

## Review: Proofreading Activities

**Correct** errors in numbers and abbreviations in the following paragraphs. Write the corrections above the errors.

1        The Apollo 13 mission to the moon in 1970 began as planned. Until  
 2        the movie Apollo Thirteen came out in 1995, many people did not realize  
 3        what a near tragedy it had been. American astronauts James Lovell,  
 4        Junior; Fred Haise, JR; and John Swigert, Jr., were launched from Cape  
 5        Canaveral, Fla., on April eleventh, 1970, for a 10-day mission to land on  
 6        the moon.

7        One part of their mission was to start an experiment called Apollo  
 8        Lunar Surface Experiment Package (Alep). However, fifty-six hours into  
 9        the flight—about 2 hundred thousand mi. from Earth—an oxygen tank  
 10       exploded, cutting off all the power in the service module. Unless  
 11       something could be done quickly, the astronauts would not have enough  
 12       oxygen to return to Earth. Gene Kranz, the lead flight director in  
 13       Houston, TX, began working on solutions immediately.

**Correct** errors in punctuation and capitalization in the following paragraphs. Add any missing punctuation.

1        After the crew shut down a lot of the electrical power they moved  
 2        from the command module named odyssey, to the lunar module—called  
 3        aquarius. They were allowed to drink only one glass of water per day.  
 4        The temperature was near 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

5        Lack of oxygen was the deadliest, most immediate threat. The  
 6        Aquarius didnt have enough canisters to remove deadly carbon dioxide

7 from the air. The Odyssey did have enough canisters: but they were  
8 incompatible with the Aquarius system. The engineers in Houston, came  
9 up with an ingenious solution, they taught the astronauts to create a  
10 homemade adapter so the Odyssey canisters could be used on the  
11 Aquarius. That solved the oxygen problem.

**Correct errors in punctuation and usage in the following paragraphs.**

1 The next challenge was to get back home. The astronauts had to use  
2 power from the Aquarius to propel their spacecraft, which wayed almost  
3 100,000 pounds around the moon and back to Earth. Despite the  
4 complexity of this maneuver it was a complete success. The dangerous  
5 reentry into Earths atmosphere succeeded, to. On Friday April 17 the  
6 crew landed in the Pacific Ocean and were picked up by the navy ship  
7 Iwo Jima.

8 The astronauts: Lovell, Haise, and Swigert were heroes. For there  
9 bravery, President Richard Nixon awarded them the Metal of Freedom.  
10 The men were honored with a parade in Chicago. It would be almost a  
11 year before the next lunar mission Apollo 14 would successfully return  
12 from the moon on Tuesday February 9 1971.