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Task

Please read the following paragraph written by a Chinese adult learner of L2 English and conduct an error analysis of the learner language following the steps below:

1. Identify the errors
2. Describe the errors
3. Explain the errors (whether they are due to L1 influence or they are developmental errors)
4. Evaluate the errors (do they affect intelligibility?)

A passage written by a L1 Chinese – L2 English adult (from Lightbown & Spada 2013, p.44)

This year Christmas comes soon! Santa Claus ride a one horse open sleigh to sent present for children. on the back of his body has big packet. it have a lot of toys. in the way he meet three robbers. They want to take his big packet. Santa Claus no way and no body help, so only a way give them, then three robbers ride their horse dashing through the town. There have saloon, they go to drink some beer and open the big packent. They plays toys in the Bar. They meet a cow boy in the saloon.