



CAE GRAMMAR - ERROR RECOGNITION - ERROR RECOGNITION

Most but not all of the following lines contain one error. There may be a spelling or punctuation or grammatical mistake, a word may be wrongly used, or the line may contain an unnecessary word. Underline the error and write the correction above it. If a line is correct, tick it.

STEEPLECHASING

01. Steeplechasing early began in the eighteenth century as a sport among the fox-hunting
02. gentry. In those days, they raced through the countryside to a place marked by a
03. distant church spire, or steeple. It was a reckless and dangerous sport. By 1830,
04. it became a part of formal racing, and is today an established winter sport. The
05. courses, which there are over 40 in England and nearly 30 in Ireland, have
06. artificial barriers in place of the real ditches, walls, streams and hedges. From
07. October to March, hundreds of steeplechase jockeys, professional and amateur,
08. risk life and limbs. Of all the races in the steeplechasing calendar, the most
09. popular is the Grand National, run over a distance of ten kilometres and forty
10. high jumps. Everyone in the country takes an interest to it and most people
11. seems to buy a sweepstake ticket, or put a pound or two on the horse they think
12. will win. In some years, where the going is especially bad, as
13. much as three-quarters of the horses will not finish the race.

1. Omit “early”, or place after “began”.
2. Use “across” instead of “through”.
3. correct
4. correct
5. Needs “of” before “which”.
6. Use “obstacles” instead of “barriers”.
7. correct
8. Phrase takes singular “limb”.
9. correct
10. in
11. Use plural “seem” to agree with “most people”.
12. Use “when” instead of “where” to indicate time.
13. Use “many” instead of “much” to indicate number.