TEACHER EDITION

Grade 4 Editing Workbook

Editing drafts with standard English conventions

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TEKS 4.11D Editing | 36 Weeks | Monday to Friday Practice

State Assessment-Style Questions | Answers and Rationales

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The correct answer is marked for every question, with a short reason beside each answer choice.

PREPARE and Clusters 1 to 8, following the Grade 4 scope and sequence

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How to Use This Workbook

Each week gives students short, daily editing practice with the same kinds of questions they will see on the state assessment. The weeks follow our Grade 4 scope and sequence in the same order as the Standards Slide Decks, and every excerpt comes from the low stamina passage of that week's cluster.

Day	Question	Passage excerpt
Monday	1 subject-verb agreement question	One excerpt with every error needed for Monday to Thursday (Informal Practice)
Tuesday	1 part of speech question	
Wednesday	1 capitalization question	
Thursday	1 punctuation question	
Friday	5 questions using this week's skills	A different excerpt with a new set of errors (Formal Independent Practice)

Daily routine (about 10 minutes)

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- Students read the whole excerpt in the box first. Each sentence is numbered, such as (1), (2), (3). When the excerpt is a poem, each line is numbered.
- Students read the question, return to the numbered sentence or line, and test each answer choice in it.
- Students fill in one bubble. Remind them that Make no change is a real choice on the state assessment, and sometimes it is the right answer.
- Each day practices one skill at a time. Friday mixes only the skills practiced Monday to Thursday.

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Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

Dream

(1) I held Mamas hand tightly as we moved through the enormous crowd. **(2)** Everywhere I looked, people stood shoulder to shoulder. **(3)** Some carried signs. **(4)** Some sang songs. **(5)** Others talked quietly while we waited near the Lincoln Memorial.

(6) I were only nine years old, and I had never seen so many people gathered in one place.

(7) "Why did everyone come?" I asked mama.

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What change, if any, should be made in sentence 6?

- ● **(A)** Change *were* to *was*
  Correct. The subject I needs the verb was. The sentence should read "I was only nine years old."
- ○ **(B)** Change *were* to *are*
  Distractor. Are is a plural verb. It does not agree with I. "I are" is not correct.
- ○ **(C)** Change *were* to *is*
  Distractor. Is is a singular verb, but it does not agree with I. "I is" is not correct.
- ○ **(D)** Make no change
  Distractor. The verb were does not agree with I, so there is an error. Make no change is wrong.

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What change, if any, should be made in sentence 5?

○ **(A)** Change *Others* to *Other*
Distractor. Changing Others to Other makes the subject singular, but the sentence needs a plural subject. "Other talked" is wrong without an article like The.

○ **(B)** Change *Lincoln* to *Lincolns*
Distractor. Lincoln is a proper noun in the name Lincoln Memorial. Changing it to Lincolns makes the name wrong.

○ **(C)** Change *Memorial* to *Memorials*
Distractor. There is only one Lincoln Memorial. Changing Memorial to Memorials makes the place name plural and wrong.

● **(D)** Make no change
Correct. The sentence is correct as written. "Others" is the right word here, and "Lincoln Memorial" is the name of one special place, so both words stay singular.

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What change, if any, should be made in sentence 7?

- ○ **(A)** Change *asked* to *Asked*
  Distractor. Asked is a verb in the middle of the sentence. It does not need a capital letter.
- ○ **(B)** Change *everyone* to *Everyone*
  Distractor. Everyone is not a proper noun. It does not need a capital letter in the middle of the sentence.
- ● **(C)** Change *mama* to *Mama*
  Correct. Mama is a name, a proper noun, so it needs a capital letter.
- ○ **(D)** Make no change
  Distractor. The name mama is not capitalized, so there is an error. Make no change is wrong.

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