

# Spotting the error

Fill in the blanks with a word or phrase that completes the sentence and makes it grammatically correct.

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- published
- has published
- had published

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- has been
- had been
- were

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- down to him
- him down

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forwarded  
came forward

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