**EDITING FOR SENTENCE SKILLS MISTAKES**

Locate and correct the ten sentence skills mistakes in the following passage. The mistakes are listed in the box below. As you locate mistakes, place checks in the spaces provided. Then make your corrections directly to the passage.

2 sentence fragments \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 1 missing comma after

introductory words \_\_\_\_\_

2 run-ons \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 2 missing commas

around an interrupter \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

1 inconsistent verb tense \_\_\_\_\_ 1 nonparallel structure \_\_\_\_\_

1 apostrophe mistake \_\_\_\_\_

Another field that seems to attract eccentric teachers is English. One of my high school English teachers, Mr. Karlinsky, used to carry a long wooden pointer around the room. *(Commas around an interrupter corrected.)* When he spotted a student who was not paying attention, he would sneak up from behind and rap the pointer as hard as possible on the student’s desk. *(Fragment corrected.)* The unexpected and earsplitting crack would cause the victim’s body to rise at least six inches from the desk chair. *(Apostrophe corrected.)* College has its share of strange English teachers as well. For example, one of my professors liked to draw on the board. *(Run-on corrected.)* Dr. Sandlin would stroll around the room, chalk in hand, waiting for the chance to draw something. Then she would spend thirty minutes of a fifty-minute class drawing Shakespeare’s Globe Theater or a seventeenth-century sword. The oddest teacher I have had was Mr. Shaw, who taught a drama course. Mr. Shaw loved the sound of his own voice. When we read a play, he would take all the parts. *(Run-on corrected.)* Standing behind the lectern, Mr. Shaw would run through an entire play by himself while the students either fell asleep, did homework for other classes, or read magazines. *(Comma after introductory words, fragment, nonparallel structure corrected.)* Mr. Shaw was so happy to be acting he did not seem to mind. At the end of class, as we picked up our books and headed out the door, Mr. Shaw could still be heard booming out the end of a scene from *Hamlet* or *The Glass Menagerie*. *(Inconsistent verb tense corrected.)*