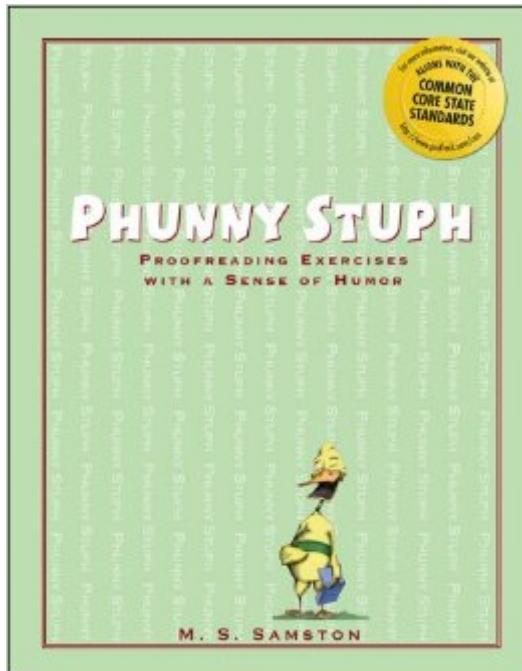


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# Phunny Stuph: Proofreading Exercises With A Sense Of Humor



## **Synopsis**

Your students will really pay attention when you use "Phunny Stuph." Jokes and humorous urban legends make up all 100 proofreading exercises in this useful book. Use the exercises as transparencies to start class, or photocopy them to pass out to your students. The errors include a little bit of everything--missing punctuation, spelling mistakes, errors in usage, sentence fragments, and more. Each exercise includes teaching notes and an example of a possible correction. Most exercises are short--just right for quick, frequent lessons that will really help your students improve their skills. "Phunny Stuph" helps students sharpen their skills at recognizing and correcting errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure and usage. However, it also does much more than that. It provides teaching opportunities.

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## **Customer Reviews**

After trying at least four other proofreading exercise programs over the years, I've finally found the winner of the bunch. These proofreading exercises are at just the right level for my middle schoolers, and the humor keeps them engaged. The jokes are helping improve my EL students' reading comprehension, as well. At first, my EL students had to frequently ask for the explanation to a joke. Now, most of them pick up on the context clues that create the humor. I highly recommend "Phunny Stuph."

This book has been wonderful to use in my 8th grade Language Arts classes as a daily warm-up.

The students enjoy reading and correcting these funny stories way more than anything else I have tried. In fact, I ordered this book because one of my students was sitting with me as I previewed it and was laughing out loud! It is well worth the purchase!

Pros:- Kids LOVE them! Even teens.- The stories clearly teach common issues with writing (grammar, spelling and usage).Cons:- Teachers who want to print copies will be sad to know that the answers are often on the same page as the problems themselves.

This is a nicely motivating book of proofreading practice, where the student proofreads jokes. The humor is a great motivator, and the jokes are pretty funny.Unfortunately, the corrections are presented on the same page as the joke to be proofread, which means that the teacher or parent must either write out the joke (with its mistakes) by hand, or must play games with the photocopy machine to hide the answers.I give this 5 stars for the concept, 2 stars for poor useability of the format.

Good book overall but an utter pain to use because I can't just put the pages in the photocopier due to the fact that many of the corrections (answers) are on the same page as the paragraph. (See photo) I would be much more likely to use this if I could just pop the whole thing into the photocopier instead do having to cover up a different amount of the page on many of the pages with a blank piece of paper and then copy each page by each excruciating page one by one.

this would be a lot better if the answers weren't on the bottom of the page. It is harder to run copies of the pages quickly. I covered the bottom with a white piece of paper and made a copy of the book and that copy is what I make my student copies from now instead of the book.

Passages are entertaining, but are in a paragraph format that provides little space for actual line editing by students. A better format giving children the ability to actively edit the errors and write in corrections would be a more useful design approach.

As a middle school writing teacher, I had trouble getting students interested in proofreading and editing. These proofreading activities are fast and easy to use, and what middle schooler doesn't enjoy a joke to spice up an assignment?

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