

Chapter 10 Exercises

Lesson 10.1: Common Sentence Errors

1. Identify the fragment in the following passage.

Anni is always hungry. Because she has a sweet tooth. She tries to avoid candy and stick to healthy snacks, but it's not easy.

2. Identify the type of error demonstrated in the following example.

She glanced outside, no one was there.

- Fragment Complete sentence Comma splice Fused sentence

3. What are the fused sentences in the following passage? Identify all that apply.

Julius has worked with cars his entire life. Growing up, he helped his dad repair friends' and neighbors' cars. Sometimes, Julius found cars at the junkyard he'd take them apart and put them back together. After high school, he helped open an auto repair shop it later became the best one in town. He graduated from high school, and a major automobile manufacturer offered him a job. He has been designing cars for over twenty years. Now, he's teaching his daughter how to fix cars.

Lesson 10.2: Using Consistent Subjects and Verbs

4. Does the following sentence use subject-verb agreement?

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- Yes, the subject and verb agree. No, the subject and verb do not agree.

5. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that does not use subject-verb agreement.

My favorite of all the seasons are autumn. The air is cool, the sun is warm, and the leaves are bright. Plus, I love drinking cider, picking apples, and going on hayrides.

6. Read the following incomplete sentence. Identify the correct verb form to fill in the blank.

He usually _____ on the treadmill every day, but it is broken right now.

- jog jogs

Lesson 10.3: Using Consistent Pronouns and Antecedents

7. Identify the antecedent of the underlined pronoun.

Miguel goes to his primary care physician, Dr. Wells, every six months for a checkup.

8. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a pronoun reference error.

Playing an instrument physically influences the musician. For example, a person who plays a string instrument, like guitar or violin, will develop fingertip calluses. Even more significantly, they have observed positive effects of music on the human brain.

9. Read the following incomplete sentence. Identify the correct pronoun to fill in the blank.

The volunteers worked in the heat for several hours; _____ were ready for a break and a cool drink.

- she they them

Lesson 10.4: Using Correct Pronoun Reference and Case

10. Read the following incomplete sentence. Identify the correct pronoun to fill in the blank.

My Uncle Rob told me once, "If you ever need a designated driver, call Aunt Jazmyn or _____; one of us will pick you up, no matter the time or place."

- I me them

11. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a pronoun reference error.

My cousin grew up speaking three languages: English, Cantonese, and Spanish. When she took language classes in college, they were amazed by her fluency. She recently applied to work as a translator for the European Union.

12. Identify the sentence that uses correct pronoun case.

- After Neil posted the project on Kickstarter, him asked friends and family for support.
 Him and his brother went to the gas station.
 Kiley felt that the promotion should have been hers, not Jim's.

Lesson 10.5: Correcting Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers

13. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a misplaced modifier.

Alana had always been a nervous flyer, so she knew she had to keep busy on last week's flight. She brought her notebook and a few snacks on the plane with her, filled with doodles. Thankfully her anxiety subsided when she arrived at the airport.

14. The following sentence contains a misplaced modifier. Rewrite it to correct the error.

Smothered in Vermont maple syrup, I enjoyed the Belgian waffles.

15. Read the following sentence. Identify the phrase that creates a dangling modifier.

Jammed tightly in the lock, they couldn't get into their apartment, so they had to break down the front door.

Lesson 10.6: Using Active and Passive Voice

16. Identify the sentence that uses passive voice.

- The car was parked down the street.
 Nina fixed the broken shelf above the sofa.
 The weather is beautiful this afternoon.

17. Read the following passage. Which sentences use active voice? Identify all that apply.

Commuters waited impatiently on the platform. The 5 o'clock train had been delayed by a tree that had fallen on the tracks. Suddenly, headlights appeared in the distance. Everyone breathed a collective sigh of relief. Upon arrival, the train doors were surrounded by people eager to board.

18. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that uses passive voice.

Many companies allow employees to dress and interact more casually than in past decades. Offices permit, and sometimes even encourage, employees to dress informally and make their workspaces comfortable. Additionally, social gatherings and team activities are organized to foster a welcoming, close-knit work community.

Lesson 10.7: Maintaining Consistency in Tense and Person

19. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a shift in verb tense.

My brother knows the perfect song for every occasion. He stayed up late, looking for new artists. After he finishes school, he wants to be a producer. For now, he's working at a local radio station.

20. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a shift in point of view.

Christopher Columbus used the *Santa Maria* as the small fleet's flagship. I had realized that winds just above the equator blew east to west and that those just below the equator blew west to east. Unfortunately, his model for the size of the Earth was incorrect by a few thousand miles.

21. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a shift in verb tense.

In 2015, the Curiosity rover confirmed that briny water exists on Mars even now. NASA scientists had aimed the craft at the base of a mountain inside a crater, where water apparently ran at some point. Curiosity will test the Martian rocks and soil for water and organic chemicals. Results from Curiosity and studies of Earth's early years have caused some scientists to wonder if evidence of cyanobacteria will someday be found on Mars.

Lesson 10.8: Using Parallelism, Coordination, and Subordination

22. Identify the sentence that uses parallel structure.

- Yesterday, I took a history test, wrote a literature essay, and completed a biology assignment.
- Gabi doesn't like eggs, tomatoes are tolerated, and another type of food she hates is green bell pepper.
- Priya plans to major in biochemistry, while her best friend Kimmy has chosen Russian literature as her major.

23. Identify the coordinating conjunction in the following sentence.

Danny had to sprint home, or he would miss curfew.

24. Read the following passage. Which sentences use subordination to join clauses? Identify all that apply.

Because Carly was particularly afraid of sharks, she decided to face her fear by accepting a surf trip invitation. The days leading up to the trip filled her with dread. Even though she desperately wanted to cancel, she remained steadfast in her decision. Though she would never voluntarily swim with the sharp-toothed creatures, she decided an afternoon at the beach was a reasonable compromise.

Lesson 10.9: Proofreading Sentences for Grammar

25. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains structural errors.

My grandfather was a professional boxer, and he was talented. He once fought a world champion boxer he didn't win but he got a lot of recognition in his town. He became the town sheriff when he retired from boxing. I've always been inspired by his drive and passion for greatness.

26. Read the following passage that contains incorrect commas. Then, rewrite the passage to correct the comma errors.

Yesterday, my friends, and I, played Frisbee around noon. Though I had already eaten lunch, we went to Waffle House, afterwards. I ate too much food and, I couldn't eat dinner later that night. Well at least I learned my lesson.

27. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence with a structural error:

Beethoven is regarded as one of the best classical composers in history, his works have influenced countless authors, historians, and artists. For decades, listeners have enjoyed the vast array of his beautiful symphonies. His musical brilliance made its mark in history.