Standardized Tests → Identifying Sentence Errors
Level: Middle School

We use rules when we write that make our writing clear and easy for others to understand. It is important to learn and follow conventions, or rules and common use, for spelling, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization.

Read the sentences below and circle the error. Some sentences are correct. Incorrect sentences have one error in spelling, grammar, punctuation, or capitalization.

1. I wished I could of gone.
   a. gone       b. could of       c. wished       d. no error

2. She tried to tell me and I just wouldn’t listen to her.
   a. her       b. She       c. no comma       d. no error

3. My Mom wanted to come to the concert, but I wouldn’t let her.
   a. Mom       b. to come       c. wouldn’t       d. no error

4. I got some money off of my dad.
   a. got       b. dad       c. off of       d. no error

5. “It isn’t entirely his fault” she said carefully.
   a. no comma       b. carefully       c. fault       d. no error

   a. Washington       b. presidents       c. I       d. no error

8. Her waste is so tiny, it’s hard to find pants that fit.
   a. waste       b. tiny,       c. it’s       d. no error

9. Twenty one students will be riding the bus to the fair.
   a. students       b. fair       c. twenty one       d. no error

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