Testing Your Understanding: The Exclamation Point

Place an exclamation point where appropriate in the following sentences. Cross out any misplaced explanation points. If none are needed or appropriate and the sentence is correct as written, indicate with a “C.” An answer key follows.

1. Thursday morning Becky called her best friend, Lynn, with some exciting news, “Scott asked me to go to the dance with him!!!”
2. The crowd was very rowdy at Friday night’s football game! The bleachers were overflowing, and the cheers could be heard for blocks! Both the J.V. and the Varsity teams won their games! The victory meant the school had won the state championship for the first time in ten years!
3. When the toddler reached for the stove top, his mother yelled, “Don’t touch that; it’s hot!”
4. Janel looked out the window and saw a hazy, cloud covered sky!
5. After the bank robber went out the door, the teller could only scream one word, “Help.”

Answers below:

Answer Key:

1. Thursday morning Becky called her best friend, Lynn, with some exciting news, “Scott asked me to go to the dance with him!!” (see # 3)
2. The crowd was very rowdy at Friday night’s football game! The bleachers were overflowing, and the cheers could be heard for blocks! Both the J.V. and the Varsity teams won their games! The victory meant the school had won the state championship for the first time in ten years! (see # 4)
3. When the toddler reached for the stove top, his mother yelled, “Don’t touch that; it’s hot!” C (see # 1)
4. Janel looked out the window and saw a hazy, cloud covered sky (no emphasis, strong emotion, or surprise indicated)

5. After the bank robber went out the door, the teller could only scream one word, “Help!” (see # 2)