

Missing Links

SOL Writing Prep with
Technology Enhanced Items

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

(1) Mrs. Vanderbilt had just returned from grocery shopping. (2) Nancy helped her put things away. (3) Mrs. Vanderbilt put several ripe red apples into a bowl. (4) She handed the full bowl to Nancy. (5) I can't wait to taste one! said Nancy Vanderbilt. (6) "They look perfect!" (7) Nancy placed the bowl on the coffee table.

(8) Nancy and her mother were both very neat. (9) Some people even said they were fussy.

(10) "Now we'd better hurry," said Mrs. Vanderbilt, who was never late for anything. (11) "It's time to get your brother to soccer. (12) Why don't you keep me company (13) When we come home, we can have an apple." (14) Mrs. Vanderbilt and Nancy liked foods that were good for us.

(15) Nancy and her mother drive Bill to soccer practice. (16) They watched as he got out of the car. (17) He waved.

(18) "Save one of those apples for me, " Bill said. (19) "Apples are my favorite food. (20) I can just taste one now!" (21) Bill liked good food too. (22) The Vanderbilt family was nearly perfect.

(23) Nancy and her mother drove back home and entered the house. (24) Nancy stopped in surprise. (25) "Look, Mom!" she shouted.

(26) Mrs. Vanderbilt looked where Nancy was pointing. (27) There was a smudge in the front hallway that looked as if mud has been spread on the floor. (28) Nancy bent down for a closer look. (29) This wasn't the clean house they had left! (30) Mrs. Vanderbilt looked at her in confusion. (31) "It's such a small smudge," she said, "but I know it wasn't there before. (32) We always take our shoes off before we come inside the house." (33) That was a Vanderbilt family rule.

(34) "Maybe Lexi did it, " said Nancy thinking of her big gray cat. (35) "It looks like an animal track, doesn't it?" (36) Nancy and Mrs. Vanderbilt began walking thru the house. (37) They noticed that a picture was on the floor. (38) It was off the wall, but it had been hanging up. (39) The Vanderbilts' bent for a closer look. (40) Nancy saw a bit of fur caught in the frame. (41) "Look, Mom! (42) This fur indicates that an animal did it. (43) I think Lexi must have had fun while we were gone!"

Directions: Click and drag the quotation marks into the correct location within the sentence. There may be one or more correct locations.

Punctuate sentence 5 correctly.

I can't wait to taste one! said Nancy Vanderbilt.

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Directions: Click and drag the correct punctuation mark into the end location.

Punctuate sentence 12 correctly.

Why don't you keep my company



Read sentence 14.

Mrs. Vanderbilt and Nancy liked foods that were good for us.

In this sentence, us should be written-

- A** we
- B** them
- C** her and me
- D** as it is

Read sentence 15.

Nancy and her mother drive Bill to soccer practice.

In this sentence, drive should be written-

F drived

G droved

H drove

J as it is

Read sentence 16.

They watched as he got out of the car.

In this sentence, They should be written-

- A** She and her
- B** Them
- C** She and he
- D** as it is

Read sentence 27.

There was a smudge in the front hallway that looked as if mud has been spread on the floor.

Which correction should be made to this sentence?

- F** Change There to They're
- G** Change was to were
- H** Change has to had
- J** Change spread to spreaded

Read sentence 36.

Nancy and Mrs. Vanderbilt began walkingthru the house.

In this sentence, thru should be written-

- A** through
- B** threw
- C** thrugh
- D** as it is

Read sentence 39.

The Vanderbilts' bent in for a closer look.

In this sentence, Vanderbilts' should be written-

F Vanderbilt's

G Vanderbilts

H vanderbilt's

J as it is