

Week 32 Opening Work

Freshmen English

Mrs. Hess

2nd Semester – Week 14

Day 1

- Capitalization of name of award
- Correct placement of period with quotation marks
- Use of apostrophe to show possession
- Subject and verb agreement

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Day 2

- Capitalization of important words in title
- Elimination of wordiness
- Correct spelling: doubling final consonant

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Day 3

- Use of subjunctive mood of verb
- Correction of commonly confused words
- Use of conjunction *as if*
- Elimination of double negative

Day 3

- 1. If there was a war and everyone on Earth died, nature would not be effected.
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- 2. All the signs of spring would reappear **as if** there had been **no** war.

Day 4

- Use of quotation marks with title of a poem
- Spelling out numbers through one hundred
- Correct past participle of irregular verb
- Elimination of question mark with indirect question

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- 1. Teasdale wrote “There Will Come Soft Rains” more than **sixty** years ago.
- 2. I wonder how the poem would be different if she had **written** it today, in our age of nuclear weaponry.

Day 5

- Correction of commonly misspelled word
- Use of precise adjective to improve style
- Use of subjunctive mood of verb

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- 1. Some scientists believe that a major nuclear war could cause bad changes in the earth's atmosphere and climate.
- 2. If they are right, nature as well as human beings would be seriously affected.

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- 1. Some scientists believe that a major **nuclear** war could cause **disastrous** changes in the earth's atmosphere and climate.
- 2. If they **were** right, nature as well as human beings would be seriously affected.