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teacher's manual

chapter 5
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Time to review a few grammar basics.

Based on information covered in the textbook, select the right response to each of the following questions. Be prepared to explain each answer.

1. Which statement is not true?
 - a. Good journalistic writing and good fiction employ many of the same literary devices.
 - b. Every story has a factual reality and an emotional reality.
 - c. As a general rule, avoid “where” leads.
 - d. Short item news should be first or second person.
2. Which sentence contains a major error.
 - a. James came to the conclusion that Sherry was seeing other boys.
 - b. Sherry is the cheerleader that broke James’ heart.
 - c. Wearing a tutu, the burly wrestler patted the 6-year-old dancer on the head.
 - d. all of the above
3. Of the following sentences, which is (are) correct?
 - a. The 79-year-old English teacher has taught here for 51 years.
 - b. The six-year-old boy looked just like Harry Potter.
 - c. Jeff McHugh’s 6-year-old son has read 3 Harry Potter books.
 - d. Stella Bernardo moved here from Argentina when she was 5.
4. You are your publication’s copy editor. A beginning reporter turns in the following story with this lead: “Sleep is essential to a healthy person, yet many high school students have problems with sleeping.” How you would coach this beginner to improve his or her lead.
5. Of the following sentences, which is (are) correct?
 - a. The Spanish Club will sponsor their Cinco de Mayo Day celebration next week.
 - b. The television that is in the teacher’s lounge is broken.
 - c. The juniors won their third straight PowderPuff football game.
 - d. The television which is in the teacher’s lounge is broken.