

SAMPLE EXERCISE:

Every month the It's Our Money Institute in New York city publishes a list of particularly outrageous, ironic or ridiculous ^{uses of} wastes ^{dollars} of tax-payers taxes. Here are some of last years winners:

The Economic Development gave ^{Ind., \$700,000} Bedord, Indiana \$7 million dollars to build a model of the pyramid of Cheops and ^{an foot} a 800-foot replica of ^{the} the Great Wall of China to "attract tourists and demonstrate the value of limestone in the building industry."

The National Science Foundation ^{spent \$144,012} spends \$14,4012 to test the ^{effects} affects of inflation on the behavior of rats and pigeons. The ^{study's} studies' conclusion: when given a choice animal "consumers" opt for cheaper goods just as people do.

The Federal Highway Administration broke the record for cost ^{overruns} over-runs on a civilian project. The Intestate Highway System ^{\$100.3 billion} now cost \$100,300 million, or 267% of what ^{congress} congress originally approved, due to inflation, delay and mismanagment.

The Department of Agriculture spent ^{\$40,000} forty-thousand dollars on a year-long study of food preferences and popular stereotypes. ^{According to the public, people who eat fast-food are} Results? The public sees fast-food addicts as patriotic, conservative and hard workers, ^{and} Vegetarians are intellectual and creative ^{and enjoy} gourmets like small families, ^{while living} mixed doubles in tennis, and "live in the fast lane"

The National Endowment ^{for} For the Arts ^{was} granted \$7,000 for a sound and light show to make Wisconsin's state capital building in Milwaukee "send forth human and planetary energies in a ^{message} message of world peace." ^{only} The one performance was marred when half the lights failed to work and the recorded broadcast from the dome was illegible. ^{unviewable}

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The ~~U.S.~~ Army's Material Development and Readiness Command (DARCON) spent \$38 million *during* ~~and~~ 13 years to develop a new gas mask, the XM30, that usually malfunctions within 48 hours. The Army's training and Doctrine Command found the XM~~30~~s generally inferior to the 17-year-old M17AL mask it was designed to replace.

The Defense Department paid ~~\$~~13,000 to test the possible side ~~effects~~ of extremely low-frequency radio waves on a hereford bull named Sylvester. After ~~6~~ *six* years, ~~Sylvester~~ *Sylvester* was autopsied and judged "essentially a normal bull though somewhat obese." A Navy Vice Admiral *IC* admitted that the experiment has no value due "to the limited size of the sample data base."