

Correct the Celebrity!

1. Which album title has the spelling error?

- a. “Dutchess,” by Fergie
- b. “Growing Pains” by Mary J. Blige
- c. “Graduation” by Kanye West
- d. None of the above

2. What’s wrong with this lyric by Justin Timberlake?

“When you cheated girl,
My heart bleded girl.”

- a. It’s perfect as it is. Leave Justin alone!
- b. “Bleded” is not a word. “Bled” is.
- c. There should be commas before and after “girl”
- d. Both b and c are correct.

3. Circle the errors Paris Hilton made blogging about her new shoe collection.
(Hint: there are at least three!)

“Don’t worry, [unnecessary comma] if you arent [aren’t] in Orange County, [should be a semicolon] you can also get the shoes at Kitson, Zappos.com, Endless.com, Bakers, Lord & Taylor and select specialty boutiques across the country” [country, also needs a period]

[Alternative interpretation] “Don’t worry, [should be a semicolon] if you arent [aren’t] in Orange County, you can also get the shoes at Kitson, Zappos.com, Endless.com, Bakers, Lord & Taylor and select specialty boutiques across the country” [country, also needs a period]

4. Correct the following movie titles:

- a. How She Move → How She Moves
- b. The Pursuit of Happyness → The Pursuit of Happiness
- c. Honey, I Shrunk the Kids → Honey, I Shrank the Kids/ Honey, I’ve Shrunk the Kids
- d. The 40 Year Old Virgin → The 40-Year-Old Virgin

5. Circle the error in this statement by Christina Aguilera:

Today is a very joyful and special day for Jordan and I [“I” should be “me”] as we welcome our first son into this world.

6. What’s wrong with this David Hasselhoff quote?

“I am also doing a heart-rendering set on my life and the mistakes I have made.”

- a. There should be a comma after life.
- b. “heart-rendering” doesn’t need a hyphen.
- c. “heart-rendering” should be “heart-rending”
- d. The sentence is fine as is.

7. One of Jessica Simpson’s boyfriends dumped her via text message. The related headline

contains an error. What is it?

Jessica Dumped in 118 Characters or Less → Jessica Dumped in 118 Characters or Fewer

“Less” is for amounts you can't count individually, and “fewer” is for quantities you can count—such as characters.

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