

WRITER'S DIAGNOSTIC TEST
Correcting, Punctuating, Editing

1. Woman! Without her, man is a savage.
Woman, without her man, is a savage.
2. This old house was deteriorating.
3. The need for an instrument that is impervious to atmospheric conditions has long existed. We have needed a weatherproof instrument for a long time.
4. Our government is ahead of Russia's missilewise. We have more government missiles than Russia.
5. He arrived at an approximation as to how much the project would cost. He approximated the project's cost.
6. The table contained two- three- and four- digit numbers and still made no sense.
(comma after numbers if the remaining sentence is "and it still made no sense.")
7. To crack an egg properly, leave the yolk intact.
8. As we hiked the Pacific Crest Trail, a breathtaking valley opened to our campsite below.
9. Mrs. Witherspoon gave birth at the age of 43., Her baby was a great comfort to her.
10. The Clean Water Act has been implemented as if crystal clear distilled water running down concrete conduits were the goal.. (because "as if" is subjunctive – hypothetical)
11. It can be seen in Figure 4 that the pulse repetition frequency remains constant. The pulse rate remained constant (Figure 4).