

WRITING WORKSHOP

COPY MASTER

Persuasive Essay

REVISING AND EDITING 2

To measure your ability to express ideas clearly and correctly, some tests may ask you to identify errors in grammar and usage and to improve sentences and paragraphs.

Directions: What change, if any, should be made in this sentence?

1. Students complain that having security cameras in school is like having a guard observing them constantly, waiting for you to make a mistake.
A Change having to have
B Change is like to are like
C Change constantly to often
D Change you to them

Directions: What is the best way to improve the underlined phrase in this sentence?

2. Although security cameras are expensive, they can actually save money for a school district by cutting down on theft and vandalism and they reduce insurance costs.
F and they reduce insurance costs
G and reducing insurance costs
H and insurance costs are less
J but insurance costs are lower

Directions: Read the passage and select the best answer to the question that follows the passage.

(1) Some students object to security cameras on the grounds that they are an invasion of privacy. (2) They claim the cameras create a prison-like atmosphere in the school. (3) Security cameras in every hallway indicate that Big Brother is watching every move they make.

3. Which phrase is best to insert at the beginning of sentence 3?
A Being that
B The reason is that
C Therefore, it happens that
D These students feel that