# Proof reading activity



**Proof-read this short extract from an assignment. How many errors can you find?**

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| In what ways does the fiscal policy of the UK government affect other EU member countries? The fiscal policy of the UK government affected its EU partners in many ways. In order to explore this topic this essay outline some current policies and examine each in turn, assessing their individual affects.  EU countries was not always so interdependant. Aims were originally base on limited economic goals. |

Then look at the correct answer.

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| Correct answer  1. 'The fiscal policy of the UK government affects its EU partners in many ways. ' This word should be in the present tense not the past. Note that the essay question says = 'in what ways does…' 2. 'In order to explore this topic this essay will outline some current policies and examines... ' The subject of the essay is in the third person singular, so the verb needs ‘s’, ending in the present tense. 3. '... each in turn, assessing its individual effects.' Here, 'each' (the subject) is singular. 'Effects' (noun), not affects. 4. 'EU countries were not always so interdependent.' Plural subject (countries), so a plural verb. There is a spelling mistake in 'interdependant', it should be 'interdependent'. 5. 'Aims were originally based on limited economic goals.' Another problem with the tense. |