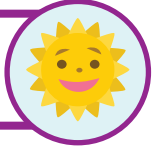


# Try Your Hand at Editing



**DIRECTIONS:** Read the short story. Then come up with compliments, suggestions, and corrections to help improve the story.

Yesterday I got a ride from my uncle Larry to school. We ~~we're~~ <sup>were</sup> half way there when I ~~noticed~~ <sup>noticed that</sup> I had forgotten my ~~permission~~ <sup>permission</sup> slip. I roared, "Larry! we have to go back home ~~I~~ <sup>because</sup> forgot something!"

Uncle Larry said, "Oh well, that'll teach you to ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> more thoughtful before you leave the house." I laughed and declared, "You bet!" I expected him to turn around and take me back home. He didn't. I said, "Uncle Larry, I'm not going to be able to go ~~to~~ <sup>on</sup> the field trip today without that ~~permission~~ <sup>permission</sup> slip." Suddenly I heard a jingle on his phone, ~~that~~ <sup>which</sup> was far deep in his jacket pocket. I could hear. I could tell it was a message from my mom, ~~by~~ <sup>the</sup> the ringtone! Uncle Larry pulled the car over, parked, and checked ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> message.

"Well kiddo," he said with a thin smile, "today ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> your lucky day because my sister's going to drop off your forms on her way to work." I was so relieved. ~~My~~ <sup>my</sup> Uncle Larry revealed, "You know, I would've been happy to have gone back and picked up your form. I wanted to give you a moment to consider your mistake. But I also know your mother. ~~she~~ <sup>she</sup> doesn't miss a trick, and she's sweet to beat the band!"

¶ He was right. My mom's the best.

1. Write three compliments for the author of this story.

Student answers will vary.

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2. Write three specific suggestions to improve the story.

Student answers will vary.

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3. Use editing marks to correct the spelling, grammar, punctuation, and capital letters in the story.

Capitalize letter ≡

Add a period ●

Add a question mark (?)

add a word or comma ^

Take words or letters out ✂

Correct spelling ○

Lowercase letter /

Indent ¶