

Answer Key: Mixed Errors

The following paragraphs are written correctly.

A **student's** ability to set goals and her confidence that she can reach those goal strongly **influence** her performance in college. **Whether** she **wants** to become a sports trainer, a veterinarian, a nurse, or an artist, she can succeed if she is realistic about her talents, if she **believes** in herself, and if she **is** willing to make sacrifices. Anne Zetouni, a girl with a severe learning disability, is an example of someone who believed she could succeed and who did succeed against all odds.

Anne grew up with dyslexia, a neurological disorder that often **makes** it hard for people to learn to spell and **read; however,** her greatest problem was not that she had dyslexia. **It** was that no one knew she had it. She grew up before educators even **knew** that such a disorder **existed**. Anne was smart and she knew she was smart, but when it came to reading, **spelling, and** writing, her schoolwork was a disaster. She could learn history and **science; she** loved **math, but** she stumbled over the simplest words when she was reading aloud. **Her** handwriting was illegible, and even if someone could read her writing, **he** couldn't understand it because half the **words** were spelled **wrongly**. Her grades in English, a subject that she **hated** with a passion, were terrible.

Despite her problems with reading and writing, Anne refused to give up. She had to work twice as hard as anyone else to complete her assignments in her history and science **courses because** it took her so long to read the material and because writing anything forced her to look up every other the word in the dictionary. Her grades in geometry, algebra, and trigonometry were excellent. Her English grades were barely **passing,** but she did pass every English class and graduated from high school. When she got ready to choose a college, Anne set her **goals** high. She applied to Millsaps College, one of the most demanding **schools** in Mississippi. Despite her problems in English, her ability in math and science had **helped** her score well on the ACT. Millsaps accepted her, and she began another stage in her life.

Anne knew that she would face problems with freshman composition; **she worked** at it day and night. But at the end of first semester, she had an "F" in the class. She waited **until** summer school to take it **again,** and once again **she failed**. By this time Anne had decided to become an elementary school teacher, and she was determined that nothing would stop her. She took Comp I again during the first semester of her sophomore year **and** finally passed. But at the end of that year, she decided that she would have a hard

time getting her degree at Millsaps, **so** she transferred to MUW. She found that her classes **there** were easier, but she was homesick for her friends. Still, she kept going.

After four years in college, in spite of her failures and setbacks, Anne graduated. By this time, she had **overcome** many of her **problems** with spelling and reading. When she began searching for a teaching job she decided to start at the top. At this time, the best teaching salaries in the **South** were in the area around **Atlanta, Georgia**. Anne decided to look for a job near Atlanta although she had never been there before. She and two of her friends drove to Atlanta and **interviewed** for jobs. Anne was the only one of the three hired by DeKalb County Schools, the best school system in Georgia. Within two years, she had met and married a wonderful man. Within a few more years, she had **two** beautiful little girls. Last year, after twenty-five years of **teaching**, Anne was selected **Teacher of the Year** in her school district. She had succeeded in every area of her life **through** her determination and her confidence that she could reach her goals. Anne could never have become a great **writer, an editor**, or a lawyer. She chose a goal that was hard but that she knew she could reach with effort and sacrifice. **Now she is** the best teacher that she can be. She still loves her work, and she still **influences** the **lives** of eight-year-old children everyday.