

## Proofreader's Marks Answer Key

### Corrected Passage

Yesterday, my friend Emma and I **walked** to the park. It was sunny and warm. We **saw** birds flying overhead, and we **ate** ice cream on a bench. Then Emma **said**, "Let's go swing on the swings!" So we **ran** to the playground and had fun. We **didn't** get home until late.

### Teacher Notes/Guide

- **Focus:** Students practice **real-world editing skills** using proofreading marks before producing a polished version.
- **Common Errors in Passage:**
  - **Capitalization:** "yesterday," "emma."
  - **Verb tense:** walk → walked, seen → saw, eat → ate, say → said, runned → ran.
  - **Punctuation:** missing commas, missing apostrophes (didnt → didn't), missing quotation marks, missing period.
  - **Word order:** "me and my friend" → "my friend Emma and I."
- **Strategy:** Teach students a small set of standard proofreading marks (insert ^, capitalize = *cap*, delete = */*, transpose = *tr*, add punctuation = circle mark). Have them practice by editing this draft directly before rewriting.
- **Extension Idea:** Provide students with another short paragraph from their own writing and have them trade papers with a peer for proofreading practice.