the correct tense used consistently including the present perfect tense

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‘a’ or ‘an’ used correctly

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writing organised into paragraphs around a theme

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simple layout devices in non-fiction, e.g. headings and sub-headings

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conjunctions to express time, place and cause, e.g. when, before, after, while, so, because, etc.

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adverbs to express time, place and cause, e.g. then, next, soon, therefore, etc.

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prepositions to express time, place and cause, e.g. before, after, during, in, because of, etc.

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subordinate clauses

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inverted commas used for direct speech

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prefix words spelt correctly, e.g. irrelevant, autograph, incorrect, disobey, superstar, antisocial, etc.

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suffix words spelt correctly, e.g. usually, poisonous, adoration, etc.

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common homophones spelt and used correctly, e.g. which and witch

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Y3/Y4 statutory spelling words

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past tense verbs

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third person used consistently

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the name of the newspaper

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a headline

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an introductory paragraph that includes the 5 W's

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pictures with captions

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facts about the main events

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quotes written as direct speech

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a conclusion paragraph to explain what might happen next

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