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Type of error: SP

Correct sentence:

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Exercise:

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Correct sentence:

2. With more than 9 million visitors a year, the Louvre in Paris is one of a largest art museums in the world.

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Correct sentence:

Many researchers speculate that the colossal squid can reach up to 1500 lb, but **none of these mollusks** has ever been observed in captivity.

* **Answers may vary.**