

Writing Skills

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Robert P. Tristram Coffin, who wrote "The Secret Heart," _____ (1) _____ up on a farm in Brunswick, Maine. He attended Bowdoin College and Oxford University as a student. After serving in World War I, _____ (2) _____ taught at Wells College.

Coffin published thirty-seven books of poetry, prose, essays, and biographies before he died. He _____ (3) _____ the Pulitzer Prize in poetry for his book *Strange Holiness*. Many people think that it is his _____ (4) _____ work. Besides all _____ (5) _____ accomplishments, Coffin _____ (6) _____ an artist who created etchings and sketches. His artistic imagination served his poetry well, as is shown in the poem "The Sacred Heart."

- 1 Choose the word that belongs in space (1).
A grows
B grewed
C grew
D grown
- 2 Choose the word that belongs in space (2).
A his
B he
C him
D himself
- 3 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (3).
A won
B will win
C wins
D wonned
- 4 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (4).
A better
B bestest
C more better
D best
- 5 Choose the word that belongs in space (5).
A the
B this
C these
D them
- 6 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (6).
A was
B is
C has been
D will be

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When I read "The Wreck of Hesperus," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, I could picture the scene very (1). I liked the part when the skipper laughed, but (2) thought the ending was sad. I told my dad about the poem because the first part reminded me of (3), since he used to take me on his boat. After that, he (4) he would never be vain enough to stay out in such a storm. I said he would never be such a poor father. Then I hugged (5) and he just smiled (6).

- 1 Choose the word that belongs in space (1).
A good
B clear
C well
D plain
- 2 Choose the word that belongs in space (2).
A me
B I
C my
D he
- 3 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (3).
A he and I
B he and me
C him and I
D him and me
- 4 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (4).
A say
B says
C said
D had said
- 5 Choose the word that belongs in space (5).
A he
B his
C himself
D him
- 6 Choose the word that belongs in space (6).
A happy
B happiness
C happily
D happier

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Langston Hughes wrote poems, stories, plays, essays, and histories. He also _____ (1) _____ songs, including the lyrics for *Street Scene*, a successful Broadway musical. His poem "Harlem Night Song" is happy and light, but much of his work is grave and political. Before he died in 1967, much of his work _____ (2) _____ translated into several languages. Some people think his writing is among the _____ (3) _____ of the twentieth century. Anyone studying twentieth century poetry would take his work _____ (4) _____.

Before he became a famous poet, he worked as a busboy in Washington, D.C. One day he _____ (5) _____ a famous writer at one of the tables and gave him some of his poems to read. After reading the poems, the writer _____ (6) _____ that Hughes had vast talent and decided to help him with his career.

1 Choose the word that belongs in space (1).

- A write
- B writes
- C written
- D wrote

2 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (2).

- A had been
- B has been
- C will have been
- D have been

3 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (3).

- A greater
- B great
- C greatest
- D more great

4 Choose the word that belongs in space (4).

- A serious
- B seriously
- C seriousness
- D seriouser

5 Choose the word that belongs in space (5).

- A see
- B sees
- C seen
- D saw

6 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (6).

- A realize
- B realizes
- C realized
- D will realize

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After she read "Identity," by Julio Noboa Polanco, my friend Angelica told _____ (1) _____ how it made her feel. She said she felt _____ (2) _____ than she did before she read it. She told me it was about liking to be _____ (3) _____ and different. The poet compares people to flowers and weeds, and says he would rather be a weed. That made me laugh _____ (4) _____, which made her frown _____ (5) _____. So she read me the poem, and now I _____ (6) _____.

- 1 Choose the word that belongs in space (1).
A her
B I
C she
D me
- 2 Choose the word that belongs in space (2).
A strong
B stronger
C strongest
D strength
- 3 Choose the word that belongs in space (3).
A free
B freely
C freer
D freest
- 4 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (4).
A wild
B wilder
C more wild
D wildly
- 5 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (5).
A with more warning
B warning
C warningly
D more warningly
- 6 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (6).
A understands
B understood
C understand
D had understood

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Vietnam ⁽¹⁾ into two nations in 1954, when it became independent from France. However, the division did not continue ⁽²⁾. Communist-led North Vietnam received aid from the Soviet Union, and South Vietnam ⁽³⁾ supported by the United States. From 1961 to 1973, more than a half million American soldiers fought in Vietnam. They would patrol the ⁽⁴⁾ jungles or countryside in search of the Viet Cong, who could be hiding anywhere. No matter how carefully soldiers kept watch, ⁽⁵⁾ were often ambushed. In conditions that proved to be so uncertain and ⁽⁶⁾, it was difficult to win clear victories.

- Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (1).
A will divide
B divides
C had divided
D have divided
- Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (2).
A peaceful
B peacefully
C with peace
D more peaceful
- Choose the word that belongs in space (3).
A was
B is
C are
D were
- Choose the word that belongs in space (4).
A steamed
B steamily
C steamier
D steamy
- Choose the word that belongs in space (5).
A he
B they
C his
D their
- Choose the word that belongs in space (6).
A danger
B dangerously
C dangerous
D endangered

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Poets use sound devices to ___(1)___ musical effects in poems. The most familiar of these devices ___(2)___ rhyme, identical sounds at the ends of words such as "sees" and "trees." Another device used ___(3)___ by Shel Silverstein in "Forgotten Language" is the repetition of words or grammatical structures. Still another is alliteration, repeated vowel sounds at the beginning of words or stressed syllables near ___(4)___.

To get the sense of a poem, ___(5)___ can make inference, or reach conclusions based on evidence in the poems. Sound devices can help one develop ___(6)___ inferences.

- 1 Choose the word that belongs in space (1).
A creates
B created
C create
D creating
- 2 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (2).
A was
B is
C will be
D are
- 3 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (3).
A skillfully
B skilled
C more skilled
D more skillfully
- 4 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (4).
A them
B each
C they
D each other
- 5 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (5).
A he
B she
C he or she
D one
- 6 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (6).
A reasonably
B reason
C reasonable
D with reason

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A Kiowa Indian, N. Scott Momaday is (1) for his poetry, his essays, and his Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *House Made of Dawn*. Momaday says that his poem "New World" was inspired by: "... the realization of (2) in the New World, [where] the Indian has assumed a deep ethical regard for the earth and sky, a reverence for the natural world. . . ."

(3) "New World" and the poem "One Time" deal with the passage of a day. The Earth's rotation around its axis creates day and night. This rotation around (4) axis creates day and night. This rotation exposes a region to the sun, producing daylight. The Earth (5) turned away from the sun, producing night. A single day (6) from a complete spin of the Earth.

- 1 Choose the word that belongs in space (1).
A know
B knowed
C knows
D known
- 2 Choose the word that belongs in space (2).
A he
B himself
C him
D hisself
- 3 Choose the word that belongs in space (3).
A Each
B Both
C Neither
D Them
- 4 Choose the word that belongs in space (4).
A his
B her
C its
D their
- 5 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (5).
A will be
B were
C was
D is
- 6 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (6).
A results
B resulted
C resulting
D had resulted

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Like most poetry, "The Dark Hills" by Edwin Arlington Robinson uses figurative language ____ (1) _____. Based on comparisons, figurative language ____ (2) _____ an imaginative use of words that goes beyond dictionary meanings. There ____ (3) _____ several kinds of figurative language. A simile is a comparison of two ____ (4) _____ unlike items that uses the words *like* or *as*. A metaphor is a description of one item as if it ____ (5) _____ another, without using *like* or *as*. Personification means ____ (6) _____ something nonhuman as if it were human.

- 1 Choose the word that belongs in space (1).
 - A effective
 - B effectiveness
 - C effectively
 - D more effective
- 2 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (2).
 - A was
 - B is
 - C will be
 - D were
- 3 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (3).
 - A are
 - B is
 - C were
 - D was
- 4 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (4).
 - A apparent
 - B appearance
 - C more apparent
 - D apparently
- 5 Choose the word that belongs in space (5).
 - A is
 - B was
 - C being
 - D were
- 6 Choose the word or group of words that belongs in space (6).
 - A describes
 - B described
 - C describing
 - D to be described

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¹For a long time beliefs, and customs of most cultures were passed on through stories told by word of mouth. ²The Stories were part of what is called the oral tradition. ³Many such stories were originally sung as ballads. ⁴In some cultures, only specially trained people were permitted to tell or sing stories or songs. ⁵after years of being heard, remembered, and loved, many stories or songs were finally written down. ⁶"Johnny Appleseed" by Rosemary Carr Benét, was inspired by the oral tradition.

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C Punctuation error
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B Capitalization error
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¹Coyote, the main character in the native american myth "Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon" retold by Richard Erdoes and Alfonso Ortiz, is a common character known as the trickster. ²In reality the coyote, is a smaller cousin of the wolf. ³Its habitat is most of North America. ⁴Usually a solitary animal it has been known to hunt in pairs, and sometimes in an odd partnership with the badger. ⁵The Coyote character in Native American tales is a combination of divine, Human, and animal qualities. ⁶It symbolizes the balance of qualities within us all, including wisdom and foolishness, generosity and greed, and sense and silliness.

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B Capitalization error
C Punctuation error
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- 4 Which type of error, if any, appears in sentence 4?
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- 5 Which type of error, if any, appears in sentence 5?
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B Capitalization error
C Punctuation error
D No error
- 6 Which type of error, if any, appears in sentence 6?
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B Capitalization error
C Punctuation error
D No error