Cooler Communities

Practice precise, correct revision.

10.W.3.C "Edit writing for appropriate conventions, style, and language (See Language Usage for grade level expectations)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB This proposal is a first draft. Number the six places that need an edit for sentence structure, punctuation, word choice, or possessives, then use the questions to revise them.

Draft: A Cooler Neighborhood

(1) On summer afternoons, neighborhoods with few trees can become much hotter than nearby parks. Pavement and dark roofs absorb sunlight and release heat slowly after sunset. This effect, called an urban heat island, can raise nighttime temperatures and make air conditioning more necessary. Our city should plant shade trees near bus stops, along sidewalks, and providing cover for playgrounds. Trees also catch rainfall, which reduces runoff into storm drains. For this reason, a neighborhood tree plan would improve comfort while helping the city's drainage system. The proposal asks residents to consider where shade is needed most.

(2) At a planning meeting, volunteers can map empty planting sites, the map helps city staff choose locations with enough soil and room for roots. The group should also ask businesses to donate mulch, supplying tools, and fill water bags. A local nursery has offered advice about selecting species that can tolerate the region's summer heat. The plan is good because it will make the area better for people. Residents who use wheelchairs, wait for buses, or walk home from school could benefit from cooler sidewalks. Clear details will help the council judge the proposal.

(3) Before planting begins, the city must inspect underground utility lines and confirm who will maintain each tree. Especially during the first two dry summers. The budget should include funds for young trees, protective stakes, and repairs to cracked sidewalks. The neighborhoods future depends on careful planning, regular watering, and public support. If officials publish the schedule and costs, residents can see how the project will operate. A well-edited proposal can present this practical work clearly and can help readers decide whether to support it in their own blocks.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Rewrite the series in paragraph 1 so all three items have matching grammatical forms.

2. Correct the comma splice in the first sentence of paragraph 2.

3. Paragraph 2 has a mismatched series and an imprecise claim. Rewrite both sentences so the series is parallel and the claim names specific benefits from the draft.

4. Correct the fragment and the possessive error in paragraph 3.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence proposal for a practical improvement at your school or in your community. Include a series with matching grammatical forms, one precise benefit, and correct punctuation without a comma splice or fragment.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 10 · 10.W.3.C

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

This proposal is a first draft. Number the six places that need an edit for sentence structure, punctuation, word choice, or possessives, then use the questions to revise them. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Rewrite the series in paragraph 1 so all three items have matching grammatical forms.	**Our city should plant shade trees near bus stops, along sidewalks, and around playgrounds.**
2	Correct the comma splice in the first sentence of paragraph 2.	**At a planning meeting, volunteers can map empty planting sites. The map helps city staff choose locations with enough soil and room for roots.**
3	Paragraph 2 has a mismatched series and an imprecise claim. Rewrite both sentences so the series is parallel and the claim names specific benefits from the draft.	**The group should also ask businesses to donate mulch, supply tools, and fill water bags. The plan would provide cooler sidewalks and reduce runoff into storm drains.**
4	Correct the fragment and the possessive error in paragraph 3.	**Before planting begins, the city must inspect underground utility lines and confirm who will maintain each tree, especially during the first two dry summers. The neighborhood's future depends on careful planning, regular watering, and public support.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our school should install a covered bike rack near the east entrance. The rack would protect bicycles from rain, keep the walkway clear, and give students a secure place to lock their bikes. By reducing clutter near the doors, this change would make arrival safer for students and visitors.

Accept equivalent revisions that correct the six targeted issues while preserving the draft's meaning. For the open task, check for three complete sentences, a parallel series, precise language, and correct conventions.