

Non-fiction Proofreading

Be the editor: there are 25 errors to be corrected in the following news article.

Checklist:

- 12 spelling mistakes, including:
- 4 homophones
- 6 punctuation errors, including:
 - 1 missing contracting apostrophe
 - 1 superfluous apostrophe on a possessive pronoun
- 2 missing colons
- 2 missing full stops
- 3 inconsistencies in tense of verb (past/present/future)
- 3 capital letters missing from the start of sentences, headings or proper nouns

Use blank space to practise spellings and to visualise different options.

Extension: identify what you think are the most ambitious examples of vocabulary. Why do you think the writer chose these particular words?

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