

Heritage Fair

Editing Practice Answer Key (Checklist Responses)

- **Content Polish:** The paragraph needs more details. "A very important thing" is too vague. It should explain why the railway was important beyond just making travel faster.
 - **Organization Polish:** The sentences do not flow smoothly. The paragraph jumps from talking about workers to tools without a clear connection. Transitions should be added to make it easier to follow.
 - **Voice Polish:** The paragraph repeats words like "helped" and "important" too often. It needs stronger, more interesting words to keep the reader engaged.
 - **Final Touches:** There are many spelling mistakes. "Too" should be "to," "dinomite" should be "dynamite," "threw" should be "through," "more easy" should be "easier," and "transportasion" should be "transportation." Fixing these makes the paragraph easier to read.
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Polished Paragraph (Improved Version):

The Canadian Pacific Railway was very important in Canada's history. It made travel faster and helped the country grow. Before the railway, crossing Canada took a long time. Thousands of workers, including many Chinese laborers, built the railway under dangerous conditions. They used tools and dynamite to make tunnels through mountains. The railway made it easier for people to move west and for businesses to trade goods. Today, it is still used by trains and helps connect communities across Canada.

What Was Improved:

- **Clarity:** Changed unclear phrases like "a very important thing" to more direct wording.
- **Organization:** Added better connections between ideas so the paragraph flows smoothly.
- **Voice:** Used more interesting words instead of repeating the same ones.
- **Grammar & Spelling:** Fixed spelling mistakes like "dinomite" to "dynamite" and "transportasion" to "transportation."