



## 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 Mahal<sup>6</sup>, in Agra, India, was commissioned in 1631 by Shah Jahan, ruler<sup>7</sup> of the Mughal Empire in modern-day South Asia. One of the most famous buildings<sup>8</sup> 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 garden<sup>9</sup> 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 marble<sup>10</sup> 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 graze<sup>28</sup> 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 are<sup>29</sup> 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 be<sup>30</sup> 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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| <input type="radio"/> Present-tense helping verb | <input type="radio"/> Future-tense helping verb |

### 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 studying<sup>38</sup>, and I couldn't understand their motivation. However, realizing<sup>39</sup> 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 reach<sup>40</sup> my end goal: graduation.

38. studying

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| <input type="radio"/> Infinitive | <input type="radio"/> Present participle |

39. realizing

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| <input type="radio"/> Infinitive | <input type="radio"/> Present participle |

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 passionately<sup>57</sup> debated the impact that modern technology has on our lives. People have historically been skeptical<sup>58</sup> of new devices, from typewriters to cars to smartphones. Some, like Mark Bauerlein, adamantly<sup>59</sup> 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 fearful<sup>60</sup> 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 and<sup>76</sup> women met in the north dunes, formerly a parking lot. Since<sup>77</sup> the stores ran out of water, everyone was in danger of dehydration, yet<sup>78</sup> 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. After<sup>79</sup> he revealed this, the group formed a plan. Once<sup>80</sup> 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



## Chapter 2 Exercises

### Lesson 2.1: Clauses and Sentence Patterns

- The simple predicate of a sentence or clause is:
  - The main idea
  - The person, place, or thing that the sentence is about
  - Any verbs and/or verbals that indicate the subject's action or state of being
  - The complete thought expressed by the sentence
- True or false? A dependent clause can stand alone as a complete sentence.
  - True
  - False
- Identify the example.

| Valerie talked to her mother on the phone.

  - Independent clause
  - Dependent clause
  - Not a clause
- Identify the simple predicate of this simple sentence.

| Holiday Valley Ski Resort is near Ellicottville, NY, a small, unassuming town.
- Identify the compound sentence.
  - After Marie had her baby, she retired from her job.
  - Marie had her baby, and she retired from her job.
  - Marie had her baby and retired.
  - Marie had her baby, and although she loved her job, she retired.
- Identify the answer that combines the two independent clauses into a compound sentence.

| The snowflakes fell softly. They canceled out noise in the air.

  - The snowflakes fell softly, they canceled out noise in the air.
  - The snowflakes fell softly and, they canceled out noise in the air.
  - The snowflakes fell softly; they canceled out noise in the air.
  - The snowflakes fell softly; and they canceled out noise in the air.
- Identify the complex sentence.
  - Jimmy's degree is in accounting, but his passion is for teaching.
  - Replacing white sugar with maple syrup is a healthy alternative for almost any dessert recipe.
  - The world would be a better place if a cure for cancer were widely available.
  - Even though Walter is wrong, he will not admit it; instead, he will blame someone else.

**8. Identify the sentence type.**

The drought will continue until it rains, and hopefully that will happen soon.

- Simple sentence                       Compound-complex sentence  
 Compound sentence                       Not a complete sentence  
 Complex sentence

**9. Identify the five complex sentences.**

When Daniella Zepeda came to America, she traveled with her father, an experienced field hand, carpenter, and roofer. She was five years old and ready for kindergarten, so she stayed with her aunt in Bowie, Texas. Because her aunt was an American citizen, Daniella could enroll in school. After she graduated from high school, Daniella joined the Navy. Once she had served the required four years, she attended college and ultimately pursued a career in engineering. She was finally reunited with her father when he surprised her at her college graduation.

**10. Join the two independent clauses into a compound sentence using any method from the lesson.**

Cigarettes are proven to be harmful. Some people still smoke.

## Lesson 2.2: Characteristics of Sentences

**11. True or false? Complete sentences begin with a capital letter only if the first word is a proper noun.**

- True                                       False

**12. Identify the type of statement.**

The study results were unsurprising yet enlightening.

- Interrogative                               Declarative  
 Imperative                                 Exclamatory

**13. What is the error in this sentence?**

When the pilot congratulated the crew on their successful flight.

- It doesn't end with the correct punctuation mark.  
 It doesn't express a complete thought.  
 It doesn't begin with a capital letter.  
 It doesn't have a subject.

**14. Identify the underlined word.**

Citations aren't just helpful in research papers; they are essential.

- Noun                                       Verb                                       Adjective  
 Pronoun                                 Preposition                               Adverb

**15. Identify the subject.**

Podcasts make Tyrell's long commute more bearable.

**16. Identify the simple predicate.**

The rugby players will endure both physical and mental challenges during tryouts week.

## 17. Identify the sentence with incorrect punctuation.

After my cousin joined the Air Force, he did several tours in Afghanistan. Sometimes, I wonder what it was like, but he doesn't talk about it much? I'm not half as brave as the people who join the military!

Read the following passage. Then, answer the questions.

(1) For travelers planning the trip of a lifetime, it can be hard to choose the perfect vacation? (2) Some destinations promise relaxation and amenities. (3) While others guarantee cultural immersion. (4) A Mediterranean cruise offers a combination of these experiences: it provides luxury accommodations on a ship that travels to a different site almost every day. (5) Each port gives visitors unique, beautiful, and exciting opportunities.

## 18. What is the error in Sentence 1?

- It doesn't end with the correct punctuation mark.
- It doesn't express a complete thought.
- It doesn't have a subject.
- It doesn't have a simple predicate.

## 19. What is the error in Sentence 3?

- It doesn't end with the correct punctuation mark.
- It doesn't express a complete thought.
- It doesn't have a subject.
- It doesn't have a simple predicate.

## 20. What is the simple predicate in Sentence 5?

- port
- gives
- visitors
- and

### Lesson 2.3: Fragments

## 21. Identify the answer that rewrites this fragment as a complete sentence.

Waiting to leave.

- However, waiting to leave.
- Waiting to leave with Trish.
- Trish is waiting to leave.
- Trish waiting to leave.

## 22. Identify the answer that rewrites this fragment as a complete sentence.

My sister and my cousin at the same school, Baylor University.

- My sister and my cousin study at the same school, Baylor University.
- Because my sister and my cousin study at the same school, Baylor University.
- Baylor University, the school that my sister and cousin both attend.
- Studying at Baylor University, my sister and my cousin.

## 23. Identify the fragment.

- The Grind, a new coffee shop, just opened near me.
- Jenna and Karim driving to the coffee shop tomorrow.
- I enjoy bold coffee.
- Unique coffee roasts are served at The Grind.

24. What is missing from this fragment?

Flooded the streets and forced the tourists to take shelter.

- A subject
- A simple predicate
- A complete thought
- Nothing; it's a complete sentence.

25. What is missing from this fragment?

The quirky characters and their bubbly on-screen personalities.

- A subject
- A simple predicate
- A complete thought
- Nothing; it's a complete sentence.

26. Identify the fragment.

His coding skills have improved over the last few years. Since he took a software engineering course. He learned a lot. His managers have noticed, and they are giving him a raise.

Determine whether each example is a fragment or complete sentence.

27. Turn it on.

- Fragment
- Complete sentence

28. Well-known actor Jennifer Lawrence actually a middle-school dropout.

- Fragment
- Complete sentence

29. We going to the library tonight.

- Fragment
- Complete sentence

30. Give yourself grace.

- Fragment
- Complete sentence

## Lesson 2.4: Fused Sentences

31. True or false? A fused sentence joins two independent clauses without any punctuation or conjunction.

- True
- False

32. Which is one way to revise a fused sentence?

- Add a semicolon and coordinating conjunction.
- Remove the comma before the coordinating conjunction.
- Add a semicolon between the two independent clauses.
- Add a coordinating conjunction between the two independent clauses.

33. Identify the answer that makes this fused sentence complete.

It rains in Florida almost every summer afternoon the rain can last for minutes or hours.

- It rains in Florida almost every summer afternoon, the rain can last for minutes or hours.
- It rains in Florida almost every summer afternoon; the rain can last for minutes or hours.
- It rains in Florida almost every summer afternoon and the rain can last for minutes or hours.
- It rains in Florida almost every summer afternoon; and the rain can last for minutes or hours.

34. Identify the answer that makes this fused sentence complete.

Ollie doesn't like to spend money going out to eat she tries to pack a lunch every day.

- Ollie doesn't like to spend money going out to eat so she tries to pack a lunch every day.
- Ollie doesn't like to spend money going out to eat; so she tries to pack lunch every day.
- Ollie doesn't like to spend money going out to eat, she tries to pack a lunch every day.
- Ollie doesn't like to spend money going out to eat, so she tries to pack a lunch every day.

35. Identify the fused sentence.

- Most tornado damage occurs from flying debris this damage is measured by the Fujita scale.
- Most tornado damage occurs from flying debris; this damage is measured by the Fujita scale.
- Most tornado damage occurs from flying debris, and this damage is measured by the Fujita scale.
- Most tornado damage occurs from flying debris; in fact, this damage is measured by the Fujita scale.

36. Identify the two fused sentences.

Leo has loved cars all his life. Growing up, he helped his dad fix friends' and neighbors' cars. He began working as a mechanic at age seventeen he quickly amazed his coworkers. He just wanted to be around cars he pumped gas in high school. He graduated from high school, and a major automobile manufacturer offered him a job. He has been designing cars for over twenty years. Now, he's teaching his daughter how to fix cars.

37. Identify the two fused sentences.

Viewing morning sunlight is one of the best things you can do for your physical and mental health. It sets our circadian rhythm and kickstarts all of our cell cycles it will also help you sleep better at night. Five to ten minutes is enough you should never stare directly at the sun, however.

Determine whether each example is fused or complete.

38. Did your sister go to a four-year college or enroll in technical school?

- Fused
- Complete

39. The integrity of the study was compromised the results are invalid.
- Fused  Complete
40. Compensation reflects work and education experience, but it can be negotiated.
- Fused  Complete

## Lesson 2.5: Comma Splices

41. A comma splice is:
- A type of sentence error that uses only a comma to join independent clauses
- A complete sentence containing two independent clauses
- A type of sentence error that doesn't use any punctuation or conjunction to join independent clauses
- Two fragments that are joined together by only a comma
42. Identify the comma splice.
- Goldie loves to go bowling her husband Kurt rarely goes with her.
- Goldie loves to go bowling, her husband Kurt rarely goes with her.
- Goldie loves to go bowling; her husband Kurt rarely goes with her.
- Goldie loves to go bowling, but her husband Kurt rarely goes with her.
43. Identify the answer that rewrites this comma splice as a compound sentence.
- Three weeks is plenty of time to complete this assignment, extensions are allowed in special circumstances.
- Three weeks is plenty of time to complete this assignment, extensions are allowed, in special circumstances.
- Three weeks is plenty of time to complete this assignment, but extensions are allowed in special circumstances.
- Three weeks is plenty of time to complete this assignment, extensions are allowed but in special circumstances.
- Three weeks is plenty of time to complete this assignment, extensions are allowed; in special circumstances.
44. Identify the comma splice.
- Sharice has read most of Shakespeare's plays she enjoys the stories and his talent with words.
- Using colorful index cards to take neat, color-coded notes.
- The research study offers compensation, students will be paid by the hour for their participation.
- My Uncle Peter is a chemical engineer and works at a power plant in Montana.
45. Identify the three comma splices.

Overnight, six inches of snow fell over metropolitan Atlanta, this caused several issues. Schools were closed, and the number of traffic accidents was alarming. Generally, snow is not a common occurrence in Georgia the city was not prepared for it. Since most residents weren't familiar with driving on ice, most of them stayed home. Northern areas are more prepared for snow and ice, the South just shuts down in the rare event of a snowstorm. It's important that people stay safe in extreme or unexpected weather conditions.

46. Rewrite this comma splice as a compound sentence.

Tia peeked through the frosted glass to see what caused the rustling sound, no one was there.

Determine whether or not each example is a comma splice.

47. My laptop died in the middle of my assignment, I lost all my work.

- Comma splice  Not a comma splice

48. The cerulean blue sky encouraged me during my run, I went three miles without realizing it.

- Comma splice  Not a comma splice

49. The school offers three different study skills courses students can choose the course matching their skill level.

- Comma splice  Not a comma splice

50. Flashcards are a great study tool, and they're portable.

- Comma splice  Not a comma splice

## Lesson 2.6: Subject-Verb Agreement

51. True or false? Subject-verb agreement is when the subject and verb of a simple predicate agree in number (singular or plural).

- True  False

52. Identify the sentence with subject-verb agreement.

- Anna and her cousins goes to the park every Saturday.  
 Anna and her cousins go to the park every Saturday.

53. Identify the sentence with subject-verb agreement.

- They were playing in the sand and sea for hours.  
 They was playing in the sand and sea for hours.

54. Which verb agrees with the underlined subject?

The conference attendees \_\_\_\_\_ to be enjoying the keynote speech.

- seems  seem

55. Which verb agrees with the underlined subject?

Zaynab will replace the overhead lights; they \_\_\_\_\_ too bright.

- is  are

56. Which subject agrees with the underlined simple predicate?

I try to buy fresh, local produce when possible; fortunately, the \_\_\_\_\_ is open every Saturday in my area.

- farmers market  farmers markets

57. Which subject agrees with the underlined simple predicate?

Five minutes before tip-off, the \_\_\_\_\_ warms up on the sidelines.

- players  player

Read the following passage. Then, answer the questions.

(1) Black Friday is one of the most profitable days of the year for retailers. (2) Thousands of people rises early, camps outside of stores, and navigates huge crowds. (3) However, with the rise of online shopping, Cyber Monday, the week after Thanksgiving, is now a more profitable day overall.

58. Does Sentence 1 have subject-verb agreement?

- Yes  No

59. Does Sentence 2 have subject-verb agreement?

- Yes  No

60. Does Sentence 3 have subject-verb agreement?

- Yes  No

## Lesson 2.7: Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

61. What is an antecedent?

- The word that the pronoun renames  
 A pronoun that does not rename a specific noun  
 A pronoun that introduces a clause  
 A basis for classifying male, female, and neutral pronouns

62. Identify the sentence with pronoun-antecedent agreement.

- Neither the British army nor the American forces were able to rescue their men immediately.  
 Neither the British army nor the American forces was able to rescue their men immediately.

63. Does the following sentence have pronoun-antecedent agreement?

Neither Dr. Wagner nor the other researchers could explain their findings.

- Yes  No

64. Identify the antecedent of the underlined pronoun.

During the 2017 Oscars, *La La Land* was initially announced as the winner of Best Picture due to an envelope mix-up, but it was quickly dethroned by the real winner, *Moonlight*.

65. Which pronoun agrees with the underlined antecedent?

After Mulan cuts off her hair and steals her father's armor, \_\_\_\_\_ runs away to join the Chinese army.

- it  she  they  them

66. Which pronoun and antecedent do not agree in number?

Olivia is a CPA manager for an international company; she has no plans to leave them anytime soon.

67. Which pronouns agree with the underlined antecedent?

My cousins and I were surprised and upset when \_\_\_\_\_ heard the news about \_\_\_\_\_ grandfather.

- we, they  us, their  
 we, our  I, they

68. Do the underlined pronoun and antecedent disagree in gender, number, or both?

Flamingos get its distinctive pink coloring by eating foods containing a naturally occurring pigment called beta-carotene.

- Gender  Number  Both

69. Identify the two sentences that do not have pronoun-antecedent agreement.

My friend Kyle was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia the other day. The nurses have been watching him closely, and she says that Kyle is recovering well. He has been improving every day and is almost ready to leave the hospital. The doctors say that he has never seen a patient recover so quickly from pneumonia before.

70. Identify the sentence that does not have pronoun-antecedent agreement.

Roman aqueducts were created to transfer water from one location to another. As the Roman Empire spread across Europe, so did the aqueduct; many other countries started mimicking it. Spain and France have converted some of its surviving sections of Roman aqueducts into bridges. Modern engineers are still amazed by the enduring structures made by the Romans; they were innovative and structurally insightful.

## Lesson 2.8: Pronoun Reference and Case

71. Personal pronouns that show ownership are:

- Subject pronouns  
 Object pronouns  
 Possessive pronouns

72. Identify the object pronoun.

- hers  them  he  we

73. Identify the subject pronoun.

On their colorful rented Vespas, they zipped through the cobblestone streets.

74. Identify the case of the underlined pronoun.

Gary assured us that his mountain cabin will be guest-ready by our check-in date.

- Subject  Object  Possessive

75. Identify the correct pronoun to complete the sentence.

All passengers flying with Budget Airlines must pay for \_\_\_\_\_ carry-on bags in advance.

- they  our  their  its

76. Identify the correct pronoun to complete the sentence.

The ideal candidate for this position is someone \_\_\_\_\_ can take initiative to learn new things quickly.

- whom  who  they  which

77. Identify the correct pronoun to complete the sentence.

*Mary Poppins* starring Emily Blunt is a movie that my mother and \_\_\_\_\_ want to watch.

- I                       me                       we                       they

78. Identify the sentence that uses correct pronoun case.

- After napping for a few hours, we decided to get up.  
 The argument between them and he should have ended months ago.  
 The Parkinson family donates a portion of they income to charity.

79. Is there a pronoun reference error in this sentence?

The first time Jade and Kylie met, she was getting over her terrible cold.

- Yes     No

80. Identify the sentence without a clear antecedent.

- Honeybees work tirelessly to keep their queen healthy and their colony immaculate.  
 Sam needed to mail a gift, but they were closed when he arrived.  
 Kelsie and Jazmyn got a new ceiling fan installed; it's so loud that it keeps them awake at night.  
 Hurricanes do the most damage when they move slowly across the land.



## Chapter 3 Exercises

### Lesson 3.1: Commas

1. Are commas used correctly?

In closing, the Weaver Foundation has done wonderful things for small business owners, our children, and our teachers.

- Yes  No

2. Is the comma used correctly?

Jania and Michael went to the movies, and saw a new horror film.

- Yes  No

3. Identify the function of the comma.

Tim Tebow began his career playing football, but he started playing minor league baseball a few years later.

- After a transition word  
 After an introductory prepositional phrase  
 After a dependent clause  
 To join two independent clauses  
 To separate extra details

4. Identify the sentence that uses commas correctly.

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

5. Identify the answer that revises the comma errors in this sentence.

Initially Tati was hesitant to begin painting but now she enjoys working with vibrant rich colors.

- Initially Tati was hesitant to begin painting but now she enjoys working with vibrant, rich colors.  
 Initially, Tati was hesitant to begin painting, but now she enjoys working with vibrant rich colors.  
 Initially, Tati was hesitant to begin painting, but now she enjoys working with vibrant, rich colors.  
 Initially Tati was hesitant to begin painting, but now she enjoys working with vibrant rich, colors.

6. Add commas where needed.

Next combine the sifted fluffy dry mixture with the egg mixture and Jay will stir it to the correct consistency for you.

Read the following passage. Then, answer the questions.

(1) During the road trip, Erin realized that she had never locked up her house. (2) She was angry, nervous, and frustrated with herself. (3) At a loss, she called the police to explain the situation. (4) The officer on duty, Marlene Jackson, was helpful and quick to visit her property. (5) Overall she was extremely thankful that the situation was handled and her friends were happy that they didn't have to turn around!

7. How is the comma used in Sentence 1?
- To separate adjectives of equal weight
  - After an introductory prepositional phrase
  - After a dependent clause
  - To join two independent clauses
  - To separate extra or unnecessary details
8. How are the commas used in Sentence 2?
- To separate adjectives of equal weight
  - After an introductory prepositional phrase
  - After a dependent clause
  - To join two independent clauses
  - To separate extra or unnecessary details
9. How are the commas used in Sentence 4?
- To separate adjectives of equal weight
  - After an introductory prepositional phrase
  - After a dependent clause
  - To join two independent clauses
  - To separate extra or unnecessary details
10. Identify the answer that revises the comma errors in Sentence 5.
- Overall, she was extremely, thankful that the situation was handled and her friends were happy that they didn't have to turn around!
  - Overall she was extremely thankful that the situation was handled, and her friends were happy, that they didn't have to turn around!
  - Overall, she was extremely thankful that the situation was handled, and her friends were happy that they didn't have to turn around!
  - Overall, she was extremely thankful, that the situation was handled and her friends were happy, that they didn't have to turn around!

### Lesson 3.2: Semicolons and Colons

11. 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.”

12. Which sentence uses semicolons *incorrectly*?

- Kallie scored three goals in the first half; her team still lost the game.
- Human resources will contact you about the position; in three to five business days.
- Bring your resume, application, and a form of identification; upon your arrival, the receptionist will ask you to sign a consent form.
- Mr. Grey has taught high school biology for three decades; he has been awarded Teacher of the Year more than ten times.

13. Add the missing semicolon.

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

14. Which answer choice correctly uses a semicolon to form a compound sentence?

- Felicity mapped out her semester course schedule before the registration window opened; this preparation allowed her to quickly choose her desired classes before they filled up.
- The aircraft was not inspected to the company’s standards; train travel costs have risen significantly over the last five years.
- Neal is an amateur blacksmith with aspirations; making it his career one day.
- Before the demolition, the team needed to check the fuse connections; ensure proper safety attire for everyone on-site; notify the base guard of the pending explosion; and film each component for later review.

15. Add the missing semicolons.

For the chili, you will need two cans of beans in chili sauce one package of lean ground beef one can of crushed, fire-roasted tomatoes plenty of spices, like chili powder and cumin and toppings of your choice (such as cheese, tortilla strips, or cilantro).

16. Is the colon used correctly?

The beach clean up volunteers found: a half-buried gold wedding band, several deflated beach balls, lots of plastic water bottles, and four Styrofoam coolers.

- Yes  No

17. Is the colon used correctly?

Carl Jung said: “Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.”

- Yes  No

18. Add the missing colon.

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.

19. Use colons to write this time of day: four fifteen p.m.

20. Write a sentence that correctly uses a colon to introduce this quote:

Quote: “The best revenge is to be unlike him who performed the injury.”

Source: Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*

### Lesson 3.3: Apostrophes

21. Which situation requires an apostrophe?

- Possessive pronouns                       Possessive nouns  
 Plural nouns                                       Singular pronouns

22. Identify the sentence that uses the apostrophe(s) correctly.

- In tomorrows' newspaper, the front-page article will discuss the recent local crime spree's.  
 Frederick seems to retain some affection for Rosalind, allowing her to stay despite her father's banishment.  
 Dr. Marta Jones's dissertation was thirty pages' long; it was about post-colonialism in human geography.  
 Patricia Smith's poetry focuses on Hurricane Katrina and it's devastating effects on New Orleans.

23. Identify the sentence that uses the apostrophe(s) *incorrectly*.

- Ellis's llama keeps sneaking into the neighbor's garden and nibbling on the rutabagas.  
 The soldiers's rations were slim, but the squadron's cook tried hard to make the meals appealing.  
 Until the mud-covered puppy jumped in the pool and washed off its spots, Lorenzo didn't realize it was his dog!

24. Identify the word that uses an apostrophe correctly.

Mallorys' familys car's are much newer than the other parents' cars.

25. Identify the word that uses an apostrophe *incorrectly*.

John's first job in the late 90's was washing windows at his neighbor's corporate office building.

26. Which answer uses an apostrophe to make a noun possessive?

- it's                       '60s                       let's                       dad's

27. Shorten these phrases, using apostrophes to indicate possession.

the license belonging to the company

the bikes belonging to the kids

the grades belonging to the students

Read the following passage. Then, answer the questions.

(1) "It's still at the dry cleaners," I explained when Gavin asked me where his shirt had gone. (2) "I'm hoping that it'll be ready to pick up tomorrow."

(3) Sharply, Gavin said, "I hope you're right because the consequences won't be your's but mine. (4) Without that shirt, I wont have anything to wear to the companys' dinner; I don't think either of us wants' that to happen."

28. In Sentence 2, what purpose do the apostrophes serve?

- To show that the pronouns are possessive  
 To show that the pronouns are plural  
 To combine words in a contraction

29. Which word in Sentence 3 uses apostrophes *incorrectly*?

- you're                       your's                       won't

30. Which word in Sentence 4 uses apostrophes correctly?

- wont                       companys'                       don't                       wants'

### Lesson 3.4: Quotation Marks, Parentheses, and Brackets

31. Identify the two sentences that use quotation marks correctly.

- The statement made by the Jordan government asserted 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?”
- “The custodian said, Excuse me, I just mopped there.”

32. Identify the sentence that uses quotation marks *incorrectly*.

- Dr. Abigail Shakhtar, marine biologist, urges beachgoers to clean up after themselves “for the sake of the native wildlife, whose homes you are visiting and often destroying in the process.”
- Hannah’s tenth grade English teacher asked the class to read the short story “Thank You, M’am” by Langston Hughes.
- Lin’s parrot squawked, “It’s a tad underbaked!”
- “If you don’t have a signed parental consent form, we cannot watch *The Office* episode ‘Money’ in class to discuss whoever vs. whomever,” said Ms. Tealy.

33. Add quotation marks where needed.

The jogger waved his arms, shouting, That red car almost ran me over!

34. 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.

35. Identify the sentence that uses parentheses correctly.

- Dr. Kimberly Tripp (a graduate of the University of Florida College of Medicine is currently in her residency at Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital.)
- Dr. Kimberly Tripp (a graduate of the University of Florida College of Medicine) is currently in her residency at Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital.
- (Dr. Kimberly Tripp) a graduate of the University of Florida College of Medicine is currently in her residency (at Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital.)

36. Add parentheses where needed.

One professional sports league that depends heavily on sponsorships is the World Surf League WSL because spectators aren’t required to pay to watch people surf at public beaches.

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

- Quotation marks                       Parentheses                       Brackets

38. 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.”

39. Which two sentences in this passage use brackets correctly?

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 personalized, individual process,” Wexler explained (47).

40. Add brackets where necessary.

Leslie’s sister applied to most colleges in the Appalachia area (except the University of Virginia UVA ).

### Lesson 3.5: Ellipses, Hyphens, and Dashes

41. Is the ellipsis used correctly?

Shakily, she lowered herself into the wooden chair... and waited for her mother’s arrival.

- Yes  No

42. 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

- “Watching soccer is my main hobby . . . I enjoy watching the free flow of it, the different styles, and the histories behind clubs.”
- “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.”

43. Which sentence formats the ellipsis correctly?

- According to retail employee Mark Parker, the malls have been “empty as a ghost town...since the pandemic.”
- According to retail employee Mark Parker, the malls have been “empty as a ghost town . . . since the pandemic.”
- According to retail employee Mark Parker, the malls have been “empty as a ghost town .... since the pandemic.”

44. 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.
- Gianna’s coworkers think she’s delightfully easygoing, but her close friends-and family- might disagree.

45. Which sentence uses hyphens *incorrectly*?

- Full-time students are eligible to receive one free ticket to every home football game.
- Nadia will not travel without her very-costly luggage set.
- The nurse said, “Your anti-inflammatory medication is ready to be picked up from our on-site pharmacy.”

46. Add hyphens where needed.

Jeevan’s ten year old son said from the backseat, “I think I’m experiencing a post nap headache.”

47. Is the dash used correctly?

She accidentally left all her groceries—milk, eggs, fruit, and meat outside in a hot car.

- Yes  No

Read the following passage. Then, answer the questions.

(1) In a two-part interview with *Fade* magazine, fourteen-year-old pop sensation Kodee Ming said his rise to fame happened unexpectedly and unintentionally. (2) He never imagined that anyone — not millions of people around the world — would watch shakily filmed YouTube videos of him playing cover songs in his basement. (3) “I believe everyone has a purpose in life . . . I realized that mine was music because of the joy it brought me. (4) A life without music—singing it, writing it, producing it—would be a colorless, pointless life.”

48. Are hyphens used correctly in Sentence 1?

- Yes  No

49. Are dashes used correctly in Sentence 2?

- Yes  No

50. Is the ellipsis used correctly in Sentence 3?

- Yes  No

51. Are dashes used correctly in Sentence 4?

- Yes  No

### Lesson 3.6: Capitalization and Italics

52. Is the capitalization correct?

Basil is a fragrant herb common in both italian and thai cooking.

- Yes  No

53. Is the capitalization correct?

As neuroscientist Antonio Damasio explains, "it is emotion that allows you to mark things as good, bad, or different."

- Yes  No

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

The National Basketball Association (NBA) held a Conference about Famous Athletes.

55. Correct the capitalization errors.

debaters will be asked a series of questions about australian and european history.

56. 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.

57. Identify the option that should *not* be italicized.

- Book titles  Albums  
 Movie titles  Short story titles  
 Magazines and newspapers  Works of art

58. Identify the term that should be italicized.

For their anniversary dinner, Alex made Madhavi salmon with beurre blanc, a classic French butter sauce containing heavy cream, white wine, shallots, and vinegar.

Read the following passage. Then, answer the questions.

(1) Penny was struggling in her african american history course, but her Professor noticed and asked how he could help. (2) She said, "I'm trying to understand the themes and issues addressed in Ellison's novel *Invisible Man*, but it feels blurry and unclear when I read it." (3) Professor Barkley offered to read parts of the novel with her so they could discuss important topics along the way.

59. Is the capitalization correct in Sentence 1?

- Yes  No

60. Are italics used correctly in Sentence 2?

- Yes  No

### Lesson 3.7: Abbreviations and Numbers

61. 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.  
 Abbreviations that cannot be pronounced as regular words are acronyms.

62. Write the abbreviation for this government organization: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

63. Identify the acronym.

- Dr. (doctor)
- FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation)
- DVD (digital video disc)
- NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)
- Lb. (pound)

64. Is the abbreviation *NFL* introduced correctly in this example?

Two of the newest franchises in the NFL are the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Houston Texans. The National Football League welcomed the Jaguars in 1995, and the Texans' debut season was in 2002.

- Yes
- No

65. What is the correct spelling of this number?

28

- twenty eight
- twentyeight
- twenty-eight

66. Which sentence formats the numbers in MLA style?

- According to the organization's website, the highest-paid athlete in 2023 received 269,000,000 dollars.
- The archaeologists found pottery dating back to 607 BCE.
- 25 students received scholarships for academic integrity last year.
- Hannah was born in two thousand ten, and her family has moved across 7 different states since then.

67. Which sentence does *not* format numbers in MLA style?

- Fifty-two traffic accidents have occurred at this intersection since 2004; the city government must enact protective measures to keep the community safe from this known hazard.
- The joint car wash and bake sale earned three thousand four hundred and seventy-one dollars for charity last weekend.
- According to a 2021 research study, 39% of women ages twenty-five and older held a bachelor's degree (or higher), compared to 37% of men in the same age range.
- Professor Kaado asked the class to turn to page 91, then asked for three volunteers to read aloud one paragraph each.

Read the following passage. Then, answer the questions.

(1) In many modern horror films, directors use expensive computer-generated imagery (CGI) shots of violence and mayhem and elaborately choreographed action scenes to show the audience the literal truth of a story. (2) However, less overt tactics—such as innovative editing techniques, insinuated violence, and unexpected plot twists—are often more effective. (3) In the infamous shower scene of his 1960 masterpiece film *Psycho*, Alfred Hitchcock utilizes all three of these tactics to unnerve his audience. (4) The film was nominated for 4 Academy Awards, and after Hitchcock's death in nineteen eighty, Universal Pictures produced 3 sequels, a remake, and a TV series based on his film.

68. Does Sentence 1 use abbreviations correctly?

Yes

No

69. Does Sentence 3 format numbers in MLA style?

Yes

No

70. Does Sentence 4 format numbers in MLA style?

Yes

No



## 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.

percieve      freting      managment

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.