

Moth Survey Proofread

Study how precise spelling makes a model event notice clear.

8.10.D.vii "correct spelling, including commonly confused terms such as its/it's, affect/effect, there/their/they're, and to/two/too; and"

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every occurrence of its, it's, affect, effect, there, their, they're, to, two, and too. Notice how each spelling gives the sentence a different meaning.

A Nighttime Moth Survey

- ① On Thursday, our science club will host a nighttime moth survey behind the school library. Volunteers will hang a white sheet and shine a lamp on it, because light can attract many moth species. The survey will not harm the insects; observers will photograph them and record their features. Each team will bring its field guide, and it's important to return borrowed equipment before leaving. There are two check-in tables, so choose the one assigned to your group.
- ② Before the survey, Maya checked the forecast to see whether rain might affect the lamp setup. A sudden shower could have an effect on the number of moths that visit the sheet. She also posted a map online, so families would know that their meeting place was near the library, not there by the athletic field. They're welcome to watch from a marked path, but their phones should stay dim. Maya asked visitors not to bring too many flashlights, since bright beams can disturb the insects.
- ③ During the event, students will use a simple tally chart to count the moths they can identify. If a moth rests on the sheet, do not touch it; instead, note its color, size, and wing pattern. Results from the club will be shared with a local nature center, which may compare them to records from other neighborhoods. There is also a cleanup crew. Its members will collect the cords and signs after the survey, and they're scheduled to meet the custodian at nine. No one needs to stay too late.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Paragraph 1 uses both its and it's. Copy the word that shows ownership and the word that means "it is."

2 In paragraph 2, which spelling completes this sentence: "Rain might ____ the lamp setup"? Explain whether the blank needs a verb or a noun.

3 In paragraph 2, write there, their, or they're for each meaning: a location; belonging to families; "they are welcome."

4 Copy one phrase from the passage for each spelling: to, two, and too.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly three sentences describing a school event. Use its and it's, affect and effect, there, their, and they're, plus to, two, and too correctly.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every occurrence of its, it's, affect, effect, there, their, they're, to, two, and too. Notice how each spelling gives the sentence a different meaning. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Paragraph 1 uses both its and it's. Copy the word that shows ownership and the word that means "it is."	its shows ownership; it's means it is.
2	In paragraph 2, which spelling completes this sentence: "Rain might ___ the lamp setup"? Explain whether the blank needs a verb or a noun.	affect; the blank needs a verb.
3	In paragraph 2, write there, their, or they're for each meaning: a location; belonging to families; "they are welcome."	there, their, they're
4	Copy one phrase from the passage for each spelling: to, two, and too.	Answers may include "to your group," "two check-in tables," and "too many flashlights."

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our school's book fair begins Tuesday, and it's expected to affect the library's schedule. There are two checkout tables, and they're labeled for students who bring their class lists. The fair has its own cash box, but the effect of the crowd may make the hallway too busy to use during lunch.

Accept equivalent copied phrases in question 4 if each word is spelled correctly and used correctly in the passage. For Your Turn, require exactly three sentences that clearly describe a school event and correctly use every listed word.