



Chapter 4 Exercises

Lesson 4.1: Understanding Nouns

1. Identify the singular noun.

- light
- orders
- committees

2. Identify the proper noun.

- roller coaster
- South Dakota
- professor

3. Identify the four nouns in the following sentence.

The stolen paintings were returned to their rightful places in the museum later that year.

Lesson 4.2: Understanding Pronouns

4. Identify the perspective of the underlined personal pronoun.

Your package is scheduled to arrive by Tuesday at noon.

- Second person
- First person
- Third person

5. Identify the case of the underlined personal pronoun.

The instructor sent them an email early this morning.

- Subjective
- Objective
- Possessive

6. Identify the two indefinite pronouns in this sentence.

Despite everyone arriving very late, everything went pretty smoothly.

Lesson 4.3: Understanding Verbs

7. What type is the underlined verb in this sentence?

Last summer, Tamika participated in an archaeological survey.

- Linking verb
- Action verb

8. Which sentence uses a helping verb?

- My brother called to tell me the good news.
- Biologists have documented a new species of caterpillar.
- Professor Blake teaches Introduction to Chemistry.

9. What type is the underlined verb in this sentence?

The second book in the series is one of my favorites.

- Linking verb
- Action verb

Lesson 4.4: Understanding Adjectives and Adverbs

10. What type of modifier is the underlined word in this sentence?

She stared blankly at me, waiting for an answer.

- Adverb
- Adjective

11. Identify the five adjectives (including articles) in this sentence.

Music echoed through the quiet streets as a lone musician softly played a guitar.

12. In this passage, which adjective is connected to a noun by a linking verb?

(1) Foxes live on every continent except Antarctica. (2) Most foxes are wild, but there are exceptions. (3) People who own domesticated foxes say they share similarities with both dogs and cats. (4) Fully domesticated foxes, like Russian silver foxes, actually develop physical characteristics similar to those of other house pets.

- other (Sentence 4)
- share (Sentence 3)
- live (Sentence 1)
- wild (Sentence 2)

Lesson 4.5: Understanding Prepositions

13. Identify the two prepositional phrases in this sentence.

I could smell the roasted garlic chicken from the oven throughout the house.

14. Identify the four prepositions in this sentence.

The wild mustang jumped over the fence around the pasture and swiftly galloped toward the trees by the river.

15. Identify the three objects of prepositions in this sentence.

After the parade in the street, volunteers helped clear all debris and trash from the ground.

Lesson 4.6: Understanding Clauses and Conjunctions

16. What type is the underlined conjunction in this sentence?

We decided to get bubble tea since my friend had never tried it.

- Correlative
- Subordinating
- Coordinating

17. Determine the function of the underlined coordinating conjunction in this sentence.

The majestic and ancient redwood tree rose high above the smaller pine trees.

- Joining two adjectives
- Joining two prepositional phrases
- Joining two independent clauses
- None of the above

18. Identify the two correlative conjunctions in this sentence.

Both the Husky mix in the kennel at the very end and the Labrador right here are available for adoption today.

Lesson 4.7: Identifying the Characteristics of Sentences

19. What type of clause is the following word group?

While we were walking through a maze of tangled vines and gnarled trees

- Dependent
- Independent

20. Which word group is a complete sentence?

- If the alarm goes off before the beginning of the program.
- Eating refined sugars can contribute to inflammation and lethargy.

21. Identify the two dependent clauses in this passage.

The group of explorers sat in a semicircle around the fire. While they waited for the meat to cook, Keynes surveyed their surroundings. His usual confidence had deserted him, and he felt disoriented. After he'd dropped the map during a river crossing, they had been lost for several days.

Lesson 4.8: Identifying Common Sentence Errors

22. Identify the error in this example.

Dehydration can result in dizziness, it can also cause exhaustion.

- Fragment
- Comma splice
- Fused sentence

23. Identify the two fragments in this passage.

Movie director Nick Orson has hit theaters with his new animated children's film. Despite its child-friendly plot, many feel that the film has strong messages for adult viewers. The characters with unique personalities. This is a big change from his usual dialogue-heavy scripts. Expected presence at this year's award shows. Go see the movie and decide for yourself!

24. Identify the error in this example.

The game was delayed by two hours the players took the court at 10:00 p.m.

- Fragment
- Fused sentence
- Complete sentence
- Comma splice

Lesson 4.9: Using Consistent Subjects and Verbs

25. Identify the two sentences that *do not* use subject-verb agreement.

- The band had been touring throughout Europe and South America for the last year.
- In the wake of the scandal, companies were hesitant to continue Andersen's endorsements.
- Those attending the conference seems to be enjoying the keynote speech.
- Everything on the entire menu look delicious.

26. Which verb should go in the blank?

This song _____ me want to dance, but I can't do that at my desk.

- make
- makes

27. Which subject should go in the blank?

The recent _____, inspired by historical events, was nominated for several Oscars.

- movies
- movie

Lesson 4.10: Using Consistent Pronouns and Antecedents

28. Identify the antecedent of the underlined pronoun.

Barrett watched his dog run around.

29. Identify the sentence with a pronoun reference error.

An apple orchard is a great place to spend a day. Once, my family picked apples at a place just a few hours outside of town. The orchard was attached to a farm; they were very friendly and even handed out free samples.

30. Identify the pronoun and antecedent that agree in gender and number.

- Chairs
- Cat
- Her
- It

Lesson 4.11: Using Correct Pronoun Reference and Case

31. Which sentence uses correct pronoun case?

- The park ranger accidentally left her radio in the trunk of the car.
- Her and Martina are going to the concert together.
- Last year, Ana Ixmata traveled to Guatemala to meet she grandparents.

32. Does this sentence use correct pronoun case?

Whom helped this customer with her purchase yesterday?

- No, this sentence does not use correct pronoun case.
- Yes, this sentence uses correct pronoun case.

33. Does this sentence have a pronoun reference error?

The first time that Catie and Nadia met, she was getting over a terrible cold.

- Yes, this sentence has a pronoun reference error.
- No, this sentence does not contain a pronoun reference error.

Lesson 4.12: Using Commas

34. Are the commas in this sentence correct?

Yesterday, I went to, the grocery store, the car wash, and the library.

- Yes, all commas are correct.
- No, there is a comma error.

35. Insert the missing comma after the correct dependent clause.

Ever since the first Ferris Wheel debuted in 1893 at the Columbian World Exposition in Chicago the ride has been a fair and amusement park staple. Though the original Ferris Wheel stood at 264 feet tall, the High Roller in Las Vegas—currently the world’s tallest Ferris Wheel—is more than twice that height.

36. Insert commas around the extra details in this sentence.

Pizza my favorite food is in the oven.

Lesson 4.13: Using Semicolons and Colons

37. Which two sentences use semicolons correctly?

- My family loves eating at this restaurant; it reminds us of when we lived in Hong Kong.
- Unemployment rates are falling; they reached a historical low; just last week.
- After registering for classes; Jerome realized that he only needed ten more credits to graduate.
- According to Eleanor Roosevelt, an American first lady and diplomat, “Happiness is not a goal; it is a byproduct.”

38. Insert the missing colon in this sentence.

My sister has three things at the top of her bucket list crashing a stranger’s party at a fancy hotel, doing yoga in a public park, and appearing as a guest on a late-night talk show.

39. Insert the missing semicolon in this sentence.

As soon as the robot began malfunctioning, the scientist checked the code she found the issue quickly.

Lesson 4.14: Using Apostrophes

40. Which sentence has no apostrophe errors?
- According to police report's, the suspects car had been stolen from his driveway the night before.
 - In tomorrow's basketball game, be sure to wear your ankle brace the entire time.
41. Identify the word without an apostrophe error.
- Mallorys' cat's were lazily sunning themselves on the neighbors' porch.
42. Which sentence has no apostrophe errors?
- Let's stop by the mall and look for a birthday gift.
 - The flimsy roof of the warehouse caved in on it's contents after a week of heavy rain.

Lesson 4.15: Using Quotation Marks, Parentheses, and Brackets

43. After reading the original quotation, identify the sentence that uses brackets correctly to modify the quote.

Original

"Urban legends usually happen to a friend of a friend of the person who is telling the story. However, there is usually no evidence to prove it. The decision to believe them or not is entirely up to the audience."

Modified

"Urban legends usually happen to a [friend of a friend] of the person who is telling the story. However, there is usually no evidence to prove it. The decision to believe [the storyteller] or not is entirely up to the audience."

44. Identify the two sentences that use parentheses correctly.
- Every Sunday during football season, Orlando and Casey (friends from work) throw a viewing party, and everyone brings a side dish or dessert. (I always bring my homemade chocolate chip cookies.) Everyone always has (a great time no matter which teams) are playing or who wins.
45. Identify the two sentences that use quotation marks correctly.
- The statement by the Jordan government stated that "all attempts to rescue the hostages have failed.
 - According to historian Shui Ping, "The Romans failed to learn from the mistakes of the Greeks."
 - My favorite chapter in the entire book is "Who Stole the Tarts?"

Lesson 4.16: Using Ellipses, Hyphens, and Dashes

46. After reading the original quotation, identify the option that uses ellipses correctly to modify the quote.

Original

“Watching soccer is my main hobby, really. I’m no tactician or coach, but I enjoy watching the free flow of it, the different styles, and the histories behind clubs. Like Barcelona vs. Madrid—it’s not just a soccer game; it’s a geopolitical struggle. There are great storylines and no commercials.” - Andrew Luck

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- “Watching . . . of it, the different styles . . . ; it’s a geopolitical struggle . . . no commercials.”
- “Watching soccer is my main hobby, really. I’m no tactician or coach . . . it’s . . . just a soccer game.”
47. Does this sentence use the dash correctly?
- | She accidentally left all her groceries—milk, eggs, cereal, and bread outside in a hot car.
- Yes, this sentence is correct.
- No, this sentence is incorrect.
48. Which sentence uses hyphens correctly?
- Most cameras include a timer function that allows-the-photographer to include them-selves in the photo.
- We began by summarizing the first twenty-five pages of the book.

Lesson 4.17: Using Capitalization and Italics

49. Is the capitalization in this sentence correct or incorrect?

| Basil is a popular herb used in both italian and thai cooking.

- Incorrect
- Correct

50. Identify the three words or word groups that should be italicized.

| After reading the novels East of Eden and Roots, we were asked to compare them to the movie Minari.

51. Identify the three words that should *not* be capitalized.

| The National Basketball Association held a Conference about Famous Athletes.

Lesson 4.18: Using Abbreviations and Numbers

52. What is the correct spelling of this number?

| 28

- twentyeight
- twenty eight
- twenty-eight

53. Which sentence formats the numbers correctly?
- According to this website, the highest-paid athlete in 2021 received 180,000,000 dollars.
 - The archaeologists found pottery dating back to 607 BCE.
54. Identify the two true statements about abbreviations.
- Organization names are often abbreviated.
 - Abbreviations make your writing awkward.
 - Abbreviations are shortened forms of words or phrases.

Lesson 4.19: Using Basic Spelling Rules

55. Which word is misspelled?
- vein
 - neither
 - breif
 - species
56. Which spelling correctly adds a suffix to the silent *-e* word?
- hoping
 - typeist
 - homeward
57. Which two spellings correctly add a suffix to words ending in *-o*?
- echos
 - tacos
 - tacoes
 - echoes

Lesson 4.20: Spelling Commonly Confused Words

58. Which word correctly completes this sentence?
- After the exhibition game, the American team was determined not to _____ again.
- loose
 - lose
59. Identify the misused word in this sentence.
- Cho realized she must chose between finishing the book and getting enough sleep that night.
60. Identify the two misused words in this sentence.
- Although there calling for a tornado on the whether station, I am hopeful that it will just be a large storm.

Lesson 4.21: Proofreading Sentences for Grammar

61. Identify the two sentences with comma errors.

Yesterday afternoon, we went, to the movies. Even though I wasn't hungry, I still bought candy and a huge soda. I ate too much food and, I had a bad stomachache. Well, at least I learned my lesson.

62. Identify the two sentences with errors.

There are many signs and symptoms when someone has a concussion. One major symptom are an immediate headache. Memory loss can also occur. Often, concussion victims can get ringing in her ears. If someone has a concussion, it is vital that they receive medical care right away.

63. Insert the missing comma in this sentence.

Oliver rushed to turn off the oven but the turkey and Brussels sprouts had already burned to a crisp.