

MENG211-2020: Common Writing Mistakes

Writing

Checking for mistakes

12 Here is a Japanese legend written by a student. The teacher has marked the mistakes using the code in the story. Look at the code and correct the mistakes below.

^ for a missing word
sp for spelling
wo for word order
vf for verb form
ww for a wrong word

The crane

¹ Once there was ^a poor hunter who lived in Japan. One day he was hunting and
² he find a crane caught in a tree. He felt sorry for the crane and he freed it.
³ Than he went home and forgot about it.
⁴ A few days later, a lovely woman came to the hunter's house. They felt in love
⁵ and they got married. His wife new was kind and beautiful but he didn't have
⁶ enough money for two people. She saw his problems and offered to weave some
⁷ fabric so that he could sell it – but she said him that he must never watch her.
⁸ She stayed in the weaving hut during three days. At last she came out with a
⁹ beuatiful fabric called Tsuru-no-senba-ori (thousand feathers of a crane). The
¹⁰ hunter sold the fabric for a lot gold. The hunter spent all the gold and he
¹¹ asked her several times to make fabric more. The hunter became richer
¹² and richer but his wife gradually became thinner and thinner.
¹³ Eventually, she said that she can not work because she was too tired.
¹⁴ But her husband was greedy and asked her to weave the fabric once longer.
¹⁵ Three days passed, then four, then five, but she not did come out of the hut.
¹⁶ In the end, on the sixth morning, hunter was so worried that he finally looked
¹⁷ through the window of the hut. To his surprising, it was not a woman but a
¹⁸ crane that was weaving. Finally, his wife came out with the fabric in arms.
¹⁹ She said, 'You have seen my true appearance, so I not can stay with
²⁰ you any longer.' Then she changed into a crane and fly away.