

# Proofreading Quiz

**Proofread the essay below twice. Read it the first time for structure. Does it have a proper essay structure? If so, where should the divisions into paragraphs be? Proofread again for grammar. Try to find 43 errors of the following types:** sentence structure; consistency of tense, person, and number; subject and verb agreement; the comma; the semicolon; the apostrophe; spelling; paragraphing; regular and irregular verbs; modals; pronoun forms.

## MY MOTHER'S IDEAS ABOUT MARRIAGE AND MY OWN

My mother and me gets along pretty well. The reason we do is that me and her have alot of respect for one another, and stricks to this respect; even when we don't have quite so much respect fore each others ideas. If you didn't respect one another, you'd argue a lot about ideas. For instance, we don't think at all the same about marriage. Take the whole idea of getting married, we start our differences there. My mother is all for it, she thinks everyone ought to be married. If theres a adult over the age of twenty-five who wasn't married, my mother started trying to find somebody for them. In her eyes, nobocy is a citizen, a complete person, or even a respectable human being, unless they are married. I don't say marriage isn't all right, for the right people but I could imagine going through life without ever experience it. I certainly won't be married at twenty-five. When it comes to premarital sex. There again we part company. My old-fashioned mother belives in verginity for girls and a little discreet experience for boys, she wants her daughters to march down the aisle in white satin that means 100 percent pure guarantee and her sons to have a good time and them settle down with girls like that. This is not for me; I believe in living with you for a while before even thinking about marrying you. Shes also old fashion about fidelity and divorce afer marriage, while I'm not. She wants no adultery and no divorce. If anyone can every make it living like that once, which I doubt, they certainly can't do it today. If i get married I'll give it ny best try, and any deal I make I'll intend to keep but if I find that I'm married to a velcher someone who don't

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keep the other end of the bargain, why shoul I be stuck for life. Lily, as I said my mother and I love and respect on~ another, she doesn't push her belief's on me and I don't flaunt mine in front of her. In the end, I hope her faith in me will alsays be justify but I doubt that I'll be doing the marriage bit her way.