



The Society for the Promotion of Good Grammar

Correct the Celebrity!

1. Which album title has the spelling error?

- a. **“Dutchess,” by Fergie.**
- b. “Growing Pains” by Mary J. Blige
- c. “Graduation” by Kanye West
- d. None of the above

2. What’s wrong with this lyric by Justin Timberlake?

“When you cheated girl
My heart bledded girl.”

- a. It’s perfect as it is. Leave Justin alone!
- b. “Bledded” is not a word. “Bled” is.
- c. There should be commas before and after “girl”
- d. **Both b and c are correct.**

3. Circle the errors Paris Hilton made blogging about her new shoe collection.
(Hint: there are at least four!)

Don’t worry, [unnecessary comma] if you **arent** in Orange County, [**should be semicolon**] you can also get the shoes at Kitson, Zappos.com, Endless.com, Bakers, Lord & Taylor and select specialty boutiques across the **counrty** [also needs a period]

4. Correct the following movie titles:

- a. How She Move -> How She Moves
- b. The Pursuit of Happyness Happiness -> The Pursuit of Happiness
- c. Honey, I Shrunk the Kids -> Honey, I’ve Shrunk the Kids/Honey, I Shrank the Kids
- d. The 40 Year Old Virgin -> The 40-Year-Old Virgin

5. Circle the error in this statement by Christina Aguilera:

Today is a very joyful and special day for Jordan and **I** as we welcome our first son into this world.

6. What’s wrong with this David Hasselhoff quote?

“I am also doing a heart-rendering set on my life and the mistakes I have made.”

- a. There should be a comma after life.
- b. “heart-rendering” doesn’t need a hyphen.
- c. **“heart-rendering” should be “heart-rending”**
- d. The sentence is fine as is.

7. A boyfriend of Jessica Simpson’s dumped her via text message. The related headline contains an error. What is it?

Jessica Dumped in 118 Characters or Less -> Jessica Dumped in 118 Characters or Fewer

Use “less” with amounts you can’t count individually, and fewer with quantities that you can.