

TAKS–M Grade 11 ELA
(Revising and Editing Section)



City Pig

Nicole wrote this story about Moochie, the Bakers' pet pig. All the neighbors like Moochie except one. Read Nicole's paper and think about how she might correct and improve it. When you finish reading, answer the questions that follow.



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(1) Moochie the pig lives in the Bakers' backyard. (2) All the neighbors love him. (3) From Grandpa Forester to two-year-old Olivia Sánchez. (4) Everyone enjoys giving Moochie a snack. (5) The Bakers have had to put their pet on a diet. (6) Now there is a sign on Moochie's fence that reads "Vegetables Only."

1 What revision is needed in sentences 3 and 4?

- A** From Grandpa Forester to two-year-old Olivia Sánchez, everyone enjoys it. Giving Moochie a snack.
- B*** Everyone, from Grandpa Forester to two-year-old Olivia Sánchez, enjoys giving Moochie a snack.
- C** Everyone who enjoys giving Moochie a snack is from Grandpa Forester to two-year-old Olivia Sánchez.

Objective 6

2 What change should be made in sentence 5?

- A** Insert **they** after **the Bakers**
- B** Change **have had** to **has had**
- C*** Change **there** to **their**

Objective 6

(7) The Baker house sits on the corner of 14th and Thompson avenue. (8) It is surrounded by a big yard with rows of corn and tomato plants. (9) Each morning Moochie comes out of his shed and walks toward the fence. (10) A shed is a good place to keep gardening tools. (11) He is always looking for someone who will give him a snack.

3 What change should be made in sentence 7?

- A** Change *sits* to **sitting**
- B** Insert a comma after *corner*
- C*** Change *avenue* to **Avenue**

Objective 6

4 What is the most effective way to improve the organization of this paragraph (sentences 7–11)?

- A** Delete sentence 9
- B*** Delete sentence 10
- C** Delete sentence 11

Objective 6

(12) One spring day everything changed. (13) A man named Mike Gorman moved in next door to the Bakers. (14) Gorman loved shopping and eating out, a big-city guy. (15) He did not love living next to a farm!

(16) "There are zoning laws," he told Mr. Baker. (17) "You cannot raise a pig here! (18) I've called the police, so I think you should find a new home for your pig.

5 What is the most effective way to rewrite the ideas in sentence 14?

A* Gorman, a big-city guy, loved shopping and eating out.

B Gorman loved shopping and eating out, he was a big-city guy.

C Gorman loved shopping and eating out. A big-city guy.

Objective 6

6 What change should be made in sentence 18?

A Delete **so**

B Change **your** to **you're**

C* Insert quotation marks at the end of the sentence

Objective 6

(19) The other neighbors loved Moochie. (20) They signed posters and wrote letters. (21) But laws are laws. (22) The Bakers were told to find a new one for Moochie.

(23) Then one neighbor had an idea. (24) He had read about service animals. (25) They help people who are disabled, and they are allowed in most neighborhoods. (26) Why couldn't Moochie be a "service pig"? (27) Grandmother Baker was forgetful, and whenever her family was out she got lonely. (28) Moochie could be her companion.

7 The meaning of sentence 22 can be clarified by changing **one** to —

A* home

B law

C friend

Objective 6

8 What change should be made in sentence 27?

A Change **forgetful** to **forgetfull**

B* Insert a comma after **out**

C Change **got** to **gets**

Objective 6

(29) The Bakers loved the idea, and they wrote a note to the city.

(30) They began training Moochie and bought him a vest that read

“Service Animal.”

(31) City leaders seemed glad. (32) They had found a way to let Moochie stay with the Bakers. (33) The neighborhood celebrated its victory. (34) Mike Gorman was a good sport about it, and he just avoided the Bakers’ yard. (35) He was the only neighbor who didn’t like the Bakers’ little patch of contry.

9 What is the most effective way to combine sentences 31 and 32?

A City leaders seemed glad while they had found a way to let Moochie stay with the Bakers.

B* City leaders seemed glad that they had found a way to let Moochie stay with the Bakers.

C City leaders, they seemed to have found a way to let Moochie stay with the glad Bakers.

Objective 6

10 What change should be made in sentence 35?

A Change **was** to **were**

B Insert a comma after **neighbor**

C* Change **contry** to **country**

Objective 6