Hi, Bridge Students:

Grammar is a very important tool because it helps learners to develop a routine of thinking in a logical and clearer way, and it also helps to increase accuracy.

Proofreading is checking a draft when it is almost ready to turn in. When proofreading, you are only checking for minor errors, such as spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors. Although it is one of the last issues addressed in writing a paper, it is an essential part of the writing process.

Example:

1. Identify the problem.

   Spelling/Confused Homonym

2. Explain why it is incorrect.

   Wrong use of the word “There”

3. Rewrite it with correct grammar. They’re

Explanation:

- “There” refers to a place or position
- “They’re” is a contraction of "they are"

Standards:

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.L.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.L.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

Activity 1: Grammar Gone Wrong!
Directions: While analyzing the following pictures, look for grammar errors that interfere with the meaning. Then identify the problem, explain the problem, and fix the problem.

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Activity 2: Proofreading Using Literature: Short Answer

Directions: Each question below has one or more errors in it. Identify the errors, and then explain why each is incorrect in the space provided.

The sentences in this exercise are taken from “The Most Dangerous Game” by Richard Connell.

1. Rainsford reclining in a steamer chiar, indolently puffed on his favorite brier.

2. Bleak darkness were blacking out the sea and jungle when Rainsford sited the lights.

3. He sought to throw open the door, it would not open.

4. the general was saving him for another days sport!

5. The baying of the hounds stopped abruptly, and rainsford's heart stopped to.

Activity 3: Essay Proofreading Practice
Why I should be allowed to go to a party

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Teenagers have it rough. Where growing and changing into adults, but sometimes were still treated like our parents little babies. This weekend is a big party at my best friend’s house. Her parents are out of town. My parents are still considering whether or not they are going to let me go. I deserve to go to this party because I’m responsible, I’m a good student, and I will be sure to keep their worries at bay by checking in regularly.

My responsibilities around the house have grown steadily over the years. I look after my younger siblings all the time, even on MY weekends, so that my parents can go have fun. That means I deserve to have fun too. I also keep things clean and tidy. I used to be messy, but not anymore. This shows I’m growing up and deserve a chance to prove it by going to a party.

My grades aren’t perfect, but they’re good. I try very hard in school and I will definitely spend Saturday finishing my homework so I’ll be all done with it in time for the party. Good grades should be rewarded, says my mom. This would be the best reward.

If I get to go to this party, I won’t leave my parents at home stressing about my safety. I will check in every hour by texting. They will know that I am safe so they can have an enjoyable night too. Parents biggest concern at a party is that I will be unsafe, so if they know I’m safe then I should be allowed to go. It will also be a great opportunity to prove I’m responsible.

I know it’s hard to grasp, but I’m almost an adult. Experiences like this will define my teenage years and set me up to handle adult responsibilities coming my way. I’m ready to be with my friends without adult supervision and I’ve proven I’m responsible enough to handle it.