

ERROR DETECTION AND CORRECTION

- *There are several errors in the passage, involving the following categories: (a) a missing word, (b) a wrong / misspelled word. Find and correct the errors.*
- *While doing the task, you may use a dictionary, but please DO NOT use the handouts from the previous lessons.*

Maggie McDonald: *Small Wonder* by Barbara Kingsolver

White letters chalk on a blackboard in Sri Lanka are first things I remember to read. The pleasure of deciphering that first word (C-A-T, of course) remains with me this day. By age 11, I read a book the day, and at 14 I being tested by an irritated teacher and school librarian who demanded prove that I was actually reading my library books. But there are only such many authors even the most avid of readers can digest, and some avaded me. Barbara Kingsolver was one. I had her filed a ‘sentimental nature-lover : must avoid’ category. Friends kept recommending her and few years ago, I read my first Kingsolver and ditched my ill-finded prejudice. She’s a biologist by training and a wonderful writer. Possessed an analytical mind, she’s capable on putting it all with real passion: a rare find. If you haven’t tried her yet, do! *Small Wonder* is Kingsolver the essayer, elegant and insighting, and a great place to set on from before you tickle her backlist. Here you’ll find San Pedro river on the edge of survival, the energy bill behind the production of a five-calories strawberry, and scientist Charles Darwin in all his complex, sum up in a mire four clear paragraphs.

Complete the passage using the words provided below. You might need to change the form of some of them.

EXTRACT FROM A NON-FICTION BOOK

toil away	soothe	regimen	commonsense	agonized	deck out
teem with	herd	coverage	bully	grave	longevity
hang	smooth	acquire			

Not only do we spend money in things we don’t need, we also use money to try and (1) things that either can’t be bought with money at all or certainly can’t only be bought. Happiness. Health. Fitness. Slimness. Freedom from stress and anxiety. Peace of mind. (2) Goodness, we seem to be thinking to ourselves, if we can buy a (3) forehead by paying a cosmetic surgeon \$500 for Botox injections, surely we can also buy something (4) for inside the head. If we can buy a lifestyle, can’t we buy a life? A billion-dollar group of industries will tell you ‘yes’. But the simple, (5) rules that can make good skin, a good figure and physical and mental health available to almost everyone who doesn’t have a serious disorder, get rather less (6) than products and (7) and services that cost money.

Walk around gardens and parks in the early morning and the greenery (8) people (9) at their jogging and sprinting. Sometimes they are in

groups, and are being lectured and (10) by an instructor who has them doing knee-jumps and sit-ups and squats. Whenever I walk past them, their eyes seem to roll (11) towards me, like those of cattle being (12) with an electric prod. These are men and women who, 90 minutes later, will be (13) in high-priced suits and sitting in massive offices dealing in (14) matters to do with money. They could achieve similar results for their health, mind and body by going for a gentle walk, but a walk takes longer, maybe three or four times as long, and they don't have that kind of time. Instead they must go for the painful, sweaty, joint-crunching, bosom-stretching, knee-crushing supervised jogging, exercising and running because they have been told it's the fast way, the best way to stay fit. (15) the expense!

Vocabulary 1

B.J. Thomas, *Intermediate Vocabulary*, pp. 4-18

Fill in the missing words in the below sentences; you cannot change the letters provided.

1. The weaker Liberal Democratic party was now considering an electoral __ L _ _ _ _ _ with Labour.
2. I'm afraid that the __ D _ are heavily against her winning (=it is not likely).
3. A __ M _ _ _ _ I __ eater is someone who has such a strong desire to eat too much that they are unable to control it.
4. If there is not too much rain, __ M _ must be built on rivers to provide water to irrigate the land.
5. Organic farmers don't put chemicals into the soil, but keep it F _ _ _ _ _ by growing clover and adding manure.
6. The defendant P _ _ _ _ _ not guilty to robbery with violence.
7. The witness placed her hand on the Bible and took the _ A _ _ (= promised to tell the truth).
8. There have been cuts in local E _ _ _ _ D _ _ _ _ _ on education.
9. I prefer a seat on the __ S __ rather than a window seat, because then I can stretch my legs.
10. Parts of the film were shot in the studio in Hollywood, but a lot was made on __ C _ _ _ _ _ .

Provide definitions IN ENGLISH for the following words and phrases.

1. overdraft –
2. a tenant –
3. a teetotaler –
4. a slump –
5. a warder –
6. a casualty –