

Chapter 3 Exercises

Lesson 3.1: Pre-writing

1. Which term matches the following definition?

A brainstorming strategy for writing all your ideas out in a set amount of time

- Revising Free-writing Drafting

2. Imagine you are pre-writing for a research paper about the electoral college. Practice the questioning strategy in the following space.

3. Monée just finished pre-writing for her essay about the evolution of military technology. What should her next step be?

- Begin developing a detailed outline.
 Submit her pre-write for peer review.
 Edit her writing for grammar and spelling.

4. Based on the following scenario, what should Gianna do?

Gianna is considering her new essay assignment and thinks: “I need a way to make a visual connection between these two topics.”

- Try questioning Try free-writing Create a mind map

5. Read the following free-writing excerpt. Identify the sentence that is most likely to be used as the main idea in the final paper.

I grew up watching late-night television shows and admiring the hosts. They always made me laugh no matter what happened during my day. I sometimes wondered how the evolution of late-night television started and how the public compared the hosts to one another. Regardless, all the hosts could put a smile on my face.

Lesson 3.2: Drafting

6. Paulo is starting the first draft of a paper for his engineering course. Which of the following tasks should Paulo consider during this process?

- Revising any clichés he may have used so that his language is more interesting.
 Determining if he needs to do any additional research.
 Ensuring that his writing is perfect so that he won't have to revise it later.

7. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that uses the most specific supporting detail.

Census data allows us to see big-picture social trends. According to the American Psychological Association, about 40% of married couples end up divorcing (2019). Some people seek counseling before opting for a divorce.

8. Breanne has just drafted the following paragraph. Identify the sentence that does *not* align with the overall topic.

(1) It is not easy to make changes to the law, but if people feel that something needs to be corrected, they should speak up. (2) One way to do this is to appeal to local government representatives. (3) Citizens can make phone calls to their senators or even go door-to-door to get neighbors' signatures and support. (4) When I feel frustrated, I find that reading takes my mind off the things I can't change. (5) Nothing will change if people don't speak up.

- Sentence 4 Sentence 3 Sentence 1 Sentence 2

9. Read the following introductory paragraph. Identify the sentence that serves as the thesis statement.

When I bought my new computer, I realized just how difficult it can be to navigate the tech world. I had to return two computers because they ended up not meeting my needs. Some people just focus on price and end up with machines that won't do what they need them to do. Navigating the tech world is a tricky experience that should be approached with plenty of market research, preparation, and self-assessment of personal computer needs.

10. Read the following scenario. Identify the most likely outcome based on Devon's actions.

Devon is beginning a first draft. As she writes her first few sentences, she is determined to check her tone and word choice often so that her language is consistent.

- She likely will struggle because writing a first draft means allowing yourself to make mistakes. If you focus on little details, you might have trouble proceeding.
- Her drafting will be successful because she is being so meticulous in her first draft.

Lesson 3.3: Revision

11. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that should be revised because it's unfocused.

Genetically modified crops allow seasonal food to grow longer and faster than they would naturally. Many health professionals argue that genetically modified food can lead to cancer, obesity, and heart disease. A basic chicken casserole contains chicken, carrots, peas, and gravy. In order to cook meals that are free of hormones and chemicals, nutritionists encourage consumers to choose GMO-free ingredients.

12. Jackson has just written the following paragraph. Identify the sentence that needs to be edited, not revised.

Just recently, researchers have shared their latest findings in efforts to fight the spread of breast cancer. The data suggests that a more unified approach to preventative medicine, screenings, and check-ups is needed in order to address the issue. As a result, several scientists has joining forces to test a new vaccine that will supposedly sterilize the cancer cells, thus mitigating the disease's harmful effects.

13. Identify the thesis statement that needs to be revised and further developed.

- Student involvement in extracurricular college groups, like student government, intramural sports, or interest-based clubs, is important because it increases student retention rates.
- Getting involved in various aspects of college life is a really good thing.
- Current gun control laws that require waiting periods and background checks are not properly enforced, but they should be.

14. Read the following draft about the benefits of zoos. Identify the sentence that needs to be revised for focus.

Visiting a local zoo is a great way to learn about nature and celebrate the preservation and care of earth's creatures. Generously paying zoologists and other key personnel is essential in order to care for the animals. Zoos provide a safe habitat for thousands of animals that are well-fed, well-cared for, and well-loved by zookeepers and veterinary staff. Many zoos double as rehabilitation facilities for animals who have been injured or abandoned in the wild. Additionally, visiting a zoo can be an educational experience for children and adults of all ages.

15. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that needs to be edited.

Music appreciation is a popular course offered in many undergraduate programs. Typically, the course surveys musical eras and their impact on modern musicians. Music classes can expose students to a wide range of genres, and she might even discover a new favorite song or artist.

Lesson 3.4: Peer Review

16. While peer reviewing his classmate's blog post assignment, Dante notices one idea that's underdeveloped. Which suggestion would be the most effective?
- Great point, but expanding on it with extra details would make it even stronger.
 - This idea needs a lot of work before it's a strong point.
 - Do you have anything else to say about this?
17. Which peer review comment about tone is *least* effective?
- This part of the introduction could be improved to better match the tone you want to express.
 - Your statement comes across as slightly angry, so you may want to consider revising it.
 - Fix tone.
18. Read the following paragraph. Then, identify the best example of constructive feedback for the author of this passage.
- The Boston Tea Party and the subsequent massacre were two key events leading to the Revolutionary War. The Tea Party was a reaction to what was considered burdensome regulations by the British government, and the massacre was more evidence of British oppression. Patriotic newspapers used both events to stir up revolutionary sentiment throughout the colonies and largely succeeded.
- I think that changing the topic sentence might be an improvement.
 - This paragraph contains some strong information and some weak information.
 - Consider adding transitions to make your ideas flow more logically.
19. Marina's short story is being peer reviewed by her classmate. As an author, what should Marina do to get the most out of the peer review?
- Argue with her reviewer if she disagrees.
 - Avoid being defensive if her reviewer has criticisms.
 - Ignore any comments she doesn't like.
20. Reagan is peer reviewing a classmate's research paper. Identify the strategy that would help him offer the most effective feedback.
- Practice actively reading the text.
 - Make as many comments as possible.
 - Read the text as quickly as possible.

Lesson 3.5: Editing

21. Identify the sentence that correctly uses the adjective *smooth*.
- The smooth wood contributed to the overall price of the handcrafted table.
 - The warm beverage was comforting and went down smooth.
 - All of the events unfolded smooth.
22. Identify the sentence that needs to be edited for a subject-verb agreement error.
- Many historians has tried and failed to determine the fate of the lost colony of Roanoke.
 - After receiving a grant from Harvard, the sociologists have raised enough funds to begin their research.
 - Ten percent of the lithium ion batteries were found to be defective.
 - Communities in rural Wisconsin tend to be much older demographically than major cities, like Milwaukee and Madison.
23. Identify the sentence that needs to be edited for a comma splice error.
- Holland evaluates how the play portrays the “place” of women, particularly in the family and the state.
 - With abolitionism contributing to increased social unrest in both England and the United States, early nineteenth-century critics focused on the social contexts and themes of the play.
 - Few women in literature have become as infamous as Medea, Greek mythology depicts her as the anti-woman.
24. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that contains a dangling modifier.
- Felicity and Yin participated in a Habitat for Humanity home build last Saturday. Afterward, they came back to their apartment for dinner. Hungry and tired, the pizza disappeared quickly.
25. Read the following paragraph. Identify the sentence that needs to be edited.
- Anonymous sources are a controversial yet important resource for journalists. Some people fear retribution by the government or their workplace others wish to continue providing information. Because of the obscure nature of anonymous sources, the information they provide cannot be verified easily. Recent leaks by both government representatives and public citizens put drawn anonymous sources under further scrutiny.

Lesson 3.6: The Final Draft

26. Identify the visual description that best supports the purpose of the following text.
- A magazine article about the 2020 presidential election
- A photo of the Pentagon
 - A portrait of George Washington
 - Photos from the most recent presidential debate
27. Read the following scenario. Identify the student who is completing tasks that are appropriate for a final draft.
- Jenna** is reorganizing her support sentences so that they express her ideas more clearly. **Karin** is making sure sections are clearly separated by the appropriate headings. **Lorenzo** is marking up his paper for grammatical mistakes.
- Jenna
 - Karin
 - Lorenzo

28. Identify the term that matches the following definition.

The size and style of letters

- Font
- Margins
- Genre

29. Eliza is bolding her headings and applying consistent font throughout her essay. Which category do these tasks fall under?

- Choosing a layout and design
- Printing or uploading the work
- Reflecting on the goals of the writing assignment
- Adding visuals

30. Jamar edited a colleague's paper and found the following errors. Identify the one that relates to consistency in layout and design.

- Excessive use of passive voice
- Use of two different font colors
- No commas in a long list