

Chapter 9 Exercises

Lesson 9.1: Parts of Speech

1. Identify the transitive verb in the following sentence.

Please bring the coffee to the conference room as soon as it is brewed.

2. Read the following paragraph. Identify the pair of correlative conjunctions.

Surprisingly, the research team found that sugar activated the same portions of the brain as cocaine. Both Vartan and Redinger had predicted this possibility over ten years ago. These results have been cited in multiple articles on the addictive qualities of sugary foods.

3. Identify the type of pronoun that is underlined in the following sentence.

Jefe was hesitant to bring that up during the lecture last week.

- Demonstrative Relative Indefinite Personal

4. Identify the prepositional phrase in the following sentence.

I was hoping to meet with the plant managers to discuss the new environmental regulations.

5. What are the proper nouns in the following passage? Identify all that apply.

My neighbor, Mrs. Jackson, used to watch my siblings and me when my parents were away. She used to say we were the grandchildren she never had. Before we knew her, she was a world reporter for National Geographic. Her job took her to new locations all the time; one of her favorite cities to visit was Tallinn, Estonia. When any of us had a birthday, she gave us a gift from a place she had traveled to. One of my favorites is a sombrero from Mexico.

Lesson 9.2: The Characteristics of a Sentence

6. Identify the main verb in the following sentence.

After an early-morning run, Deshaun felt energized for the day ahead.

7. Identify the independent clause.

- Rain fell like a curtain
 The park visitors standing beneath the large maple tree
 The mist from the rain
 Rain drops as large as pennies

8. Identify the complete sentence.

- Maron McTavish on campus for a lecture on the sociology of sports.
 It's easy to get distracted by phones and tablets.
 Leadership members at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

9. What are the dependent clauses in the following passage? Identify all that apply.

They sat across from one another timidly. While they waited for help, Sid looked down the empty road. His usual confidence had deserted him, and he felt disoriented. Though he had a map on his phone, he couldn't find their current location.

10. Identify the subject of the following sentence.

Despite her congestion and headache, Kisha was determined to go to the office.

Lesson 9.3: Using Commas

11. Read the following sentence and add commas around the nonessential information.

Pizza the breakfast of champions is 50% off at Domino's today.

12. Is the comma used correctly in the following sentence?

Meena has agreed to cover your weekend shifts this week so, make sure you update the schedule.

- No, the comma in this sentence is incorrect.
- Yes, the comma in this sentence is correct.

13. Identify the function of the comma in the following sentence.

Before the children's dance recital, everyone should silence their phones.

- After a dependent clause
- After an introductory prepositional phrase
- To join two independent clauses
- To separate items in a list

14. Read the following sentence. Add commas where needed. (Include the Oxford comma if applicable.)

Initially Tati was hesitant to begin painting but now she enjoys working with vibrant rich colors such as indigo violet and fuchsia.

15. Identify the sentence that uses commas correctly.

- The new apartments, which are located downtown are much more ornate than the plain unexciting office buildings nearby.
- The new apartments, which are located downtown are much more ornate, than the plain, unexciting, office buildings nearby.
- The new apartments, which are located downtown, are much more ornate than the plain, unexciting office buildings nearby.

Lesson 9.4: Using Semicolons and Colons

16. Identify the quotation that uses a colon correctly.

- Mark Twain: "All generalizations are false, including this one."
- Josh Billings made the following statement: "Flattery is like cologne water, to be smelt of, not swallowed."
- Author W. H. Auden stated that: "We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know."

17. Is the colon used correctly in the following sentence?

The student waved his paper, saying: "I got a 100 on my test!"

- Yes, the colon is used correctly.
- No, the colon is used incorrectly.

18. If Elisabeth is writing a long list of items with complex names, which punctuation mark should she use to separate them?

- Semicolon
- Colon

19. Read the following sentence. Add the semicolon where needed.

After the explosion, Ali contacted the police officer he knew an investigation commenced thanks to his connection.

20. Which sentences need a semicolon instead of a comma? Identify all that apply.

- Emily hates macaroni and cheese, her sister loves it.
- Emily hates macaroni and cheese, it is her sister's favorite food.
- Emily hates macaroni and cheese, but her sister loves it.
- Emily's sister loves macaroni and cheese, but she hates French onion soup.

Lesson 9.5: Using Quotation Marks, Parentheses, and Brackets

21. Identify the sentence that uses quotation marks correctly.

- Robert W. McChesney warns the public of this corrupt process in his article "The Money Media Election Complex."
- "As part of tonight's assignment," stated Professor Bering, "you will be writing a one-page response to "Getting In" by Malcolm Gladwell."

22. Read the following passage. Which sentences use single quotation marks correctly? Identify all that apply.

Lisa squealed, "When the appraiser said, 'It's good news,' I wasn't sure what to think!" She paused, and Dean asked, 'Well? What was the good news?' "He said the painting I bought at the flea market was 'exceptional and rare' and that it's worth \$3,000!" she exclaimed.

23. Which punctuation marks are used for adding missing text inside a quote?

- Brackets
- Quotation marks
- Parentheses

24. Identify the sentence that uses parentheses correctly.

- Dr. Kimberly Tripp (a graduate of the University of Florida Medical School is currently in her residency at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.)
- Dr. Kimberly Trip (a graduate of the University of Florida Medical School) is currently in her residency at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.
- (Dr. Kimberly Tripp) a graduate of the University of Florida Medical School is currently in her residency at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

25. Read the following passage. Which sentences use brackets correctly? Identify all that apply.

The article claims that "comfort foods provide psychological comfort by evoking positive memories (usually from childhood [defined as age 0 to 12]) and producing a comforting feeling of happiness or joy" (Wexler 46). However, the specific type [of food varies] from person to person. This is because "making connections between [any particular food] and a happy memory is a personal, individualized process," Wexler explained (47).