**Grammar Pre-Test**

**Score**

Exceeds standard, 27-29 \_\_\_\_\_

Meets standard, 23-26 \_\_\_\_\_

Approaches standard, 19-22 \_\_\_\_\_

Below standard, 18 or fewer **\_\_\_\_\_**

**Grade 7**

**Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Correct the following paragraph for all errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Remove or change any “dead” words (words that are vague or overused).**

How much do you know about Crocodiles. They are big powerful animals but there is lots more to learn. A crocodile can be as long as twenty feet they often weigh half a ton. Zimbabwe a country in southern Africa is home to many crocodiles. Its hard too except but a croc can kill a 900 pound water buffalo. According to game wardens crocs kill about 40 to 50 people a year along the Zambezi river. Hunters think killing a crocodile is an importent acheivement because crocodiles skin is valuable. Although the skin can be used for furniture it is more typicaly made into hats shoes or belts. Their are so many stories about crocodiles but the most famous is from the book by J M Barrie. The title of it is Peter Pan and the character who lives in fear of the crocodile is captain Hook.

7th Grade Grammar Pretest

Answer Guide

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| Points | Correction | Rule |
| 1 | crocodiles | no capital, not a proper noun |
| 1 | question mark | question, not a declarative sentence |
| 1 | big, powerful | period after adjectives in a series—both modify animals |
| 1 | animals, | compound sentence |
| 1 | omit lots | dead word |
| 1 | twenty feet; or feet. They | run on sentence |
| 2 | Zimbabwe, a…Africa, | commas to set off an appositive |
| 1 | It’s | contraction, it is |
| 1 | to | incorrect use of homonym |
| 1 | accept | wrong word used |
| 1 | accept, | compound sentence |
| 1 | wardens | introductory phrase |
| 1 | River | proper name |
| 1 | important | spelling error |
| 1 | achievement | spelling error |
| 1 | crocodiles’ | plural possessive |
| 1 | furniture, | introductory subordinate or dependent clause |
| 1 | typically | spelling error |
| 2 | hats, shoes, | words in a series |
| 1 | There | incorrect use of homonym |
| 1 | omit so | dead word |
| 2 | J. M. | periods after initials in name |
| 1 | omit it or change to the book | unclear pronoun referent |
| 1 | *Peter Pan* | underline title or italicize |
| 1 | and, | compound sentence |
| 1 | Captain | proper name requires capital |

**29 Total**