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Biases are people's personal experiences and preferences that prevent them from presenting topics neutrally or providing full and factual information. Positive biases favor something. Negative biases are against something.

Write **P** (positive) or **N** (negative) to identify the bias toward the lawmakers.

_____ Finally, rules written by neglectful lawmakers are being updated.

_____ The well-intentioned lawmakers couldn't have predicted something like this.

Underline the common prefix,
then tell what it means.

Write the numbers 1–3 to identify the function
of the italics.



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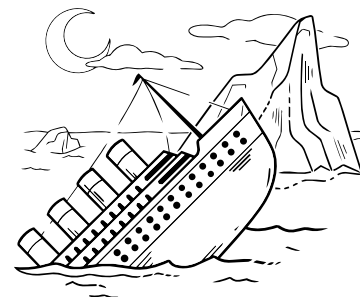
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Check the box next to sentence with a correctly punctuated conjunctive adverb.

☐ People weren't worried about the number of lifeboats. After all they thought the boats would only be used like ferries to a rescue ship.

☐ The closest ships had their radios turned off. Accordingly, new laws were passed that radios must be on at all times.

☐ Safety drills weren't required in 1912, however, they were after 1914.



Rewrite the sentence correctly.

It were commonly for strangers to gather and waive fare well to ships like the *Titanic*.

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Circle the coordinating conjunction in each sentence. Check the box next to the sentence that is missing a necessary comma.

- ☐ Onyx can play as a center or power forward with equal skill.
- ☐ We didn't get our number one first round pick nor did we get our second.
- ☐ Taylor attempted six free throws but missed five of them.

Circle the word and two-word phrase that are synonyms.

The Sea Stars are experiencing an unprecedented winning streak. In fact, it's practically unheard of in the entire league.

Circle the misspelled words, then spell them correctly on the lines.

If the comentaters are to be beleived, the Barn Owls haven't



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Coach Ndari told us that we need to work on defense.

Underline the possible antecedents for the vague pronoun.
Rewrite the sentence to be clearer.

Both Allyson and Nayeli raced for the loose ball, but she got there first.

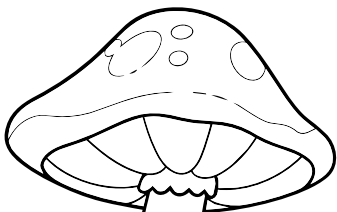
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mycelium (n) – root-like part of a fungus from which the fruiting mushroom sprouts

Write a sentence that uses the word **mycelium** and includes an appositive to explain what it is.



Identify the sentence structure error by writing **F** (fragment), **FS** (fused sentence), or **C** (comma splice) on the line.

_____ Highly toxic mushrooms like death caps and destroying angels.



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Underline the two independent clauses.
Circle the one coordinating and two
subordinating conjunctions.

Foragers often keep the best spots a
secret because they don't want others to
over-harvest the mushrooms, so it's a sign of
trust if one shares a location with you.

stumps in our yard.

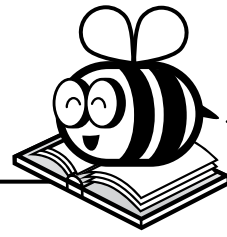
Add commas to offset the nonrestrictive elements in the sentences.

Although normally safe common ink caps are toxic when mixed with alcohol.

Aunt Mary who has foraged for many years is still wary about mushrooms.

Benedict diced his portobello mushrooms whistling all the while.

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Choose the best transitional word or phrase from the box to complete each sentence.

whereas after all first

There are several steps to joining the United Nations. _____, a country must submit an application.

UNICEF focuses on providing many

Correctly spell each word.

incorrect	correct
inturnationle (involving multiple countries)	
asist (to help)	
coaperasion (working together)	



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problem is too big for Kamari's small donation to help.

Circle the saying Kamari could use in response to defend herself.

An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.

Better to light a candle than curse the darkness.

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.



Rewrite the sentence correctly.

Ms. Villa and mr. Molina will be volunteering with doctor's without borders next Summer.

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For people looking to add a furry member to their family, a dog breeder should be the first stop. Many people argue that adopting mixed-breed dogs is better. While there's definitely something to be said for adopting, there's much more to be said for a breeder's benefits. For one, purebred dogs have predictable abilities and temperaments. Thousands of years of selective breeding have produced a variety of distinct dog breeds. There are kinds designed for herding, hunting, or being a family dog that's gentle with kids. Mixing breeds can dull those traits or get rid of them entirely.

The same is true for health. Mixed-breed dogs can have unpredictable health complications. Responsible breeders only breed the healthiest dogs and track all issues. They also spend considerable time testing and training their dogs, which lets buyers know exactly what to expect.

Summarize the author's position.



- a. There are advantages worth considering.
- b. There are arguments in favor and against.
- c. It would take a long time to describe.

Circle the correct formatting for the American Kennel Club's abbreviation.

AKC

A.K.C

A.k.c.

"AKC"

Use the best word from the box to complete the sentence.

aloof calm peaceful

We need a dog that can stay _____ even in stressful situations.

Circle the correct indefinite pronoun to complete the sentence.

Not just (anyone / everyone) can be a good breeder.

Circle the word that avoids a double negative.

Purebred dogs don't (rarely / often) have unexpected health issues.

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hypothermia – condition where body temperature drops below normal

hypothesis – idea or explanation that supports the rest of an argument, theory, or similar

hypodermic – happening or used beneath the skin

1 Kali wiped away a tear. **I can't imagine how awful it must have been!**

3 The **Carpathia** arrived to rescue survivors at about 4:00 a.m.

2 In April, the North Atlantic Ocean is **extremely** cold.

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It was common for strangers to gather and wave farewell to ships like the *Titanic*.

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Summarize the author's position. **Answers will vary but should acknowledge the author believes that purebred dogs have behavioral and health advantages over mixed-breed dogs.**

The author breeds and sells purebred dogs. How might this bias the text?

Answers may vary. An example is: The author benefits from the sale of purebred dogs and has an interest in making them seem better.

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