

Editorial Fix-Up Answer Key

Sample Revision

The park was cleaned **by** a group of volunteers last Saturday. Trash was collected **with** long-handled grabbers and recycled carefully. The flowerbeds were planted **with** new seeds that students brought. Even the benches were painted **by** local artists. The entire project was completed **by** the mayor, showing how the community worked together for a cleaner space.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Students refine understanding of **by** (identifies the *doer* or *agent*) and **with** (identifies the *instrument* or *means*), improving precision in formal and editorial writing.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide color-coded sentence models: blue for agents (**by**) and green for instruments (**with**) to support visual learners.
 - Offer sentence stems for emerging writers (e.g., "The report was written **by**...", "The chart was made **with**...").
- **Engagement Idea:** Have pairs edit each other's short editorials on environmental or school topics, checking preposition accuracy.
- **Extension:** Challenge advanced learners to write a full opinion paragraph where both **by** and **with** appear multiple times, ensuring every use is precise and formal.