



Chapter 4 Exercises

Lesson 4.1: Basic Spelling Rules

1. True or false? The *IE* and *EI* spelling rule is “*E* before *I* except after *C*.”

- True False

2. Identify the incorrectly spelled word.

My car is full, so which vehicle will you be rideing in instead?

3. Identify the incorrectly spelled word.

As a pilot, Hanna flies both small and large planes quite often.

4. Write the correct spelling of these three misspelled words.

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Read the following passage. Then, answer the questions.

(1) My partner and I visited Marion Diner on the recommendation of a friend. (2) As we entered the restaurant, we were greeted with the delicious scent of sautéed garlic and rosemary. (3) The server was freindly and knowledgeable, and she even recommended her personal favorites. (4) The menu itsself was limited, probably because the restaurant focuses on specialties and customer favorites. (5) I liked the eclectic blend of fresh, healthy ingredeints and traditional diner food. (6) Overall, I would reccomend Marion Diner to anyone who's searcheing for a fresh twist on well-loved diner favorites.

5. Is the spelling correct in Sentence 1?

- Yes No

6. Is the underlined word in Sentence 2 spelled correctly?

- Yes No

7. Is the spelling correct in Sentence 3?

- Yes No

8. Is the spelling correct in Sentence 4?

- Yes No

9. What is the misspelled word in Sentence 5?

- healthy traditional ingredeints eclectic

10. Identify the two misspelled words in Sentence 6 and write their correct spellings.

Lesson 4.2: Commonly Confused Words

11. Which word completes this sentence?

After the exhibition game, the American team was determined not to _____ again.

- loose lose

12. Which word completes this sentence?

Trauma patients often don't experience the full _____ of their injuries until hours or days after they are admitted.

- affect effect

13. Which word completes this sentence?

Competitive as ever, Sharia is determined to become a better barista _____ her older brother.

- than then

14. Which word completes this sentence?

If our picnic gets rained out, _____ welcome at my house instead.

- your you're

15. Identify the misused word.

Cho realized she must chose between finishing the book and getting enough sleep that night.

16. Identify the two misused words.

Although there calling for a tornado on the whether station, I am hopeful that it will just be a large storm.

17. Identify the sentence that correctly uses the word *between*.

Jeff likes to support independent small businesses, even when deciding between a new place and an old chain that he enjoys. Last week he chose Amy's Corner-Side Bar when he was deciding between a restaurant, a coffee shop, and a grill for his client event.

18. Which sentence has an *incorrectly* used word?

- When a customer experiences technical issues, it's your job to fix them.
 When a customer experiences technical issues, it's you're job to fix them.

19. Which sentence correctly uses the word *to*?

- The groceries were delivered to hours late.
 Basketball fans are welcome to watch the game here.
 Gianna was reminded to often of the accident.

20. Identify the three sentences that use the word *their* correctly.

This summer, their will be a lot of tourists flocking to town. They come in droves, armed with their sunglasses and sunscreen, and they fill the local restaurants to overflowing. Downtown, their will be very little parking, if any, and it'll be very hard to find a quiet spot on the beach. Still, their are benefits to having tourists descend on your town. Their liberal spending habits fortify the town's economy, even into the off-season. Plus, business owners are careful to landscape and maintain their property in preparation for tourist season.

Lesson 4.3: Consistent Tense and Person

21. Identify the tense of the underlined verb.

The Great Depression had an enormous ripple effect on how future generations would view inflation and the state of the economy.

- Past tense Present tense Future tense

22. Is the verb tense consistent?

Frida's long, slender fingers flew over the strings as she plays the complex violin concerto.

- Yes No

23. Identify the correct verb form to complete the sentence.

Marshall and his mother _____ to the farmers market yesterday.

- go went had went be going

24. Read this passage and identify the sentence with a shift in verb tense.

The anticipated "Controversy on Campus" forum took place on Thursday in Booker Hall. A panel of six students discussed sensitive topics suggested by audience members. Students will attend this panel in larger numbers than expected. Monique Longston, a political science major, said, "I was surprised by how respectful the discussion was among people who have such different perspectives."

25. Read this passage and identify the sentence with a shift in verb tense.

My brother knows the perfect song for every occasion. His friends constantly asked him for music recommendations. After he finishes school, he wants to be a producer. Right now, he's working as a freelance DJ.

26. Identify the point of view.

Georgia O'Keefe's paintings are known for their bold colors, recognizable flowers, and hauntingly distinct animal bone depictions.

- First person Second person Third person

27. Identify the pronoun that is inconsistent in point of view.

Ian realized that his daughter's dream of attending Princeton would become a reality if you scored high enough on her placement test.

- his you her that

28. Identify the correct plural third-person pronoun to complete the sentence.

Many people feel that college athletes should be financially compensated based on _____ performance.

- they our them
 their its

29. Read the passage and identify the sentence with a shift in point of view.

Christopher Columbus used the Santa Maria as his 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.

30. Read the passage and identify the sentence with inconsistent personal pronouns.

The novel's cover image portrays both riders looking stunned. They are yanking the reins in an attempt to gain control over the horses, with little success. Both brothers have matching outfits and overdrawn features. Their floppy hats and stern expressions do not convey power or heroism. The ground beneath them has crumbled, and it is all the men can do to stay upright on their startled-looking horses. They look foolish; the cartoonish drawings add humor, not heroism, to the men. Before opening the book, we assume that this is the type of book that will make you laugh, not cry.

Lesson 4.4: Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers

31. Identify the true statement.

- Modifiers can only be used to describe the subject.

- Modifiers can cause confusion if they are not clearly linked to what they modify.
 - Modifiers can only be adverbs.
 - Modifiers are clauses and phrases that stand on their own.
32. Does this sentence have a modifier error?
- The presenter gave a lecture on the evolution of bats from Harvard University.
- No, this sentence uses modifiers correctly.
 - Yes, this sentence has a misplaced or dangling modifier.
33. Identify the misplaced modifier.
- The new coach entered the football stadium for the first time to watch the players on the field and marvel at the crowd, which was large and had many seats.
34. Identify the two sentences with misplaced modifiers.
- Hurriedly making sandwiches for the trip, we smeared peanut butter across the countertop.
 - Last weekend, Mom gave me my grandmother's wedding ring, who passed away when I was a baby.
 - After babysitting, I grabbed my jacket and walked home, which was covered with baby spit-up.
 - With a little dish detergent, the grease stain was easy to remove.
35. Identify the two sentences with misplaced modifiers.
- In the distance, a train whistle blew.
 - I heard the whistle an hour ago, only.
 - Blowing out the candle, I burned my lip.
 - Jack told me there was a robbery down the street under his breath.
 - My mother smiled, opening the birthday gift from the whole family.
36. Identify the dangling modifier.
- Streaking across the night sky, we gazed up for hours before finally going inside.
37. Identify the dangling modifier.
- While chopping the carrots, the water boiled in the pot on the stove next to the tomatoes.
38. Identify the type of modifier error (if any).
- Meeting with the Iranian ambassador, the conversation turned to Iran's nuclear program.
- Misplaced modifier
 - Dangling modifier
 - This sentence has no modifier errors.
39. Read the passage and identify the sentence with a dangling modifier.
- An aspiring ballerina, Sasha wanted to dance in her school's production of *The Nutcracker*. Too nervous at her audition, the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy went to Diedra. After wanting the lead role so badly, Sasha was disappointed by the decision. She still went to see her friend Diedra perform. When Diedra had a curtain call, Sasha cheered the loudest.

40. Rewrite the sentence to correct the modifier errors.

In some areas, hurricanes can be completely destructive, robbing families and businesses of their shelter and belongings, both rural and urban.

Lesson 4.5: Parallelism

41. Does this sentence use parallelism?

Though being a famous pop star or rap artist seems glamorous, the life of a touring musician is demanding, relentless, and exhausting.

- Yes No

42. Identify the sentence with the most parallel structure.

- Seeing that the police were behind him, Jeremy jumped over a fence, ran through someone's yard, and sprinted all the way home.
- Baking bread requires patience, precision, and you must be able to follow directions.
- Yesterday I had to drop my sister off at her dance lesson, made sure the dogs were fed, and pick up some flowers for my mother.

43. Identify the sentence with the most parallel structure.

- Before I go home, I must submit my car registration renewal, get gas, and I need to get dog food.
- Leo's dog Macie barked, whined, and scratched at the bedroom door all night long.
- Angela came home to find several objects missing: a necklace, a ring, and she couldn't find three purses.

44. Identify the sentence with the *least* parallel structure.

- Pandhi dislikes tomatoes, loves eggs, and hates green bell peppers.
- The cookies need to be baked, and the racks are for cooling them; remember to package them by tomorrow.
- I've researched several local job openings, submitted my applications, and scheduled three interviews.

45. Identify the option that is most parallel to this clause.

Tiki's brother surfs

- Leigh likes to run
- Fishing is enjoyable
- My friend sings
- Marco has a sister who plays piano

46. Identify the list item that is *least* parallel with the others.

Shrista prioritizes succeeding in school, earning a doctoral degree, and reads self-help books in her free time.

47. Identify the option that would strengthen the parallelism.

Last year, Callie was working at a gym, _____ at the animal shelter, and taking four classes.

- volunteered
- volunteering
- put in volunteer hours
- volunteers
- wanted to volunteer

48. Identify the option that would strengthen the parallelism.

Kisha wants to travel the world, create record-breaking albums, and _____ a recording studio.

- opening
- will open
- open
- was planning on opening

49. Identify the sentence with the strongest parallel structure.

Michell is an interesting character; he loves to wrestle robots on Saturdays and visit flea markets on Sundays. He wears ties covered in polka dots; bold-patterned bandanas are what his father usually wears. He sometimes claims to know Elvis, Jim Morrison, and visit Kurt Cobain's gravesite.

50. Read the passage. In Sentence 2, which list item is less parallel with the others?

(1) Since Kiara was deeply petrified of spiders, she almost declined a camping invitation but accepted it reluctantly. (2) The days leading up to the trip filled her with dread; she thought about creepy-crawlies, was imagining painful spider bites, and created worst-case scenarios in her mind. (3) Although she had a strong desire to cancel, she didn't change her mind. (4) While she was not ready to hold any eight-legged creatures, she decided that camping would be the first small step to overcome her arachnophobia.

- filled her with dread
- thought about creepy-crawlies
- was imagining painful spider bites
- created worst-case scenarios

Lesson 4.6: Coordination

51. True or false? Coordination creates flow by combining related ideas and implying that they are equally important.

- True
- False

52. Identify the two coordinating conjunctions.

Andrea wants to win the race, and she is very determined yet humble in her approach to training.

53. Identify the option that uses coordination to create a compound sentence.

- Jackson cultivated a collection of rare baseball cards over the years, but he sold his collection to buy a car.
- Michelle improved her passing skills after she attended hockey camp last summer.
- After Javier took Mr. Shipley's math class, he finally understood how to use the Pythagorean theorem.

54. Identify the option that uses coordination to create a compound sentence.

- Before she walked into the audition, Arsenia silently said a quick prayer.
- Tamika glanced over the final exam; the questions looked challenging.

- The fresh, warm croissant was flaky yet buttery soft.
 - Shane almost turned around but decided to keep going in light of the dire circumstances.
55. Identify the sentence that *incorrectly* uses coordination.
- Cherise enjoys her long bike rides, and she gains a lot from them, yet she would give it all up to go climbing instead.
 - The parking space was too small for the giant SUV; Javi and Alex moved into a new apartment recently.
 - The rain fell daily for what seemed like months until it finally stopped on a bright May morning.
 - The river flooded the roads, and many people were trapped in their homes.
56. Identify the sentence that uses coordination.
- My car is twenty years old. My grandmother bought it brand new, but she did not drive it much. The engine purrs like a kitten even though it is over two decades old.
57. Identify the two sentences that use coordination.
- The sun was shining, and there was a slight chill in the October air. Kipp decided that it was the perfect morning for fishing on the pier. He gathered his gear easily since it was always in the garage, ready to go. If he caught something good, he could surprise his partner with a seafood dinner. He cast his first line cheerily into the water; it was the beginning of a beautiful day.
58. Identify the error-free sentence that uses coordination.
- Wilma likes science fiction movies but Lorenzo only watches romantic comedies. This doesn't stop them from having fun, and they often hang out on Fridays. They respect each other's differences they are both very open-minded people.
59. Use any method of coordination to create a compound sentence with these independent clauses.
- The registration deadline passed
- Amir asked the admissions department for an extension
60. Create your own compound sentence by joining independent clauses with a semicolon.

Lesson 4.7: Subordination

61. True or false? Subordination deemphasizes the important idea in an independent clause in order to emphasize a related idea in another independent clause.
- True
 - False
62. Identify the true statement.
- Semicolons can be used to connect an independent clause with a subordinate, or dependent, clause.
 - Subordination uses subordinating conjunctions to deemphasize the idea in a dependent clause in order to emphasize a related idea in an independent clause.
 - Subordination uses a coordinating conjunction and a comma to join related ideas of equal importance.

63. Identify the subordinating conjunction.

Because the lighting was not that great, the pictures did not turn out very well.

64. Identify the sentence that uses subordination.

- The investigation team found two potential causes for the accident, but pilot error was ruled out.
- A train derailed this morning; first responders arrived on scene promptly.
- Long drives are difficult for my dog Penny since she gets restless and anxious easily.
- Owen forgot his calculator and had to take the algebra exam without it.

65. Identify the sentence that uses subordination.

- Whitman praises the innocence of nature while he expresses appreciation for its beauty.
- Starbucks changed its logo in 1992; the company redesigned the logo again in 2011.
- Juggling is a motor skill that requires practice and concentration.
- Nadia brooded all week, for she has a major decision to make.

66. Identify the deemphasized, or subordinated, clause.

Ursula is set to graduate next semester as long as she passes her current classes.

Read the following passage. Then, answer the questions.

(1) If you want to eat a healthier diet, experts recommend shopping the perimeter of the grocery store. (2) Start with the produce aisle; then, move to the meat department, followed by the dairy section. (3) However, vegans, vegetarians, and anyone else who wants to reduce their meat consumption may need to visit the middle aisles for certain plant-based sources of protein, such as nuts and beans. (4) While some perimeter items, like eggs and egg whites, are nutrient-rich and high in protein, dairy products like cheese and ice cream should be consumed sparingly. (5) The healthiest foods are those that have been processed minimally because they tend to be more nutrient-dense.

67. Does Sentence 1 use subordination?

- Yes No

68. Does Sentence 2 use subordination?

- Yes No

69. Identify the subordinating conjunction in Sentence 4.

- some should like
 are While sparingly

70. Identify the subordinated dependent clause in Sentence 5.

- the healthiest foods are
- those that have been processed minimally
- healthiest foods are those that have been processed
- because they tend to be more nutrient-dense

Lesson 4.8: Active and Passive Voice

71. When a sentence uses _____ voice, the subject is performing an action.

- passive active

72. Identify a characteristic of passive voice.

- Comes across as direct and clear
 Creates energy and excitement
 Always uses a helping verb
 Describes the subject performing an action

73. Passive voice might be preferable over active voice when _____.

- the sentence should be as clear and concise as possible
 the meaning of the sentence should be kept purposefully vague
 the subject is receiving the action of an unnamed object
 the subject of a sentence should be emphasized

74. Does this sentence use active or passive voice?

Ian was deeply impacted by his teaching experience at a south Chicago middle school.

- Active voice Passive voice

75. Identify the sentence that uses active voice.

- Residents usually avoid parking their cars on the street during a blizzard.
 The best-selling novels of Markita Snyder have been translated into over thirty languages.
 French military leader Joan of Arc was burned at the stake by her enemies.
 Many popular songs are written by a team of songwriters, not the actual singer.

76. Identify the sentence that uses passive voice.

- The city of Andover bought the empty, abandoned lot and built a community park.
 Mason sprinted around his opponents on the track with ease.
 The skilled musician played the sonata well even though her instrument was cheaply constructed.
 The article was written by Janette T. Mundt and Francis Coogan, well-known experts in the field.

Read the following passage. Then, answer the questions.

(1) From 1912 to 1972, three different teams of sculptors attempted to complete a plan for Stone Mountain in Georgia. (2) Eventually, the project was completed with modern equipment that could carve fine details on the 90-foot by 190-foot sculpture. (3) Located just east of Atlanta, Stone Mountain depicts Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, and Stonewall Jackson. (4) The existing work of art was completed between 1964 and 1972.

77. Sentence 1 uses:

- Active voice Passive voice

78. Sentence 2 uses:

- Active voice Passive voice

79. Sentence 3 uses:

- Active voice Passive voice

80. Sentence 4 uses:

- Active voice Passive voice

Lesson 4.9: Proofreading Sentences for Grammar

81. Identify the true statement.

- Reading your writing in sections is unnecessary and a waste of time.
 You will often catch more errors if you read your writing backwards (from the last sentence to the first).

82. Identify the two options that are involved in proofreading for spelling.

- Capitalization
 Spelling of words
 Semicolons
 Brackets

83. Add the missing comma.

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

84. 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 got a bad stomachache. Well, at least I learned my lesson.

85. 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.

86. Brianna has just written a paper for her criminal justice course. Now, she wants to proofread her work for grammar errors. Which two strategies should she use?

- Focus on her classmates' most common mistakes
 Try reading the paper aloud to herself
 Try to catch all her grammar errors in one reading
 Make a list of her most common grammar mistakes

87. Identify the sentence that needs revision.

William Shakespeare is regarded as one of the best playwrights in history. His works have influenced countless authors, historians, and artists. Even though some people believe he is not the true author. He has left an undeniable legacy.

88. Identify the two sentences with structure errors.

Imani recently graduated from culinary school and opened her own bakery. Her bakery is called Cupcake Corner Imani bakes cupcakes, cookies, and pastries from scratch. Baking hundreds a day. She offers unique flavor combinations, such as pumpkin and cardamom. Customers love the banana cupcakes.

89. Identify the two sentences with agreement errors.

The professor's contact information are on the syllabus. If a student has to miss class due to illness or emergency, they can contact the professor in advance. Students are responsible for her own assignments.

90. Add quotation marks where needed.

"They're on your head, I told my mother. She laughed and put her glasses on.

Lesson 4.10: Inclusive Language

91. Identify the term that matches this definition.

Language that makes exclusionary, disrespectful, inaccurate, and/or irrelevant references to people's personal characteristics

- Gender-neutral
- Gender-specific
- Inclusive language
- Personal pronouns
- Exclusive language

92. Identify the true statement.

- Stereotypes refer disrespectfully to ethnicity, not gender or sexual orientation.
- Stereotypes can refer disrespectfully to nearly any characteristic of an individual or group.

93. Identify an effective strategy for using inclusive language.

- If you know which pronouns someone prefers, use them.
- Avoid asking people which pronouns they prefer.
- Use phrases that resonate with people, such as "real man" or "like a girl."

94. Identify another effective strategy for using inclusive language.

- Make general assumptions about an ethnicity or culture.
- Include the ethnicity of every person you mention.
- If it's appropriate and relevant to discuss race or ethnicity, use the correct terms.

95. Identify the three personal pronouns.

Jakobi's father is from South Africa, and his mother made her way to the United States from Guam while she was pregnant.

96. Identify the two gender-specific terms.

- Female pilot
- Mailman
- Pilot
- Police officer
- Mailperson

97. Identify the two gender-neutral terms.

- Senator Cleaning lady Actress
 Fireman Housekeeper

98. Identify the word group that uses exclusive language.

Geoffrey's new landlord, a gay man, keeps his properties in pristine condition for the tenants.

99. Identify the two sentences that use exclusive language.

"It's bizarre that my English professor is Asian; he should be teaching math," one of my classmates said. "Plus, I can't take him seriously with that accent." "But he was voted 'Best Professor on Campus' five years in a row," someone else pointed out.

100. Identify the sentence that uses gender-neutral language.

- A person with food allergies can use this app to find restaurants where it's safe for her to eat.
 First-class passengers are often given a drink as soon as they board the plane.