

Editing, coaching exercise

You don't need to be a copy editor to catch most of the mistakes made in the story here. If you were coaching the staff member who turned this in, what problems would you point out?

List four mistakes made by the writer of the following piece:

Have you ever been to Europe? Well, the a cappella choir went to Europe this summer. And they said they had a great time.

“London was beautiful,” senior Anne Thomas said. “It contains many great museums and libraries. We had a wonderful time.”

The family also visited Paris, Amsterdam and Vienna as well, all of which are fabulous cities, steeped in history. One can hardly consider oneself a cultivated person until he or she has stood in front of the Mona Lisa or visited the Van Gogh museum in Amsterdam.

“I've never been to Europe, but I hope to go one day,” an unnamed choir member said.

Among the members of the choir who went to Europe are Chris Grewe, Sydney McNeil, Mark Salinas, Hector Yzaguirre, Maggie Fuchs and Anne Thomas.

“My favorite city was Paris,” Salinas said. “The Eiffel Tower is there, and it's awesome.”

So, next time you see a member of the a cappella choir, stop them and ask them about their trip. Don't be surprised if they answer in song.