Editing Practice

The sentences below all contain some kind of problem—sentence fragments, run on sentences, punctuation problems or some combination of the three. Edit each sentence. Use editing marks. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. Carla is the shortest girl in the class she has to stand on a step stool to even reach her locker

2. On Monday morning Mrs. Little gave the class an assignment they were to write an essay about what they did over the weekend.

3. So excited. The day was glorious and we were on our way to the amusement park

4. Jon asked Mary to have dinner with him. Turned him down because she decided she doesn’t like him all that much

5. Since the new principal arrived things sure have been different around here for one thing there are metal detectors inside the front door. Have to walk through them every day

6. You see? Frank shouted. I told you we were going to be late

7. Drinks tea every morning. Drinks seltzer water all day. Drinks tea again at night. Jane is very regular in her habits

8. Isabel keeps a mug full of pens on her desk they are within easy reach so she always has one if she needs one

9. Can you bring me the phone? my mother asked I was right there near it.

10. We’re never completely sure we will be able to but we like to get together once or twice every few weeks