

Quiz: L.11-12.1.A

1. Which **two** of the following sentences show a usage of the word “literally” that sometimes is contested?

- A. I am literally going to die if I don’t get to go to that concert.
- B. That six-hour exam is literally the longest test I’ve ever taken in my life.
- C. I was literally unable to keep running once I finished the marathon.
- D. Literally the only class I don’t hate is language arts.
- E. My parents literally broke my heart when they said I couldn’t join the soccer team.

2. Which **three** of these sentences use “who” in a way that is sometimes contested?

- A. We all know who won the race.
- B. They told me who you invited.
- C. Who wrote the letter to the teacher?
- D. I wonder who they are talking about.
- E. Who should I call about that information?

3. The following is an excerpt from a speech given by President Obama in 2009.

I know there are some in this chamber and watching at home who are skeptical of whether this plan will work. I understand that skepticism. Here in Washington, we’ve all seen how quickly good intentions can turn into broken promises and wasteful spending. And with a plan of this scale comes enormous responsibility to get it right. That is why I have asked Vice President Biden to lead a tough, unprecedented oversight effort – because nobody messes with Joe.

According to some language authorities, which sentence contains an error of Standard Written English?
Underline the sentence that contains an error.

