

Sample Editing Task Item:

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These depths make the Mariana Trench an unfriendly environment. Incredibly light can't reach into it. The water pressure at the bottom of the trench is 1,000 times greater than at sea level. Temperatures can range from 35 degrees to 500 degrees Fahrenheit near hydrothermal vents in the trench floor.

Despite these extremes, there are many organisms, that live in the trench. One sample of mud from the deepest sea floor contained over 200 different types of creatures. Species of sea cucumber, shrimp, jellyfish, crab, fish, and eels live at various depths in the trench. Some species have bioluminescent abilities—that is, they can make their own light.

After a correction is made, the original text is crossed out and the selected text is shown:

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There may be multiple corrections for the item; in this sample students would receive 1 point for each correction for a maximum of 5 points.