

Practice in Copy Editing – from *Diary of a Whimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney

Not all of the lines have problems, and some have more than one. Problems could be capitalization, punctuation, spelling or sentence structure (fragments or run-ons). Write “OK” if the line is correct as written.

1. First, I want to get something straight
2. This is a Journal, not a diary?
3. I know what it says on the cover, but when Mom went out to buy this thing, I SPECIFICALLY said to her to make sure it did not say “diary” on it but look what she bought me.
4. So, do not expect me to be all “Dear Diary this” and “Dear Diary” that.
5. All I need is for some jerk to catch me carrying this thing and get the wrong idea.
6. The other thing I want to clear up right away is how this was NOT my idea!
7. It was moms.