



## Better Tuition Santa's Proof Reading Challenge

15 ERRORS: SCROLL DOWN FOR SOLUTION

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### Instructions:

Santa has a lot of letters to read at this time of year! Here's one with twelve spelling mistakes and eighteen incidents of missed or mistaken punctuation. Can you a) identify and b) correct each one?

**12 Gedge Street,  
Manchester**

**12<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Dear santa

I hope you and your elfs are very well and not feeling to cold in the north pole i have been very good this year if my teacher rights to you to tell you I have been naughty its not true i through a ball threw the window and it hit her on the head but that was an accident if my mother says i have been naughty shes rong. I didnt mean to brake the television if my farther says I have not been good he is also misstaken because I have tried relly hard too be good. Please bring me some new paints a bicycle and a football

See you soon!

Love from Billy

### Missing Punctuation: Extra Help

Missing Full Stops: 5 - THINK ABOUT: sentence demarcation

Missing Commas: 2 - THINK ABOUT: commas after someone's name in a letter; commas in lists.

Missing capital letter 9 - THINK ABOUT: proper nouns such as Manchester or Adam, as well as the start of sentences.

Missing apostrophes: 3 - THINK ABOUT: contractions such as 'won't' and 'I'm'.

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## SOLUTION

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Dear Santa,

I hope you and your **elves** are very well and not feeling **too** cold in the **North Pole**. I have been very good this year. If my teacher **writes** to you to tell you I have been naughty it's not true. I **threw** a ball **through** the window and it hit her on the head but that was an **accident**. If my mother says I have been naughty she's **wrong**. I didn't mean to **break** the television if my **father** says I have not been good he is also **mistaken** because I have tried **really** hard **to** be good. Please bring me some new paints, a bicycle and a football.

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