Idioms

1. Jacob and I only saw one butterfly in the garden yesterday. No error
   A  B  C  D  E

2. **Completing** a navigable water way between the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes, the Erie Canal
   A  B
   is a feat of modern engineering. No error
   C  D  E

3. **Completing** a navigable water way **between** the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes, the Erie Canal
   A  B
   is a feat of modern engineering. No error
   C  D  E

4. There isn’t a lot of difference between Amy and Mike, the two candidates for Student Council President.

   (A) There isn’t a lot of difference between Amy and Mike
   (B) There isn’t a lot of difference between Amy or Mike
   (C) There isn’t a lot of difference amongst Amy and Mike
   (D) Amy and Mike don’t have a lot of difference between them
   (E) There isn’t much difference from Amy to Mike

5. I can’t make heads and tails of this chemistry assignment.

   (A) can’t make heads and tails of
   (B) can’t make neither heads nor tails of
   (C) can’t make heads or tails about
   (D) can’t make heads or tails of
   (E) can’t hardly make heads or tails regarding
Answers and Explanations

1. **The correct answer is B.** The word *only* should precede the word *one*. I saw *only one*. I didn’t *only see* it.

2. **The correct answer is B.** Earlier in the sentence, you have *between* which must be paired with *and*, not *to*.

3. **The correct answer is B.** Yes, this is the same sentence as in question 3. However, here the word *between* is underlined. Since there is no *and* to pair it with later in the sentence, it can’t be right. The correct expression would be *from… to…*.

4. **The correct answer is A.** The correct idiom is *between… and….* Choice B incorrectly uses *between… or….* Choice C uses *amongst* which requires a comparison of more than two things. Choice D is wordy. Finally, choice E uses *from* instead of *between*.

5. **The correct answer is D.** The idiom is *heads or tails of*, which eliminates choices A, B and C. Choice E includes a double negative thus leaving choice D the only suitable answer.