

## Pressroom Proofreader Answer Key

### Breaking News: Local Hero Saves Cat

Yesterday afternoon, a crowd of people **gathered** on **Main Street** when a small cat was stuck on the roof of a house. The owner was very **worried** and called for help. Suddenly, firefighter **James Roberts rushed** to the scene. He climbed the ladder **quickly** and **brought** the cat down. Everyone **cheered** loudly. The mayor **said** this was a brave act, and he **promised** to give Mr. Roberts an award next week.

### Errors Fixed (12 total)

1. **breaking** → **Breaking**  
(capitalize title)
2. **save** → **saves** (subject-verb agreement in headline)
3. **gathers** → **gathered** (verb tense)
4. **main street** → **Main Street**  
(capitalize proper noun)
5. **worry** → **worried** (verb form)
6. **suddenly** → **Suddenly**  
(capitalize sentence start)
7. **rush** → **rushed** (verb tense)
8. **quick** → **quickly** (adverb form)
9. **bring** → **brought** (verb tense)
10. **cheer** → **cheered** (verb tense)
11. **say** → **said** (verb tense)
12. **promise** → **promised** (verb tense)

### Teacher Notes/Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Students practice **realistic editing** by fixing errors in a continuous passage styled like a newspaper article.
- **Common Error Types:**
  - Capitalization of titles, names, and places.
  - Verb tense consistency (past tense for news reports).
  - Correct adjective/adverb forms.
  - Proper headline structure (present tense).
- **Instructional Strategy:** Encourage students to edit like real proofreaders: circle errors, suggest replacements, then rewrite neatly.
- **Extension Idea:** Assign students to write their own short “news article draft” with 6-8 deliberate mistakes, then trade with a partner for editing.