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September Grammar Gaffes

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Explanation: "Correctly" is an adverb since it modifies the verb, "understand." "Correct" would be an adjective, e.g., "Please give me the correct answer."

"She lended it to us for enjoyment. "

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Explanation: You can use "loan" or "lend" as a verb. The past tense would be "loaned" or "lent", respectively. To learn more about this confusing verb/noun, read on at http://www.dailywritingtips.com/loan-lend-loaned-lent/

"He could have ran."

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Explanation: Since we are saying "have", we are using the past participle and the correct form would be "have run." The simple past tense is "ran," e.g,,. "He ran a marathon."

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