Rooftop Report Repair

Edit a wildlife field report for correct written conventions.

11.P.EICC.4.h "Edit the text, ensuring it adheres to the conventions of written language. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each sentence that needs an edit for capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar, or possessives. In the margin, number the errors you find so you can explain each correction.

Draft: Rooftop Falcon Watch

1. On a spring morning, a group of students stood on the roof of the Riverton library to watch peregrine falcons. The birds had nested on a ledge above the clock tower, where the adults could scan the streets for pigeons. Peregrines are famous for their speed, a hunting dive can exceed 200 miles per hour. As the students raised their binoculars, one falcon circled the building and then landed near its nest. “Its smaller than I expected,” Mateo whispered. His teacher reminded the group that young falcons often leave the nest before they can fly confidently.

2. By noon, the class had recorded four sightings in their field journals. Jamal's notes was especially detailed because he described the falcon's dark hood, pale chest, and pointed wings. He also wrote, “the bird made three short calls before it flew toward the river.” The class compared these observations with a guide from the state wildlife agency. Peregrine falcons disappeared from many eastern cities after DDT weakened their eggshells during the twentieth century. Legal protections and captive breeding helped the species recover, however, threats such as window collisions and pesticide exposure still affect some populations.

3. Later, the students shared their findings with a city conservation officer. She explained that tall buildings can resemble cliffs, and they gives peregrines high nesting places and open flight paths. The officer asked the class to report injured birds, they should not try to handle a raptor without trained help. “Who should we call if we find one?” asked Aisha. The officer pointed to the wildlife agency's phone number on a poster and said, “Call this number, and describe the injured raptors location.” Before leaving, the students decided to create signs that would help library visitors notice the nest without disturbing it.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Rewrite the sentence about peregrines' speed so it does not contain a comma splice.

2. Correct the subject-verb agreement error in Jamal's sentence.

3. How should “they gives” be edited in the final paragraph?

4. In the final quotation, what correction is needed in the phrase “the injured raptors location”?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a 45 to 60 word announcement for a school event that protects a local habitat. Use exactly three sentences, including one sentence with a semicolon, then edit for capitalization, punctuation, spelling, agreement, and possessives.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each sentence that needs an edit for capitalization, punctuation, spelling, grammar, or possessives. In the margin, number the errors you find so you can explain each correction. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Rewrite the sentence about peregrines' speed so it does not contain a comma splice.	**Peregrines are famous for their speed; a hunting dive can exceed 200 miles per hour.**
2	Correct the subject-verb agreement error in Jamal's sentence.	**Jamal's notes were especially detailed because he described the falcon's dark hood, pale chest, and pointed wings.**
3	How should “they gives” be edited in the final paragraph?	**they give**
4	In the final quotation, what correction is needed in the phrase “the injured raptors location”?	**the injured raptor's location**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Saturday, the Ecology Club will remove litter from Pine Creek’s banks. Bring gloves, a refillable water bottle, and sturdy shoes; the club will provide trash bags and safety instructions. Meet at the north trail entrance at 9:00 a.m., where volunteers will sort recyclable materials before the cleanup begins.

Accept equivalent corrections that preserve the passage's meaning, including a period instead of a semicolon for a comma splice. Expected markings include the speed comma splice, It's, notes were, the capital T in the quotation, the however splice, they give, the final comma splice, and raptor's.