



Chapter 1 Exercises

Lesson 1.1: Nouns

1. Identify the two proper nouns.

Physicist Albert Einstein, a graduate of the University of Zurich, made groundbreaking scientific discoveries over his lifetime, including mathematically proving the existence of atoms.

2. Identify the three singular nouns.

Which pair of shoes did your sister donate to the fundraiser?

3. Identify the two plural nouns.

The grooming assistants clipped the toenails of each dog on their table.

4. Identify the three compound nouns.

The Uber driver helped me load my suitcase into the trunk, and we drove off into the sunrise, heading east toward the airport.

5. Identify the noun acting as the subject of the sentence.

Six firefighters from the Calhoun Fire Department helped the young child to safety.

Read the following passage. Then, categorize each underlined noun.

The Taj Mahal⁶, in Agra, India, was commissioned in 1631 by Shah Jahan, ruler⁷ of the Mughal Empire in modern-day South Asia. One of the most famous buildings⁸ in the world, the Taj Mahal is a tomb for Shah Jahan's favorite wife Mumtaz Mahal, who had died the previous year giving birth to their fourteenth child. The tomb was built in a garden⁹ at one end of a reflecting pool and features a large domed structure surrounded by four minarets. While most tombs at the time were made of common materials, like sandstone, the Taj Mahal is covered in white marble¹⁰ and embellished with semiprecious stones.

6. Taj Mahal

Common noun

Proper noun

7. ruler

Common noun

Proper noun

8. buildings

Singular noun

Plural noun

9. garden

Common noun

Proper noun

10. marble

Singular noun

Plural noun

Lesson 1.2: Pronouns

11. Which personal pronouns include *I, me, my, we, and ours*?

- First person Second person Third person

12. The word that a pronoun renames/refers to is a(n) _____.

- adverb subject
 antecedent direct object

13. Identify the possessive pronouns.

- they, it her, his
 we, you he's, she's

14. Identify the gender of these personal pronouns.

- | they, them, their, theirs, you, your, yours
 Male Female Neutral

15. Identify the case of the underlined pronoun.

- | The produce manager sliced into the bright green watermelon, but it was rotten inside
 Subjective Objective Possessive

16. Identify the case of the underlined pronoun.

- | Mrs. Melcom gives out an award to her third-grade students for random acts of kindness, but according to her, "the trick is to give it to them only when they are least expecting it."
 Subjective Objective Possessive

17. Identify the indefinite pronoun.

- | Since everyone came to the study session prepared, it went smoothly and was productive.

18. Identify the relative pronoun.

- | The jalapeño pepper seed that was planted only one month ago popped its vibrant green head out of the soil.

19. Does the pronoun agree with its antecedent?

- | Employees must pay for his own parking passes.
 Yes No

20. Identify the antecedent of the underlined pronoun.

- | Macy worked at Food Lion long before it offered curbside pickup services.

Lesson 1.3: Basic Verb Types and Tenses

21. Identify the action verb.

- | Though it was difficult, Porter the corgi sat patiently for his treat.

22. Identify the linking verb.

- | The acrobat soared through the air, flipping countless times and making it look easy.

23. Identify the helping verb.

- | Peter was cleaning the garage when the cat knocked over the paint bucket.

24. Identify the type and tense of the underlined verb.

Claire's puppy smelled terrible after jumping in the mucky pond.

- Past-tense action verb Present-tense action verb
 Past-tense linking verb Present-tense linking verb
 Past-tense helping verb Present-tense helping verb

25. Identify the simple tense of the underlined verb.

A full week before your flight, you packed for your trip.

- Past tense Present tense Future tense

26. Identify the simple tense of the underlined verb.

The referees will throw their yellow penalty flags whenever a kicker is knocked to the ground.

- Past tense Present tense Future tense

27. Fill in the blank with the correct verb.

Yesterday's class _____ cancelled because Professor Montez got sick.

- is will be was

Read the following passage. Then, categorize each underlined verb.

Did you know that raising factory-farmed meat takes a toll on animals and the environment? Most of the meat sold in grocery stores comes from factory farms: large-scale farms where thousands of animals are raised for food in very close quarters. Because these animals are not in open pastures where they can graze²⁸ freely on grass, they must consume a high volume of corn and other genetically modified grains. For example, it takes 6.7 pounds of feed to create one hamburger patty! Grain feed is unhealthy for cows, and it also makes the meat less nutritious, and even harmful, for humans.

Another environmental issue with factory farming is animal waste. Due to the crowded conditions, animals often end up living in enclosures that are²⁹ confined and dirty. This increases the risk of disease and creates polluted runoff that can harm the ecology of the surrounding areas. Cows also produce a lot of methane during digestion. Methane is a greenhouse gas, meaning it contributes to global warming by trapping heat in the atmosphere. The good news is that this environmental toll could be reduced drastically if most households eat just a little less factory-farmed meat each week. The resources—water, food, land—that it takes to raise meat will be³⁰ conserved, and our planet will be healthier.

28. graze

- Present-tense action verb Past-tense action verb
 Present-tense linking verb Future-tense linking verb
 Present-tense helping verb Past-tense helping verb

29. are

- Present-tense action verb Past-tense action verb
 Present-tense linking verb Past-tense linking verb
 Present-tense helping verb Future-tense helping verb

30. will be

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Lesson 1.4: Verb Forms and Functions

31. Identify the underlined word.

Shantel is most interested in engineering, so she declared it her major.

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32. Identify the underlined word.

Battered by the hurricane-force winds, the palm trees bent and swayed helplessly.

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33. Identify the underlined words.

Alecia's dream is to pilot fighter jets, particularly the F-35.

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34. Identify the gerund.

Swimming is a wonderful way to build endurance without straining your knees and joints.

35. Identify the infinitive.

Always warm and encouraging, Damien is willing to be anyone's friend and could talk to a complete stranger for hours.

36. Identify the present participle.

The senator's inspiring speech changed the way I voted.

37. Identify the underlined word.

Jay, excited about their recent promotion, celebrated with friends over dinner.

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Read the following passage. Then, identify the underlined words.

Reflecting on my educational experience, I can confidently admit that I struggled at the beginning. It seemed like my classmates almost enjoyed studying³⁸, and I couldn't understand their motivation. However, realizing³⁹ that education is closely tied to financial success, I began to take it more seriously. Now, I am one of those diligent students studying to reach⁴⁰ my end goal: graduation.

38. studying

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39. realizing

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40. to reach

- Gerund
- Infinitive
- Past participle
- Present participle

Lesson 1.5: Perfect and Progressive Tenses

41. Identify the verb tense of the sentence.

Bobbie will have earned forty credits by the end of next semester.

- Past-perfect tense
- Future-perfect tense
- Future-progressive tense

42. Identify the verb tense of the sentence.

I was studying my notes while my roommate was working on a homework assignment.

- Past-perfect tense
- Present-progressive tense
- Past-progressive tense

43. Identify the tense of the underlined predicate.

Maxie had watched the movie four times before she grasped its underlying meaning.

- Present-perfect tense
- Past-perfect tense
- Past-progressive tense

44. Which verb completes this sentence in present-perfect tense?

The driver _____ to avoid hitting the deer.

- had swerved
- has swerved
- will have swerved

45. Which verb completes this sentence in past-progressive tense?

Brant _____ through Italy for two weeks.

- had traveled
- will travel
- was traveling

46. Which sentence is in past-perfect tense?

- All the original cast members are returning for the reunion.
- Researchers on the virus project had seen similar results in a previous study.
- Getting eight hours of sleep has improved my ability to focus in class.

47. Which sentence is in future-perfect tense?

- None of the testing materials are prepared for the upcoming fall semester.
- In April, Marshall and her research team will have completed ten years of genetics research.
- Hannah King has been studying social psychology in Japan since 1999.

Read the following passage. Then, answer the questions.

(1) An avid skier, Paul loves the thrill of speeding down the slopes. (2) He has practiced almost every day since he was five years old. (3) His parents had suited him up in snow gear before he even learned to talk. (4) Next month, his family will have lived in Aspen, Colorado, for twenty years, and Paul doesn't plan on moving anytime soon. (5) Right now, he is practicing for the Winter X Games with hopes of making it to the Olympics one day. (6) Even if he doesn't make it, he will be skiing with a passion for the rest of his life.

48. What is the helping verb + past participle in Sentence 2?

- was + five he + was has + practiced

49. What verb tense is used in Sentence 3?

- Past-progressive Present-progressive
 Past-perfect Present-perfect

50. What verb tense is used in Sentence 5?

- Future-progressive Present-progressive
 Future-perfect Present-perfect

Lesson 1.6: Adjectives and Adverbs

51. Identify the adjective (excluding articles).

The choir sang the traditional hymns beautifully.

52. In which sentence does *welcome* function as an adjective?

- Welcome! I hope your travels went smoothly.
 On behalf of the entire office, I'd like to welcome you to our team.
 Though your attendance is not required, you are welcome to join this meeting.

53. Identify the three adjectives (excluding articles).

Juno is passionate about restoring old cars and selling them to eager buyers.

54. Identify the adverb.

Amani twitched uncomfortably in the sterile plastic chair.

55. Identify the adverb.

The distracted driver carelessly drove over the curb.

56. Identify the two adverbs that modify adjectives.

The old wooden stairs creaked and groaned. Unexpectedly lost, the brave camper slowly climbed to the abandoned cabin's second story. Her pulse was surprisingly steady.

Read the following passage. Then, identify each underlined word.

Many researchers have passionately⁵⁷ debated the impact that modern technology has on our lives. People have historically been skeptical⁵⁸ of new devices, from typewriters to cars to smartphones. Some, like Mark Bauerlein, adamantly⁵⁹ suggest that technology makes us dumber, but others, like Greg Ulmer, argue that digital tools present a new method for thinking and creating that does not compare to older methods. We need clear boundaries when using technology, but being fearful⁶⁰ of it or avoiding it altogether should not be our general response.

57. passionately
 Adjective Adverb
58. skeptical
 Adjective Adverb
59. adamantly
 Adjective Adverb
60. fearful
 Adjective Adverb

Lesson 1.7: Prepositions

61. Identify the preposition.

Children born after 1980 are much more likely to develop diabetes than any previous generation.

62. Identify the preposition.

East and West Germany were united when the Berlin Wall fell on November 9, 1989.

63. Identify the three prepositions.

Dan tripped over the box by the front door and then angrily threw his keys on the ground.

64. Identify the three prepositional phrases.

Through the wall, we heard two people arguing about an unpaid bill. Admittedly, we nosily listened for several minutes.

65. Identify the prepositional phrase functioning as an adjective.

Annoyed, the doctor from the University of Pennsylvania stormed out. Her colleague had just quit unexpectedly.

66. Identify the three objects of prepositions.

After last winter, we weren't sure if we could have school in January. The snow and ice had affected everyone in the county.

Read the following passage. Then, answer the questions.

(1) Raquel wiped her forehead and tried to focus on her extensive training. (2) Her fingers, trapped in the sweaty catcher's mitt, wiggled nervously. (3) Drawing her arm back, she adjusted her footing. (4) She released the ball and watched it catapult past the batter. (5) She smiled in satisfaction when she realized that hers was the game-winning play. (6) This win would buy her a fully paid athletic scholarship to college.

67. What is the preposition in Sentence 1?

- wiped to
 on training

68. What is the prepositional phrase in Sentence 2?

- Her fingers in the sweaty catcher's mitt
 trapped in the wiggled nervously

69. What is the object of the preposition in Sentence 4?

- batter
- ball
- watched
- past

70. What is the prepositional phrase in Sentence 5?

- She smiled
- in satisfaction
- when she realized
- was the game-winning play

Lesson 1.8: Conjunctions

71. Identify the underlined word.

Elvina will be interning at Deloitte until this semester is over.

- Coordinating conjunction
- Subordinating conjunction
- Correlative conjunction

72. Identify the underlined words.

Hattie and Marcus volunteered at the homeless shelter by preparing and serving meals.

- Coordinating conjunctions
- Subordinating conjunctions
- Correlative conjunctions

73. Identify the underlined words.

The storm will either ruin our trip or subside just before the flight.

- Coordinating conjunctions
- Subordinating conjunctions
- Correlative conjunctions

74. Identify the subordinating conjunction.

A talented and experienced violinist, Garcia often practices until her fingers are sore.

75. Identify the coordinating conjunction joining two verbs.

Nut and wheat allergies can cause individuals to hyperventilate and break out in hives.

Read the following passage. Then, identify the underlined conjunctions.

In chapter 5 of the book, a group of restless men and⁷⁶ women met in the north dunes, formerly a parking lot. Since⁷⁷ the stores ran out of water, everyone was in danger of dehydration, yet⁷⁸ they kept hope. Gordon, who had been a pilot before the storm, mentioned a private and secluded warehouse. He had flown huge barrels of water there every month. After⁷⁹ he revealed this, the group formed a plan. Once⁸⁰ it got dark, they would raid the warehouse for water and supplies.

76. and

- Coordinating conjunction
- Subordinating conjunction
- Correlative conjunction

77. Since

- Coordinating conjunction
- Subordinating conjunction
- Correlative conjunction

78. yet

- Coordinating conjunction
- Subordinating conjunction
- Correlative conjunction

79. After

- Coordinating conjunction
- Subordinating conjunction
- Correlative conjunction

80. Once

- Coordinating conjunction
- Subordinating conjunction
- Correlative conjunction