

### Short Grammar Activities

For each, identify the errors and correct them in the space provided.

(Answers to each are provided on the back.)

1. While I was at school. I forgot to bring any pencils.

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2. He came home and placed his keys in the table.

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3. He had many paper to write for his English class.

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4. The folder contained several photo of my classmates.

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5. The equipments we came with did not work properly.

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6. I really enjoy my program here at Ohio University, it is the best program in the state of Ohio.

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7. There was beautiful sunset last night.

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8. Shaking hands shows the respect when greeting others.

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Answers:

1. Adverbial clause is a fragment (needs a comma, not a period):  
While I was at school, I forgot to bring any pencils.
2. Confusing the prepositions “in” and “on” (the keys should be place *on* or *on top* of the table, not *in* or *inside*, the table):  
He came home and placed his keys **on** the table.
3. “Many” implies more than one, so the plural noun *papers* should be used here:  
He had **many papers** to write for his English class.
4. “Several” implies more than one, so the plural noun *photos* should be used here:  
The folder contained **several photos** of my classmates.
5. “Equipment” is a noncount noun, so the plural form is not needed here:  
The **equipment** we came with did not work properly.
6. Comma splice – two complete sentences are separated by a comma. This can be corrected several ways:
  - a. I really enjoy my program here at Ohio University. **It** is the best program in the state of Ohio.
  - b. I really enjoy my program here at Ohio University, **and** it is the best program in the state of Ohio.
  - c. I really enjoy my program here at Ohio University, **which** is the best program in the state of Ohio.
7. Missing article – “a” is used to introduce a nonspecific, singular count noun, so there needs to be an article before “beautiful sunset”:  
There was **a** beautiful sunset last night.
8. Article error – “the” is used in front of specific singular and plural nouns, but many noncount nouns do not require an article. “Respect” is one of the exceptions and does not require an article:  
Shaking hands shows **respect** when greeting others.