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Unit 4 ADJECTIVES, ADVERBS, CONJUNCTIONS, AND PREPOSITIONS

Proofreading (Lessons 29–39, pp. 132–175)

Read the paragraphs below. There are mistakes in the use of adjectives and negatives and in the use of adjectives and adverbs that compare. There are also mistakes in the use of conjunctions. Find the 14 mistakes, and use the proofreading marks to correct them.

Proofreading Marks

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

Things weren't going ~~good~~^{well} at the Johnson house Saturday morning. "Where's my tennis racket?" shouted Anita. She had an important tennis match.

"Where's my saxophone?" shouted her brother Spike. Spike shouted ~~more~~ louder than Anita. He was late for band practice, and he was in a ~~worser~~^{worse} mood than she was.

"My work boots are missing!" shouted Mr. Johnson. His shout was the ~~most~~ loudest of all.

Mrs. Johnson gave everyone a ~~real~~^{very} big smile. "I can't help ~~none~~^{any} of you," she said, "until we clean the hall closet."

"There ~~isn't~~^{is} no time to clean," Anita groaned. "Today is our busiest day."

Mrs. Johnson opened the closet anyway. Out fell ~~an~~^a basketball, kneepads, and Anita's tennis racket. "Take ~~this~~^{these} things to your room, Anita."

Spike looked ~~more~~ deeper into the closet. He gathered up not only notebooks and ~~a~~^{an} umbrella, ~~and~~^{but also} some games. Under ~~that~~^{those} things was his saxophone!

After Mr. Johnson looked in the closet, his face got ~~redder~~^{redder} than usual. His work boots were right there, too.

Mrs. Johnson smiled. "Thanks for cleaning the closet," she said.