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Unit 3 VERBS

Proofreading (Lessons 15–28, pp. 72–127)

Read the paragraphs below. There are mistakes in the use of verbs and in the spelling of verbs and contractions. Find the 16 mistakes, and use the proofreading marks to correct them.

Every year, Mom ^{bakes} ~~bake~~ a cake for me on my birthday. Last week, I ^{made} ~~make~~ one for her. I ^{was} ~~were~~ going to surprise her.

Saturday was her birthday. In the morning, she ^{went} ~~gone~~ to her exercise class. I ^{hurried} ~~hurried~~ to the kitchen. Since I didn't have a cake mix, I ^{decided} ~~decided~~ to make a cake from scratch. "That ^{shouldn't} ~~shouldnt~~ be too hard," I thought.

Before I started, I ^{had} gathered the ingredients. I ^{began} ~~begin~~ mixing the flour, sugar, baking soda, and eggs in a bowl. Baking soda ^{makes} ~~make~~ a cake rise. I ^{didn't} ~~didnt~~ want Mom's cake to be flat, so I ^{threw} ~~throwed~~ in extra baking soda for good measure.

I ^{sat} ~~set~~ down and read a book while the cake baked. After 45 minutes, I ^{checked} ~~check~~ the oven. The cake had really risen. In fact, the cake had exploded all over the oven!

It must have ^{taken} ~~took~~ an hour to clean the oven. When Mom came home, she was surprised all right.

Proofreading Marks

- ^ Add
- Period
- ✓ Take out
- ≡ Capital letter
- / Small letter