GRAMMAR WORKSHOP: SENTENCE STRUCTURE: TRANSITIONS, PREPOSITIONS, AND COMMON MISTAKES

Answer Key

1. Verb Subject Agreement: If the underlined verb matches the subject, leave it alone. If it does not match the subject, cross it out and correct it.
   1) The number of people voting for Trump is crazy. A number of people voting for Trump are from Texas.
   2) More than one athlete has taken steroids to get ahead.
   3) My parents are from France, so my family goes to Lyon each year. We all go shopping in the open air market.
   4) Was Friday Night Lights filmed on location in Texas?
   5) None of this journal article is correct. None of the people know what to do.
   6) The teacher, not the students, decides how to run the class.

2. Apostrophes: If the apostrophe is needed, place a check next to the sentence. If the apostrophe is used incorrectly, fix the sentence.
   1) I wanted to go to the party but it’s too late. √
   2) Her husband’s wallet was full of curious items. √
   3) In the current conflict it’s uncertain whose borders they are contesting.
   4) I went to the editor-in-chief’s house for dinner last night √
   5) The house is old and its roof is falling apart.
   6) It’s my life. √

3. Prepositions: Correct these common mistakes by crossing out a preposition or replacing it with the correct one.
   1) Although she is smart, she lacks of experience.
   2) Of what color is her hair?
   3) I haven’t read that book in a long time.
   4) The plane is now approaching to D.C.
   5) She lives on Brandywine St.
   6) It hasn’t rained since last week.
   7) He is older than me.
   8) She is superior to me.
   9) I will discuss for the importance of the currency peg.
   10) I am going to the store but then I am going to home.

Transitions: Replace the basic transition words in these sentences with a synonym.
   1) Conversely, the new system does work when two people are able to help run it.
   2) In addition to this, it is a high context culture in which harmony is valued so they would not be so rude.
   3) Equally important, Dr. Smith comments on the phenomenon in a documentary from 2003.
   4) Finally, it is not safe to drill for oil near Arctic ice shelves.
   5) Indeed, this was an excellent conference.