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# Creative Writing Worksheet –

## Ideas Practice

### 1. Read the passage below and correct the errors and absurdities.

Example: the blue blue wall – **correction**: the blue wall

#### SANTA CLAUS DOES NOT FORGET



Bertie was a very good good boy.

He was kind, obedient, truthful, and selfish.

He had two great fault, he always forgot.

No matter how important the errand, his answer always was, I forgot.

When he was send with a note to the dressmaker, his mother would find the errand's note in his pocket at night.

If he was gone to the store in a great hurry, to get something for tea, he would return even late, without the article, but with his unusual answer, "I forgot".

His father and mother talks the matter over, and decided that something must be done and make the little boy remember.

Christmas was near, and Bertie was busy making out a list of things which Santa Claus was to bring her.

"Santa Claus may forget some of those things," says his mother.

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2. Identify the absurdity in the sentence below.

I had 23 marbles altogether and gave my brother eight of them. In the end, I had 31 marbles in my bag.

Answer:

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3. What makes this statement absurd?

The homeless man put his hands out and said, "Kind sir, please give me a dollar as I am both deaf and dumb."

Answer:

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4. Read the passage and select the statement that best explains the absurdity in the passage.

One sunny day at the seaside, a group of people observed a man dive from a high platform. The man wanted to prove how good a diver he was, but suddenly noticed the tide was out and became frightful he could hit his head on the rocks below. He was so frightened that the man was able to jump back to the platform just in time. The crowd was relieved the man made it safely back to the platform.

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**5. Read the passage below and correct the errors and absurdities. There are 15 errors or absurdities in this passage. Can you identify them?**

It was during school assembly and with the proper time Miss Marcelle stepped inside the the folding-doors and made a pretty little but long speech. She said that some young ladies and a young gentleman had asked permission to show 5 tableaux to Mrs. Wendell, the principal if she would like to saw them. Mrs. Wendell replied that she she would be charmed. Then mademoiselle announced the tableaux; closing the doors wide for each one “This is a list of the tableaux: first, ‘The Sleeping Beauty’; second, ‘Little Red Riding Hood’; 3rd, ‘The Fairy Queen’; fourth, ‘Old Mother Hubbard’; and sixth, ‘The Nativity’s Scene’ . Miss Marcelle had arranged everything so nicely; and Celeste, the cleaner, helps so much with the dressing, that the picture all whappened with a single mistake.