

### Student essay1

This is the student essay I have corrected all the mistakes in.

## The princess and the frog1

Once upon a time there was a princess2 she3 lived on4 a castle some5 with hers6 royal parents. She had a pet, his7 name is8 James.9

This10 is a frog. One day she kissed the frog11 and in the middle of the night she wakes12 up and there was a prins,13 next14 beside of here. And15 then she felt16 in love, and the prins17 felt18 in Love19, and the prins20 and the princess sleeping21 in the bed. The princess Waking22 up this23 morning and see24 him, she things this was a dream25. But the26 wasent27 not. The princess and the prins28 get29 merit and she30 got a baby and name calls marry31. Then32 she Ben33 19 ears34 old shes35 be take way36 off37 det38 eve39 ma40,he want41 too42 merit43 her, but she don't44 Love45 another gay46 name47 call48 James. But she now49 that James will come and see50 her free. Too51 day52 lather53 she look54 out a55 the window and she see56 James. James com57 in too58 the Castle59 but she didn't know that the evil man hade60 won't61 too62 kill him, so then he come63 in to Castle64 and the evil man took this sword and run65 after him but the prins66 jump67 over him and Running68 up too69 the princess and save70 her. And then day71 take72 home but one73 second before There74 get75 home, the prins76 set fire too77 the evil castle.78 And79 live80 happy81 ever after.

The end.

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2. There is missing a comma.
3. Should be '*who*', or the missing comma should be a full stop.
4. Should be 'lived *in* a castle'. As 'on' means you live on it.
5. Misplaced word, '*some*'.

6. Should be '*her*'. Grammatical mistake.
7. Should be '*who's*'.
8. Should be '*was*', because the rest of the text is written in past tense.
9. No end of paragraph, as the next line refers to the previous text.
10. Should be '*It*', as it refers to the previous sentence.
11. There is missing a comma.
12. Should be '*woke*', as it should be past tense and '*wakes*' is present.
13. Should be '*prince*'. Misspelled word and no comma.
14. No '*next*', because '*next*' and '*beside*' means the same in this sentence.
15. Remove '*And*', because it is not a proper way to start a sentence.
16. Should be '*fell*'. You fall in love, not feel in love.
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28. Same as 17
29. Should be '*got*', because it is past tense and '*get*' is present tense.
30. Should be '*they*', because it is the prince and princess who got a baby
31. After *and* it should be; '*and they called her Mary*'.
32. Should be '*When*', not *then*

33. Should be '*got*' or '*turned*', not Ben, because I think they meant be, which is infinitive of 'to be'.
34. Should be '*years*', spelling mistake
35. Should be '*she*', not shes, because there should be no 'is'
36. Should be '*was taken away*', wrong tense used.
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62. Same as 42
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PURPLE = Dates and time.

RED = Wrong choice of words

BLUE = Misspelling

GREEN = Grammatical errors

PUNCTUATION = --

MISSING WORDS = ++

Dear Diary

Tuesday the 29/1-08<sup>1</sup>

08: am<sup>2</sup>

Dear diary, today I'm packing my stuff and clothes because my holiday trip to Paris is near!

I'm leaving to day<sup>3</sup> (Paris, Pariiiiis)

The reason why I decided to take<sup>4</sup> to Paris was what<sup>5</sup> I've always wished<sup>6</sup> to see the Eiffel t<sup>7</sup>ower and stand on<sup>8</sup> the top of the building.

11:00 am<sup>9</sup>

Dear diary, now I'm sitting in<sup>10</sup> the airplane and the departure was nice.

I'm so exited and I'm looking forward to visit<sup>11</sup> Paris and stand<sup>12</sup> on the Eiffel<sup>13</sup> tower<sup>14</sup> and look<sup>15</sup> all<sup>16</sup> over the city.

17:15 pm<sup>17</sup>

Arrival: Charles De Gaulle airport

Wow--<sup>18</sup> I've just seen a Concorde, wauw<sup>19</sup> it's nice --<sup>20</sup>

Some busses came<sup>21</sup> picked me up and drive<sup>22</sup> me to my hotel.

Hotel Vintimille, oh my god --<sup>23</sup>, the elevator in the hotel was not working and my room is<sup>24</sup> on ++<sup>25</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

So me with all my baggage all the way ++<sup>26</sup> to the top floor, it was hard.

22:00 pm<sup>27</sup>

Dear diary, oh I'm so tired.--<sup>28</sup>

This has been a god<sup>29</sup> day and I'm looking forward for<sup>30</sup> tomorrow, were<sup>31</sup> the Eiffel tower<sup>32</sup> and Tour Montparnasse is<sup>33</sup> the buildings I will visit<sup>34</sup>

Friday the 31/1-08<sup>35</sup>

08:30 am<sup>36</sup>

Dear diary, now my vacation is over and it has been amazing and wonderful.

I've seen what I wonted<sup>37</sup> and it was great.

The weather was also wonderful and the whole trip was successful.

12:45 pm<sup>38</sup>

Dear Diary, now I'm on my way home with nice memories in my head, but I ++<sup>39</sup> still looking forward to came<sup>40</sup> home to little Denmark:D

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- 6) Lexical error. Wrong choice of word. It should be "wanted" instead "wished"
- 7) Buildings like the "Eiffel Tower" begins with a capital letter and "the Eiffel tower"
- 8) Wrong choice of word. If he is "standing on the top", he is literally **on** the top. The word should be "at"
- 9) Telling the time in written language: 11 a.m. and not 11:00 am
- 10) He is "on" (board) an aeroplane and not "in"
- 11) – 12) – 15) Grammatical errors. These errors are connected. When using "Look forward to" the following verbs are "visiting", "standing", "looking". "To" is a preposition and is normally followed by the ing- form and not infinitive form; "to visit" The verbs will always end with "...ing" when "look forward to" is used.
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- 20) Exclamation is followed by an exclamation mark

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- 22) Grammatical error. "Drove" and not "drive"
- 23) Exclamation is followed by an exclamation mark
- 24) In order to achieve cohesion in the sentence, the word "is" should be "was" because "the hotel was not"
- 25) The definite article "the" is missing
- 26) The preposition "up" is missing
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- 30) Grammatical error. "Look forward to" and not "look forward for"
- 31) Misspelling. "Where" and not "were"
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- 33) Grammatical error. "Are the buildings" (plural) and not "is the buildings"
- 34) The verb "visit" is connected with "look forward to". The verbs will always end with "..ing" when "look forward to" is used.
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- 37) Misspelling. "Wanted" and not "wonted"
- 38) Telling the time in written language: 12.45 p.m. and not 12:45 pm
- 39) The verb "am" is missing "I am still.."
- 40) Grammatical error. It should be "looking forward to **coming** home" and not "came". He is not talking about the past and he is using "look forward to". The verbs will always end with "..ing" when "look forward to" is used.

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Errors the pupil has to work with

Prepositions (including "look forward to", where "to" is the preposition)

Dates and time

Irregular verbs (Come, drive)

Punctuation

From Fælles Mål after ninth grade. Objectives from "Language and language usage"

- *"anvende viden om centrale grammatiske områder, især ordklasser, ordstilling, verbernes former og funktioner, når fokus er på den sproglige form"*
- *"anvende retstavning og tegnsætning så præcist, at meningen bliver tilstrækkelig tydelig"*

The pupil has to use his knowledge when it comes to central grammatical areas, especially word class, word order, the verbs form and function when focus is linguistic form

The spelling and punctuation has to be accurate as possible to give a clear meaning

## Big Fat Jill.

Jill **have** always been fat since the day she was born I can see it from **they** **out side** she don't feel good about **he** self and anyway she **eat** McDonald food every day it is every time she has a chance to go and eat she **do** it.

When we have a break in school she go out **whit out** the teachers knows it she know that it is agents she rolls but she need to eat McDonald **every body** there work at McDonalds know **he** name she just walk in the door and sit on a cheer and the come whit a "Jill" they call it they put seven cheeseburgers to hamburgers and a xxx-Large cola every time she come at they place and we are talking seven times a day.

Fat Jill was only eleven years old the day she came to the hospital and they told **he** parents that if she **dint** lost 80 **pound** she **will** die.

He parents was of course pretty scared so they send he on a fat camp so fare away that she **count** find a McDonald in the last 100 miles after a year away from **every thing** she walk in he class and every one looked up at he and no body cut she ho it was until she told it.

When the school was done **every body** **wonted** to be together whit Jill because now she was thin.

Thin Jill **become** fat Jill and fat Jill was bigger than ever she was so big that Jill died in a age of 14 years.

**Kommentar [PL1]:** Has instead, because of past tense.

**Kommentar [PL2]:** The instead of they, otherwise it completely alters the sense

**Kommentar [PL3]:** Spelling mistake, outside is one word

**Kommentar [PL4]:** Missing word, that.

**Kommentar [PL5]:** He self = herself. Alters the sense

**Kommentar [PL6]:** Including S, so eats.

**Kommentar [PL7]:** S in McDonald's, spelling mistake.

**Kommentar [PL8]:** Does instead of do, because of past tense.

**Kommentar [PL9]:** Spelling mistake, without

**Kommentar [PL10]:** Spelling mistake, everybody

**Kommentar [PL11]:** Who works plural s, alters the sense

**Kommentar [PL12]:** Punctuation marks and completely missing sense

**Kommentar [PL13]:** Her Instead of he. Both spelling mistake and altering the sense.

**Kommentar [PL14]:** Did not, contraction error resulting in a spelling mistake and altering the sense.

**Kommentar [PL15]:** Inflection error, lose

**Kommentar [PL16]:** Plural s, Pounds

**Kommentar [PL17]:** Past tense, would

**Kommentar [PL18]:** Contraction error, resulting in a complete altering the sense. Couldn't.

**Kommentar [PL19]:** Spelling mistake, everything

**Kommentar [PL20]:** B10

**Kommentar [PL21]:** Wanted, spelling mistake

**Kommentar [PL22]:** Past tense, became

**Kommentar [PL23]:** Friendly advice, try not to use contractions.



# 1 Travel Diary

2 July 21.

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5 check out at 12 Am, after that we are leaving to Manchester where we are staying at Victoria park  
6 hotel. But first we are going to get some breakfast/brunch, at the hotels restaurant.

7 In Manchester.

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Correction of a pupil's assignment – pupil's version.

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English class 10.1

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**Kommentar [T5]:** Mind the spelling. It should be see.

**Kommentar [T6]:** Again; full stops after short forms: p.m.

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**Kommentar [T8]:** Wrong conjugation. Should be either get or got.

**Kommentar [T9]:** No comma here.

**Kommentar [T10]:** Spelling mistake.

**Kommentar [T11]:** Past tense.

**Kommentar [T12]:** Remember: to be tired – I am tired too. (too = as well)

**Kommentar [T13]:** No comma here.

**Kommentar [T14]:** Do you mean tired?

You have to pay extra attention to the tense you write in. In the essay you seem to confuse the tenses and you use both past tense and present tense in the same paragraph (the paragraph starting with "Now we are (...)"). It makes the reader become confused.

You also have to pay attention to the English comma rules.

Remember names are written in capital letters: Victoria Park Hotel.