

## Colligation Cleanup Answer Key

### Corrected Paragraph

Yesterday, Daniel insisted **on joining** the basketball team even though his parents were afraid **of** him getting injured. He tried to concentrate **on** his practice, but he often forgot to pay attention **to** the coach's instructions. When he made a mistake, he usually apologized **to** his teammates, but sometimes he complained **about** the tough schedule. His coach told him that he was capable **of handling** the challenges if he relied **on** his team for support. Daniel promised to keep **his promise** to work hard and succeed **in** improving his skills.

### List of Corrections

1. insisted **to join** → insisted **on joining**
2. afraid **from** → afraid **of**
3. concentrate **at** → concentrate **on**
4. pay attention **on** → pay attention **to**
5. apologized **with** → apologized **to**
6. complained **on** → complained **about**
7. capable **to handle** → capable **of handling**
8. relied **in** → relied **on**
9. keep **on his promise** → keep **his promise**
10. succeed **at improving** → succeed **in improving**

### Teacher Notes

- **Purpose:** Students see how unnatural colligations sound in a longer context and must “repair” them for fluency.
- **Strategy:** Encourage students to read the paragraph aloud both before and after corrections to “hear” the difference.
- **Extension idea:** After correcting, have students write their own short paragraph with 3 intentional colligation errors, then exchange with a partner to edit.