

Test 21



Check yourself by rereading the sentences after you correct them. This is self-questioning. Make sense?

Directions: Use the glossary to correct the sentences. Draw a line through the word or words in each sentence that are incorrect. Write the correct word or words on the line.

Glossary of Word Usage

Help for problem words or phrases

a, an—Use **a** before words that start with a consonant. Use **an** before words that begin with a vowel.

a lot—A **lot** is always two words. **Alot** is a common spelling mistake.

can, may—**Can** means ability. **May** means permission.

may be, maybe—**May be** is a verb phrase. **Maybe** is an adverb meaning perhaps.

might of—Use **might have**.

nowheres—Use **nowhere**.

off of—**Of** is unnecessary. Omit it.

pretty—This is an overworked word. Pick a synonym.

suppose to, use to—Add **-d** to the ends of the words—**supposed, used**.

1. Teachers have heard alot of homework excuses, and here are a few silly ones. _____

2. "I have an solar calculator, and it was cloudy last night." _____
3. "May be I am allergic to pencils and pens." _____
4. "I'm pretty sure I did my homework, but maybe I dreamed it." _____
5. "I was forced to eat it because it might of fallen into enemy hands." _____
6. "I put it on the hood of the car, and now it's nowheres to be found." _____
7. "My doctor says that I am not suppose to do anything that makes me sick." _____

8. " Oh, I may always do it tomorrow." _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Answers

1. a lot
2. a
3. maybe
4. Answers will vary.
5. Might have
6. Nowhere
7. Supposed to
8. Can