. (2) The flames from the breakfast fire. (3) They make the far corner of the tent glow.

(4) An old woman wearing a long dress stands at the fire.

(5) "Grandma, what's for breakfast" asks the sleepy boy.

(6) "A special day deserves a special breakfast, Grandson. (7) It's time for you to get up now, Jaran. (8) Wake your brother and get him ready for the ride.

(9) Don't you remember what today is?"

(10) The boy stretches and yawns. (11) He pushes the pile of yak blankets off to the side and lightly shakes their brother awake.

(12) "Batu, it's time to get up. (13) The big day is here. (14) We ride to Durhan today."

(15) Batu whines. (16) Batu turns away. (17) Batu pulls the covers back up.

(18) "Come on, Batu. (19) The Naadam Festival starts in two days. (20) Aren't you excited about the horse races? (21) We will see all the faster horses in the land. (22) Plus, you will be able to see your friends from last year. (23) Don't you want to see me win?"

(24) Batu turns back to his brother. (25) His eyes are wide open.

(26) "Do you really think you can win this time, Jaran?" asks Batu.

(27) "You'd better get up or you'll never know!"

(28) Jaran stands up and walks over to the side of the tent. (29) His mother has been working on his costume for the passed two moons. (30) There hasn't been a lot of time for sewing. (31) The family is always busy with the animals. (32) The clothes are finally complete, though. (33) She stayed up late to sew gold silver and shell beads to Jaran's fancy jacket. (34) Jaran knows he will look fine in his colorful new clothes when he rides his favorite horse. (35) He imagines heself waving his fur hat as his horse crosses the finish line.

(36) "Let's go, Batu. (37) I still have time to practice before we leave," says Jaran as he runs out the door.

- 3 Chase wants to add the following sentence to his story.

I'm cooking goat stew, and your mother just went out to get us some fresh horse milk.

Where is the **BEST** place to insert this sentence?

- Ⓐ After sentence 4
- Ⓑ After sentence 6
- Ⓒ After sentence 20
- Ⓓ After sentence 31

- 4 What is the **BEST** way to revise sentence 33?

- Ⓕ She stayed up late to sew beads on the fancy jacket of Jaran's.
- Ⓖ To sew gold silver shell beads to Jaran's fancy jacket, she stayed up late.
- Ⓗ She stayed up late. She sewed fancy beads to Jaran's jacket. The gold, silver, and shell beads made the jacket fancy.
- Ⓙ She stayed up late to sew gold, silver, and shell beads to Jaran's fancy jacket.

(19) When the forth grade started, Miss Smith came to see us on the very first day. (20) She told us that our new teacher was her closer friend. (21) We were to be nice to her and made Miss Smith proud of us. (22) We liked our new teacher but no teacher was ever as great as Miss Smith!

5 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 22?

- Ⓐ Change *liked* to **likes**
- Ⓑ Insert a comma after *new teacher*
- Ⓒ Change *no* to **know**
- Ⓓ Make no change

Ty wrote this story for his English class. He wants you to help him revise it. When you finish reading Ty's story, answer the questions that follow.

Losing the Sun

(1) Year after year, for as long as he could recall, Sun Tracker had watched the sun move through the sky. (2) Like his father and his father before him, Sun Tracker had been trained from childhood. (3) As part of his training, Sun Tracker had also learned to use the special sun-tracking room high on top of the mesa. (4) Long ago, designs that mark the seasons are carved into the stone walls of the room.

(5) Over the past few months, Sun Tracker had noticed something odd about the movement of the sun and moon. (6) With each passing day, the moon moved closer and closer to the sun. (7) If its path continued, soon it would cover it completely. (8) Sun Tracker decided to talk to the council.

(9) At the council meeting, Sun Tracker heard amazing stories. (10) The others spoke of ancestors who had seen the moon turn red and the sun turn black. (11) According to legend. (12) It had been 400 years since the sun had turned dark over Blue Corn Pueblo.

(13) "The entire village needs to prepare for this sacred event," said seed keeper, her voice as soft and old as the wind. (14) "Special meals need to be made, and special songs need to be sung," the wise woman advised.

(15) "We've no time to lose, then, said Sun Tracker. (16) "Everyone will need to help."

(17) One month later, every man, woman, and child from the village gathered on top of the mesa. (18) All were dressed in their finest clothes. (19) As the moon crossed in front of the sun, some of the childs began to cry. (20) Others squealed with delight. (21) Sun Tracker could tell that his friends and neighbors were quite nervous. (22) As he lifted his arms and began a special song. (23) The people joined in.

(24) Bit by bit, the moon crawled across the face of the sun. (25) Soon it covered the sun completely, and day became night. (26) Sun Tracker made the signal for everyone to stop singing. (27) For eight full minutes, the pueblo was silent below the black sun. (28) At last, bright rays of light shot out from behind the moon, and song rose up once more from the pueblo. (29) Hawks cartwheeling above seemed to join in the celebration of the sun's return.

(30) Later in the day, the people feasted on antelope, rabbit corn and squash. (31) Sun Tracker felt lucky to have seen such a rare solar event. (32) He knew it might be hundreds of years before another Sun Tracker saw something like this again.