

Mixed Errors

The following paragraphs contain many errors of all types—comma splices, fragments, subject/verb agreement errors, missing errors, missing word endings, and misspelled words. Correct the errors.

A student's ability to set goals and her confidence that she can reach those goals strongly influences 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, they couldn't understand it because half the words were spelled wrong. 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 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 she did graduate from high school. When she got ready to choose a college Anne set her goal 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 to 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 the first semester, she had an "F" in the class. She waited till 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, she transferred to MUW. She found that her classes their were easier, but she was homesick for her friends. Still, she kept going.

After four year in college, in spite of her failures and setbacks, Anne graduated. By this time, she had overcome many of her problem 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 interview 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 to beautiful little girls. Last year, after twenty-five years of teaching Anne was selected as teacher of the year in her school district. She had succeeded in every area of her life. Threw her determination and her confidence that she could reach her goals. Anne could never have become a great writer of 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 influence the lifes of eight-year-old children everyday.