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PARTS OF SPEECH

Nouns

1. A singular noun is a word that names one person, place, thing, or idea: brother, classroom, piglet, and joy. A plural noun names more than one person, place, thing, or idea: brothers, classrooms, piglets, and joys.

2. To help you determine whether a word in a sentence is a noun, try adding it to the following sentences. Nouns will fit in at least one of these sentences:
   I know something about ________. I know something about a(n) ________.
   I know something about brothers. I know something about a classroom.

3. A collective noun names a group. When the collective noun refers to the group as a whole, it is singular. When it refers to the individual group members, the collective noun is plural.
   The class meets two days a week. (singular)
   The board of trustees come from all walks of life. (plural)

4. A common noun names a general class of people, places, things, or ideas: soldier, country, month, or theory. A proper noun specifies a particular person, place, thing, event, or idea. Proper nouns are always capitalized: General Schwartzkopf, America, July, or Big Bang.

5. A concrete noun names an object that occupies space or that can be recognized by any of the senses: tuba, music, potato, and aroma. An abstract noun names an idea, a quality, or a characteristic: courage, sanity, power, and memory.

6. A possessive noun shows possession, ownership, or the relationship between two nouns: Raul’s house, the cat’s fur, and the girls’ soccer ball.

Pronouns

1. A pronoun takes the place of a noun, a group of words acting as a noun, or another pronoun.

2. A personal pronoun refers to a specific person or thing. First person personal pronouns refer to the speaker, second person pronouns refer to the one spoken to, and third person pronouns refer to the one spoken about.

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3. A reflexive pronoun refers to the subject of the sentence. An intensive pronoun adds emphasis to a noun or another pronoun. A demonstrative pronoun points out specific persons, places, things, or ideas.

   Reflexive: They psyched themselves up for the football game.
   Intensive: Freddie himself asked Julie out.
   Demonstrative: That is a good idea! Those are my friends.

4. An interrogative pronoun is used to form questions. A relative pronoun is used to introduce a subordinate clause. An indefinite pronoun refers to persons, places, or things in a more general way than a noun does.

   Interrogative: Which is your choice? With whom were you playing video games?
5. The **antecedent** of a pronoun is the word or group of words referred to by the pronoun.

   **Ben rode his bike to school. (Ben is the antecedent of his.)**

**Verbs**

1. A **verb** is a word that expresses action or a state of being and is necessary to make a statement. Most verbs will fit one or more of these sentences:

   - We _______. We _______ loyal. We _______ it. It _______.
   - We **sleep**. We **remain** loyal. We **love** it! It **snowed**.

2. An **action verb** tells what someone or something does. The two types of action verbs are transitive and intransitive. A **transitive verb** is followed by a word or words that answer the question **what?** or **whom**? An **intransitive verb** is not followed by a word that answers **what?** or **whom**?

   - Transitive: Children **trust** their parents. The puppy **carried** the bone away.
   - Intransitive: The team **played** poorly. The light **burned** brightly.

3. A **linking verb** links, or joins, the subject of a sentence with an adjective, a noun, or a pronoun.

   - The concert **was** loud. (adjective) I **am** a good card player. (noun)

4. A **verb phrase** consists of a main verb and all its **auxiliary**, or helping, verbs.

   - My stomach **has been growling** all morning. I **am waiting** for a letter.

5. Verbs have four **principle parts** or forms: base, past, present participle, and past participle.

   - **Base:** I eat. **Present Participle:** I am eating.
   - **Past:** I ate. **Past Participle:** I have eaten.

6. The principle parts are used to form six verb tenses. The **tense** of a verb expresses time.

   **Simple Tenses**
   - **Present Tense:** She **eats**. (present or habitual action)
   - **Past Tense:** She **ate**. (action completed in the past)
   - **Future Tense:** She **will eat**. (action to be done in the future)

   **Perfect Tenses**
   - **Present Perfect Tense:** She **has eaten**. (action done at some indefinite time or still in effect)
   - **Past Perfect Tense:** She **had eaten**. (action completed before some other past action)
   - **Future Perfect Tense:** She **will have eaten**. (action to be completed before some future time)

7. **Irregular verbs** form their past and past participle without adding **-ed** to the base form.

**PRINCIPAL PARTS OF IRREGULAR VERBS**

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8. **Progressive forms** of verbs, combined with a form of **be**, express a continuing action. **Emphatic forms**, combined with a form of **do**, add emphasis or form questions.

   Kari is scratching the cat. Loni has been washing the walls.

   We do support our hometown heroes. (present) He did want that dinner. (past)

9. The **voice** of a verb shows whether the subject performs the action or receives the action of the verb. The **active voice** occurs when the subject performs the action. The **passive voice** occurs when the action of the verb is performed on the subject.

   The owl swooped upon its prey. (active) The ice cream was scooped by the cashier. (passive)

10. A verb can express one of three moods. The **indicative mood** makes a statement or asks a question. The **imperative mood** expresses a command or request. The **subjunctive mood** indirectly expresses a demand, recommendation, suggestion, statement of necessity, or a condition contrary to fact.

   I am overjoyed. (indicative) Stop the car. (imperative)

   If I were angry, I would not have let you in. (subjunctive)

### Adjectives

1. An **adjective** modifies a noun or pronoun by giving a descriptive or specific detail. Adjectives can usually show comparisons. (See Using Modifiers Correctly on pages 9 and 10.)

   - cold winter  
   - colder winter  
   - coldest winter

2. Most adjectives will fit this sentence:

   The _______ one looks very _______.

   The dusty one looks very old.

3. Articles are the adjectives a, an, and the. Articles do not meet the above test for adjectives.
4. A **proper adjective** is formed from a proper noun and begins with a capital letter. Marijka wore a **Ukrainian** costume. He was a **Danish** prince.

5. An adjective used as an **object complement** follows and describes a direct object. My aunt considers me **funny**.

### Adverbs

1. An **adverb** modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Most adverbs can show comparisons. (See Using Modifiers Correctly on pages 9 and 10.)
   
   a. Adverbs that tell how, where, when, or to what degree modify verbs or verbals.
   
   - The band stepped **lively**. (how) Maria writes **frequently**. (when)
   - Put the piano **here**. (where) We were **thoroughly** entertained. (to what degree)

   b. Adverbs of degree strengthen or weaken the adjectives or other adverbs that they modify.
   
   - A **very** happy fan cheered. (modifies adjective) She spoke **too** fast. (modifies adverb)

2. Many adverbs fit these sentences:
   
   - She thinks ______.
   - She thinks ______ fast.
   - She ______ thinks fast.
   She thinks **quickly**. She thinks **unusually** fast. She **seldom** thinks fast.

### Prepositions, Conjunctions, and Interjections

1. A **preposition** shows the relationship of a noun or a pronoun to some other word. A **compound preposition** is made up of more than one word.
   
   The first group of students arrived. They skated **in spite of** the cold weather.


3. A **conjunction** is a word that joins single words or groups of words. A **coordinating conjunction** joins words or groups of words that have equal grammatical weight. Correlative conjunctions work in pairs to join words and groups of words of equal weight. A **subordinating conjunction** joins two clauses in such a way as to make one grammatically dependent on the other.
   
   - Coordinating conjunction: He **and** I talked for hours.
   - Correlative conjunctions: Russ wants **either** a cat **or** a dog.
   - Subordinating conjunction: We ate lunch **when** it was ready.

4. A **conjunctive adverb** clarifies a relationship.
   He did not like cold weather; **nevertheless**, he shoveled the snow.

5. An **interjection** is an unrelated word or phrase that expresses emotion or exclamation.
   - **Wow**, that was cool!
   - **Aha!** You fell right into my trap!

### PARTS OF THE SENTENCE

#### Subjects and Predicates

1. The **simple subject** is the key noun or pronoun that tells what the sentence is about. A **compound subject** is made up of two or more simple subjects that are joined by a conjunction and have the same verb.
   
   - My **father** snores.
   - My **mother** and I can’t sleep.
2. The **simple predicate** is the verb or verb phrase that expresses the essential thought about the subject of the sentence. A **compound predicate** is made up of two or more verbs or verb phrases that are joined by a conjunction and have the same subject.

The night **was** cold. The elves **sang** and **danced** in the flower garden.

3. The **complete subject** consists of the simple subject and all the words that modify it.

**The bright lights of the city** burned intensely. **The warm, soothing fire** kept us warm.

4. The **complete predicate** consists of the simple predicate and all the words that modify it or complete its meaning.

Dinosaurs **died out 65 million years ago.** The sun **provides heat for the earth.**

5. Usually the subject comes before the predicate in a sentence. In inverted sentences, all or part of the predicate precedes the subject.

There **are two muffins on the plate** "Over the field **soared the glider.**"

### Complements

1. A **complement** is a word or a group of words that complete the meaning of the verb. There are four kinds of complements: direct objects, indirect objects, object complements, and subject complements.

2. A **direct object** answers what? or whom? after an action verb.

Sammi ate the **turkey.** (Sammi ate what?)
Carlos watched his **sister** in the school play. (Carlos watched whom?)

3. An **indirect object** receives what the direct object names.

Marie wrote June **a letter.** George Washington gave his **troops** orders.

4. A **subject complement** follows a subject and a linking verb and identifies or describes the subject.

A **predicate nominative** is a noun or a pronoun that follows a linking verb and further identifies the subject. A **predicate adjective** follows a linking verb and further describes the subject.

Predicate Nominative: The best football player is **Jacob.**
Predicate Adjective: The people have been very **patient.**

5. An **object complement** describes or renames a direct object.

Object Complement: Ami found the man **handsome.**
Object Complement: Carlo thought the woman a **genius.**

### PHRASES

1. A **phrase** is a group of words that acts in a sentence as a single part of speech.

2. A **prepositional phrase** is a group of words that begins with a preposition and usually ends with a noun or a pronoun called the **object of the preposition.** A prepositional phrase can modify a noun or a pronoun, a verb, an adjective, or an adverb.

One of my favorite meals is pigs **in a blanket.** (modifies the noun **pigs**)
The supersonic jet soared **into the sky.** (modifies the verb **soared**)
The love of a household pet can be valuable **for a family.** (modifies the adjective **valuable**)
The child reads well **for a six-year-old.** (modifies the adverb **well**)

3. An **appositive** is a noun or a pronoun that is placed next to another noun or pronoun to identify it or give more information about it. An **appositive phrase** is an appositive plus its modifiers.

My grandfather **Géza** takes me fishing. C.S. Lewis, **my favorite author,** lived in England.
4. A **verbal** is a verb form that functions in a sentence as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb. A **verbal phrase** is a verbal plus any complements and modifiers.
   a. A **participle** is a verbal that functions as an adjective: Gary comforted the **crying** baby.
   b. A **participial phrase** contains a participle plus any complements or modifiers: Thanking **everyone**, my uncle began to carve the turkey.
   c. A **gerund** is a verbal that ends with -ing. It is used in the same way a noun is used: **Skiing** is a popular sport.
   d. A **gerund phrase** is a gerund plus any complements or modifiers: **Singing the national anthem** is traditional at many sports events.
   e. An **infinitive** is a verbal that is usually preceded by the word to. It is used as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb: I never learned **to dance**. (noun) She has an errand **to run**. (adjective) I will be happy **to help**. (adverb)
   f. An **infinitive phrase** contains an infinitive plus any complements or modifiers: **Singing the national anthem** is traditional at many sports events.

5. An **absolute phrase** consists of a noun or a pronoun that is modified by a participle or a participial phrase but has no grammatical relation to the sentence.

His legs terribly tired, Honori sat down.

**CLASSES AND SENTENCE STRUCTURE**

1. A **clause** is a group of words that has a subject and a predicate and is used as a sentence or part of a sentence. There are two types of clauses: main and subordinate. A **main clause** has a subject and a predicate and can stand alone as a sentence. A **subordinate clause** has a subject and a predicate, but it cannot stand alone as a sentence.

   Main          Sub.
   **The book bored me,** until I read Chapter 5.

2. There are three types of subordinate clauses: adjective, adverb, and noun.
   a. An **adjective clause** is a subordinate clause that modifies a noun or a pronoun.
      The students **who stayed after school for help** did well on the test.
   b. An **adverb clause** is a subordinate clause that modifies a verb, an adjective, or an adverb. It tells when, where, how, why, to what extent, or under what conditions.
      **When the sun set**, everyone watched from the window. (modifies a verb)
      Today is warmer **than yesterday was**. (modifies an adjective)
   c. A **noun clause** is a subordinate clause used as a noun.
      **Who will become president** has been declared. I now remember **what I need to buy**.

3. Main and subordinate clauses can form four types of sentences. A **simple sentence** has only one main clause and no subordinate clauses. A **compound sentence** has two or more main clauses. A **complex sentence** has one main clause and one or more subordinate clauses. A **compound-complex sentence** has more than one main clause and at least one subordinate clause.

   **Simple:** The stars fill the sky.
   **Compound:** The plane landed, and the passengers left.
   **Complex:** Although the children found the letter, they couldn’t read it.
   **Compound-Complex:** The earth is bountiful; we may destroy it if we abuse it.
A sentence that makes a statement is classified as a **declarative sentence**: The Cleveland Browns are my favorite team. An **imperative sentence** gives a command or makes a request: Please go to the dance with me. An **interrogative sentence** asks a question: Who would abandon a family pet? An **exclamatory sentence** expresses strong emotion: Look out!

**SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT**

1. A verb must agree with its subject in person and number.
   
   Doli **runs**. (singular)  
   Doli and Abay **run**. (plural)  
   He **is** singing. (singular)  
   They **are** singing. (plural)

2. In **inverted sentences** the subject follows the verb. The sentence may begin with a prepositional phrase, the words *there* or *here*, or the verb form of *do*.
   
   Out of the bushes **sprang** the **leopard**.  
   There **is** never enough **time**.  
   Do those **pigs** eat leftover food?

3. Do not mistake a word in a prepositional phrase for the subject.
   
   The **boss** of the employees **works** very hard. (The verb *works* tells the action of the boss.)

4. Make the verb in a sentence agree with the subject, not with the predicate nominative.
   
   Her problem was the twins. The twins **were** her problem.

5. A title is always singular, even if nouns in the title are plural.
   
   The **War of the Worlds** was a radio broadcast that caused widespread panic.

6. Subjects combined with *and* or *both* use plural verbs unless the parts are of a whole unit.
   
   When compound subjects are joined with *or* or *nor*, the verb agrees with the subject listed last.
   
   Chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla are **common** ice cream flavors.  
   Peanut butter and jelly is a good snack. Neither **books** nor a **briefcase** is needed.

7. Use a singular verb if the compound subject is preceded by the words *many a*, *every*, or *each*.
   
   Every dog and cat needs to be cared for. Many a **young man** has stood here.

8. A subject remains singular or plural regardless of any intervening expressions.
   
   Gloria, as well as the rest of her family, **was** late.  
   The **players**, accompanied by the coach, **enter** the field.

9. A verb must agree in number with an indefinite pronoun subject.
   
   Always singular: each, either, neither, one, everyone, everybody, everything, no one, nobody, nothing, anyone, anybody, anything, someone, somebody, and something.  
   Always plural: several, few, both, and many.  
   Either singular or plural: some, all, any, most, and none.
   Is any of the **lemonade** left? Are any of the **biscuits** burnt?

10. When the subject of an adjective clause is a relative pronoun, the verb in the clause must agree with the antecedent of the relative pronoun.
   
   He is one of the singers who dance. (The antecedent of *who* is singers, plural: singers dance.)

**USING PRONOUNS CORRECTLY**

1. Use the **nominative case** when the pronoun is a subject or a predicate nominative.
   
   She eats cake.  
   Is he here?  
   That is I. (predicate nominative)
2. Use the **objective case** when the pronoun is an object.
   Clarence invited **us**. (direct object)  Chapa gave **me** a gift. (indirect object)
   Spot! Don’t run around **me**! (object of preposition)

3. Use the **possessive case** to replace possessive nouns and precede gerunds. Never use an apostrophe in a possessive pronoun.
   That new car is **hers**.  They were thrilled at **his** playing the violin.

4. Use the **nominative case** when the pronoun is a subject or a predicate nominative.
   **We** three—Marijian, his sister, and I—went to camp.

5. Use the **objective case** to rename an object.
   The teacher acknowledged **us**, Burny and **me**.

6. When a pronoun is followed by an appositive, choose the case of the pronoun that would be correct if the appositive were omitted.
   **We** the jury find the defendant guilty.  **That building was erected by us workers**.

7. In elliptical adverb clauses using **than** and **as**, choose the case of the pronoun that you would use if the missing words were fully expressed.
   Kareem is a better sprinter than **I**. (I am)  It helped you more than **me**. (it helped me)

8. Use a **reflexive pronoun** when it refers to the person who is the subject of the sentence. Avoid using hisself or theirselves.
   Jerry found **himself** in a mess.  The candidates questioned **themselves** about their tactics.

9. In questions, use **who** for subjects and **whom** for objects. Use **who** and **whoever** for subjects and predicate nominatives in subordinate clauses. Use the objective pronouns **whom** and **whomever** for objects of subordinate clauses.
   Who roasted these marshmallows?  Whom will you hire next?
   This medal is for **whoever** finishes first.
   The newspaper will interview **whomever** the editor chooses.

10. An **antecedent** is the word or group of words to which a pronoun refers or that a pronoun replaces. All pronouns must agree with their antecedents in number, gender, and person.
    Colleen’s **friends** gave up their free time to help.  The **Senate** passed its first bill of the year.

11. Make sure that the antecedent of a pronoun is clearly stated.
    VAGUE:  The people who lost their dogs stayed in their yards, hoping **they** would return.
    CLEAR:  The people who lost their dogs stayed in their yards, hoping **the dogs** would return.
    INDEFINITE:  If you park the car under the sign **it** will be towed away.
    CLEAR:  If you park the car under the sign **the car** will be towed away.

**USING MODIFIERS CORRECTLY**

1. Most adjectives and adverbs have three **degrees of form**. The **positive form** of a modifier cannot be used to make a comparison. The **comparative form** of a modifier shows two things being compared. The **superlative form** of a modifier shows three or more things being compared.
   The year went by **fast**.  This year went by **faster** than last year.
   I expect next year to go by the **fastest** of all.
2. One- and two-syllable adjectives add -er to form comparative and -est to form superlative.
   
   POSITIVE: bold happy strong
   
   COMPARATIVE: bolder happier stronger
   
   SUPERLATIVE: boldest happiest strongest

3. For adverbs ending in -ly and modifiers with three or more syllables, use more and most or less and least to form the comparative and superlative degrees.
   
   He was the least exhausted of the group. She spoke more caringly than some others.

4. Some modifiers have irregular forms.
   
   POSITIVE: good, well badly, ill far many, much little
   
   COMPARATIVE: better worse farther more less
   
   SUPERLATIVE: best worst farthest most least

5. Do not make a double comparison using both -er or -est and more or most.
   
   INCORRECT: That musical was the most funniest I have ever seen.
   
   CORRECT: That musical was the funniest I have ever seen.

6. Do not make an incomplete or unclear comparison by omitting other or else when you compare one member of a group with another.
   
   UNCLEAR: Joey has missed more school than any kid in the ninth grade.
   
   CLEAR: Joey has missed more school than any other kid in the ninth grade.

7. Avoid double negatives, which are two negative words in the same clause.
   
   INCORRECT: I have not seen no stray cats.
   
   CORRECT: I have not seen any stray cats.

8. For clarity, place modifiers as close as possible to the words they modify.
   
   MISPLACED: The fire was snuffed out by the storm that we accidentally started.
   
   CLEAR: The fire that we accidentally started was snuffed out by the storm.

   DANGLING: To avoid the long walk, a friend drove us.
   
   CLEAR: To avoid the long walk, we were driven by a friend.

9. Place the adverb only immediately before the word or group of words it modifies.
   
   Only Afi wants choir rehearsal next week. (No one but Afi wants rehearsal.)
   
   Afi wants only choir rehearsal next week. (She wants no other rehearsal.)
   
   Afi wants choir rehearsal only next week. (She does not want rehearsal any other week.)

**USAGE GLOSSARY**

a, an Use the article a when the following word begins with a consonant sound. Use an when the following word begins with a vowel sound.

a house an understudy an hour a united front

a lot, alot Always write this expression, meaning “a large amount,” as two words.

With his help, we will learn a lot about photography.

a while, awhile In or for often precedes a while, forming a prepositional phrase. Awhile is used only as an adverb.

Let us listen to the forest for a while. The students listened awhile.
accept, except  Accept, a verb, means “to receive” or “to agree to.” Except may be a preposition or a verb. As a preposition it means “but.” As a verb it means “to leave out.” I will accept all of your terms except the last one.

adapt, adopt  Adapt means “to adjust.” Adopt means “to take something for one’s own.” Species survive because they adapt to new situations. My church will adopt a needy family.

advice, advise  Advice, a noun, means “helpful opinion.” Advise, a verb, means “to give advice.” I must advise you to never take Jakel’s advice.

affect, effect  Affect, a verb, means “to cause a change in, to influence.” Effect may be a noun or a verb. As a noun it means “result.” As a verb it means “to bring about.” Is it true that the observer can affect the results? (verb) I have no idea what effect that may have. (noun) How can the president effect a good approval rating? (verb)

ain’t  Ain’t is unacceptable in speaking and writing. Use only in exact quotations.

all ready, already  All ready means “completely ready.” Already means “before or by this time.” We had already purchased our plane tickets, and we were all ready to board.

all right, alright  Always write this expression as two words. Alright is unacceptable. Because she is your friend, she is all right with me.

all together, altogether  The two words all together mean “in a group.” The single word altogether is an adverb meaning “completely” or “on the whole.” The hikers gathered all together for lunch, and they were altogether exhausted.

allusion, illusion  Allusion means “an indirect reference.” Illusion refers to something false. Mr. Lee made an allusion to The Grapes of Wrath. The magician performed illusions.

anyways, anywheres, everywheres, somewheres  Write these words and others like them without a final -s: anyway, anywhere, everywhere, somewhere.

bad, badly  Use bad as an adjective and badly as an adverb. We watched a bad movie. He sang the national anthem quite badly.

being as, being that  Use these only informally. In formal writing and speech, use because or since.

beside, besides  Beside means “next to.” Besides means “moreover” or “in addition to.” Who, besides Antonio, will offer to sit beside the window?

between, among  Use between to refer to or to compare two separate nouns. Use among to show a relationship in a group. I could not choose between Harvard and Princeton. Who among the class knows me?

borrow, lend, loan  Borrow is a verb meaning “to take something that must be returned.” Lend is a verb meaning “to give something that must be returned.” Loan is a noun. People borrow money from banks. Banks will lend money to approved customers. People always must apply for a loan.

bring, take  Use bring to show movement from a distant place to a closer one. Use take to show movement from a nearby place to a more distant one. Bring in the paper, and take out the trash.

can, may  Can indicates the ability to do something. May indicates permission to do something. Anyone can use a credit card, but only the cardholder may authorize it.

can’t hardly, can’t scarcely  These terms are considered double negatives. Do not use them. Use can hardly and can scarcely.
continual, continuous  Continual describes repetitive action with pauses between occurrences. Continuous describes an action that continues with no interruption in space or time.

We make continual trips to the grocery. Continuous energy from our sun lights the sky.

could of, might of, must of, should of, would of  Do not use of after could, might, must, should, or would. Instead, use the helping verb have.

That must have been the longest play ever!

different from, different than  The expression different from is preferred to different than.

Baseball is different from the English sport of cricket.

doesn’t, don’t  Doesn’t is the contraction of does not and should be used with all singular nouns. Don’t is the contraction of do not and should be used with I, you, and all plural nouns.

My dog doesn’t like the mail carrier. Bobsled riders don’t take their job lightly.

demigrate, immigrate  Use emigrate to mean “to move from one country to another.” Use immigrate to mean “to enter a country to settle there.” Use from with emigrate and to with immigrate.

Refugees emigrated from war-torn countries. My great-grandfather immigrated to America.

farther, further  Farther refers to physical distance. Further refers to time or degree.

Traveling farther from your home may further your understanding of different places.

fewer, less  Use fewer to refer to nouns that can be counted. Use less to refer to nouns that cannot be counted. Also use less to refer to figures used as a single amount or quantity.

If fewer crimes were committed, there would be less misery in the world.

The box measured less than 100 cm².

good, well  Good is an adjective, and well is an adverb.

That spot is a good place for a picnic. We dined well that day.

had of  Do not use of between had and a past participle.

I wish I had eaten my sundae when I had the chance.

hanged, hung  Use hanged to mean “put to death by hanging.” Use hung in all other cases.

In the Old West, many were convicted and hanged. I hung my coat on the hook.

in, into, in to  Use in to mean “inside” or “within” and into to indicate movement or direction from outside to a point within. In to is made up of an adverb (in) followed by a preposition (to).

The fish swim in the sea. We moved into a new house last year.

The student walked in to see the principal for a meeting.

irregardless, regardless  Always use regardless. Irregardless is a double negative.

Root beer tastes great regardless of the brand.

this kind, these kinds  Because kind is singular, it is modified by the singular form this or that. Because kinds is plural, it is modified by the plural form these or those.

I love these kinds of desserts! I do not feel comfortable with this kind of situation.

lay, lie  Lay means “to put” or “to place,” and it takes a direct object. Lie means “to recline” or “to be positioned,” and it never takes an object.

I taught my dog to lay the paper at my feet and then lie on the ground.

learn, teach  Learn means “to receive knowledge.” Teach means “to impart knowledge.”

I want to learn a new language and later teach it to others.

leave, let  Leave means “to go away.” Let means “to allow” or “to permit.”

My guest had to leave because his parents do not let him stay up too late.

like, as  Like is a preposition and introduces a prepositional phrase. As and as if are subordinating
conjunctions and introduce subordinate clauses. Never use like before a clause.
I felt like a stuffed crab after the feast. The pigeons flew away, as they always do when scared.

**loose, lose** Use loose to mean “not firmly attached” and lose to mean “to misplace” or “to fail to win.”
You don’t want to lose your nice pair of loose jeans.

**passed, past** Passed is the past tense and the past participle of the verb to pass. Past can be an adjective, a preposition, an adverb, or a noun.
He passed the exit ramp because he could not see the sign past the bushes.

**precede, proceed** Precede means “to go or come before.” Proceed means “to continue.”
We can proceed with the plans. From a distance, lightning appears to precede thunder.

**raise, rise** Raise means “to cause to move upward,” and it always takes an object. Rise means “to get up”; it is intransitive and never takes an object.
Raise the drawbridge! For some, it is difficult to rise in the morning.

**reason is because** Use either reason is that or because.
The reason he left is that he was bored. He left because he was bored.

**respectfully, respectively** Respectfully means “with respect.” Respectively means “in the order named.”
We respectfully bowed to the audience.
Abla, Héctor, and Shelly, respectively, play first, second, and third base.

**says, said** Says is the third-person singular of say. Said is the past tense of say.
Listen carefully to what she says. I love what the keynote speaker said.

**sit, set** Sit means “to place oneself in a sitting position.” It rarely takes an object. Set means “to place” or “to put” and usually takes an object. Set can also refer to the sun’s going down.
Sit anywhere you would like. Set the nozzle back in its slot before paying for the gas.
Today the sun will set at seven o’clock.

**than, then** Than is a conjunction that is used to introduce the second element in a comparison; it also shows exception. Then is an adverb.
Julio hit more home runs than Jacob this year. Call for help first, and then start CPR.

**this here, that there** Avoid using here and there after this and that.
This is bunk is yours.

**who, whom** Who is a subject, and whom is an object.
Who first sang the song “Memories”? To whom should I throw the ball now?

**CAPITALIZATION**

1. Capitalize the first word in a sentence, including direct quotes and sentences in parentheses unless they are contained within another sentence.
Shakespeare asked, “What’s in a name?” (This is from Romeo and Juliet.)

2. Always capitalize the pronoun I no matter where it appears in a sentence.
Because I woke up late, I had to race to school.

3. Capitalize the following proper nouns.

   a. Names of individuals, titles used in direct address or preceding a name, and titles describing a family relationship used with a name or in place of a name

   President Nixon, George Burns, Sis, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Uncle Jay
b. Names of ethnic groups, national groups, political parties and their members, and languages
   African Americans  Mexicans  Republican party  Hebrew

c. Names of organizations, institutions, firms, monuments, bridges, buildings, and other structures
   National Honor Society  Vietnam War Memorial  Brooklyn Bridge  Parliament

d. Trade names and names of documents, awards, and laws
   Kleenex tissues  Declaration of Independence  Academy Award  Bill of Rights

e. Geographical terms and regions or localities
   North Carolina  Arctic Ocean  Nile River  West Street  the South  Central Park

f. Names of planets and other heavenly bodies
   Jupiter  Horsehead Nebula  the Milky Way

g. Names of ships, planes, trains, and spacecraft
   Challenger  Spirit of St. Louis  USS George Washington

h. Names of most historical events, eras, calendar items, and religions terms
   Fourth of July  Jurassic  Gulf War  Friday  Yom Kippur  Protestant

i. Titles of literary works, works of art, and musical compositions

4. Capitalize proper adjectives (adjectives formed from proper nouns).
   Socratic method  Jungian theory  Chinese food  Georgia clay  Colombian coffee

**PUNCTUATION, ABBREVIATIONS, AND NUMBERS**

1. Use a period at the end of a declarative sentence and at the end of a polite command.
   Robin Hood was a medieval hero.  Pass the papers to the front.

2. Use an exclamation point to show strong feeling or to give a forceful command.
   What a surprise that is!  Watch out!  That’s just what I need!

3. Use a question mark to indicate a direct question. Use a period to indicate an indirect question.
   **DIRECT:**  Who ruled France in 1821?
   **INDIRECT:**  Gamal wanted to know how much time was left before lunch.

4. Use a colon to introduce a list or to illustrate or restate previous material.
   For my team, I choose the following people: Zina, Ming, and Sue.
   In light of the data, the conclusion was not hard to obtain: Earth is not flat.

5. Use a colon for precise time measurements, biblical chapter and verse references, and business letter salutations.
   10:02 A.M.  John 3:16  Dear Ms. Delgado:

6. Use a semicolon in the following situations:
   a. To separate main clauses not joined by a coordinating conjunction
      My computer isn’t working; perhaps I need to call a technician.
   b. To separate main clauses joined by a conjunctive adverb or by for example or that is
      Cancer is a serious disease; however, heart disease kills more people.
   c. To separate items in a series when those items contain commas
      I have done oral reports on Maya Angelou, a poet; Billy Joel, a singer; and Mario van Peebles, a director and actor.
d. To separate two main clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction when such clauses already contain several commas
   According to Bruce, he spent his vacation in Naples, Florida; but he said it was a business, not a pleasure, trip.

7. Use a comma in the following situations:
   a. To separate the main clauses of compound sentences
      She was a slow eater, but she always finished her meal first.
   b. To separate three or more words, phrases, or clauses in a series
      Apples, oranges, grapefruit, and cherries are delicious.
   c. To separate coordinate modifiers
      The prom was a happy, exciting occasion.
   d. To set off parenthetical expressions
      He will, of course, stay for dinner. Mary, on the other hand, is very pleasant.
   e. To set off nonessential clauses and phrases; to set off introductory adverbial clauses, participial phrases, and long prepositional phrases.
      Adjective clause: The bride, who is a chemist, looked lovely
      Appositive phrase: The parade, the longest I've ever seen, featured twelve bands.
      Adverbal clause: After we had eaten, I realized my wallet was still in the car.
      Participial phrase: Laughing heartily, Milan quickly left the room
      Prepositional phrase: At the sound of the final buzzer, the ball slid through the hoop.
   f. To separate parts of an address, a geographical term, or a date
      1640 Chartwell Avenue, Edina, Minnesota September 11, 1982
   g. To set off parts of a reference
      Read Slaughterhouse-Five, pages 15–20. Perform a scene from Hamlet, Act II.
   h. To set off words or phrases of direct address and tag questions
      Sherri, please pass the butter. How are you, my friend? We try hard, don’t we?
   i. After the salutation and close of a friendly letter and after the close of a business letter
      Dear Richard, Sincerely, Yours, Dear Mother,

8. Use dashes to signal a change in thought or to emphasize parenthetical matter.
   “Remember to turn off the alarm—oh, don’t touch that!”

9. Use parentheses to set off supplemental material. Punctuate within the parentheses only if the punctuation is part of the parenthetical expression.
   I saw Bill Cosby (he is my favorite comedian) last night.

10. Use brackets to enclose information inserted by someone besides the original writer.
    The paper continues, “The company knows he [Watson] is impressed.”

11. Ellipsis points, a series of three spaced points, indicate an omission of material.
    The film critic said, “The show was great . . . a must see!”

12. Use quotation marks to enclose a direct quotation. When a quotation is interrupted, use two sets of quotation marks. Use single quotation marks for a quotation within a quotation.
    “This day,” the general said, “will live on in infamy.”

13. Use quotation marks to indicate titles of short works, unusual expressions, and definitions.
    “The Gift of the Magi” (short story) “Ave Maria” (song)
    Large speakers are called “woofers,” and small speakers are called “tweeters.”
14. Always place commas and periods inside closing quotation marks. Place colons and semicolons outside closing quotation marks. Place question marks and exclamation points inside closing quotation marks only when those marks are part of the quotation.

“Rafi told me,” John said, “that he could not go.”
Let me tell you about “Piano Man”: it is a narrative song.
He yelled, “Who are you?”
Did she say “Wait for me”?

15. Italicize (underline) titles of books, lengthy poems, plays, films, television series, paintings and sculptures, long musical compositions, court cases, names of newspapers and magazines, ships, trains, airplanes, and spacecraft.

The Last Supper (painting)  Bang the Drum Slowly (film)  Roe v. Wade (court case)
Titanic (ship)  Time (magazine)  The Boston Globe (newspaper)

16. Italicize (underline) foreign words and expressions that are not used frequently in English and words, letters, and numerals used to represent themselves.

Please discuss the phrase caveat emptor.
Today, Sesame Street was sponsored by the letters t and m and the number 6.

17. Add an apostrophe and -s to all singular indefinite pronouns, singular nouns, plural nouns not ending in -s, and compound nouns to make them possessive. Add only an apostrophe to plural nouns ending in -s to make them possessive.

anyone’s guess  the dog’s leash  the women’s club
students’ teacher  singers’ microphones  runners’ shoes

18. If two or more people possess something jointly, use the possessive form for the last person’s name. If they possess things individually, use the possessive form for both names.

mom and dad’s checkbook  Carmen’s and Sumil’s projects

19. Use a possessive form to express amounts of money or time that modify a noun.

a day’s pay  fifty dollars’ worth  a block’s walk

20. Use an apostrophe in place of omitted letters or numerals. Use an apostrophe and -s to form the plural of letters, numerals, and symbols.

cannot is can’t  do not is don’t  1978 is ’78
Mind your p’s and q’s.

21. Use a hyphen after any prefix joined to a proper noun or a proper adjective. Use a hyphen after the prefixes all-, ex-, and self- joined to a noun or an adjective, the prefix anti- joined to a word beginning with i-, the prefix vice- (except in vice president), and the prefix re- to avoid confusion between words that are spelled the same but have different meanings.

all-inclusive  ex-wife  self-reliance
anti-immigrant  vice-principal  re-call instead of recall

22. Use a hyphen in a compound adjective that precedes a noun. Use a hyphen in compound numbers and in fractions used as adjectives.

a green-yellow jersey  a red-hot poker  jet-black hair
ninety-nine  one-fifth cup of sugar

23. Use a hyphen to divide words at the end of a line.

daz-zle  terri-tery  Mediter-ranean

24. Use one period at the end of an abbreviation. If punctuation other than a period ends the sentence, use both the period and the other punctuation.

Bring me the books, papers, pencils, etc.  Could you be ready at 2:00 P.M.?
25. Capitalize the abbreviations of proper nouns and some personal titles.

26. Abbreviate numerical measurements in scientific writing but not in ordinary prose.
   Measure 89 g into the crucible. Jim ran ten yards when he heard that dog barking!

27. Spell out cardinal and ordinal numbers that can be written in one or two words and those that appear at the beginning of a sentence.
   Five hundred people attended. I look forward to my eighteenth birthday.

28. Use numerals for dates; for decimals; for house, apartment, and room numbers; for street and avenue numbers greater than ten; for sums of money involving both dollars and cents; and to emphasize the exact time of day and with A.M. and P.M.
   April 1, 1996  Room 251  $2.51  2:51 P.M.

29. Express all related numbers in a sentence as numerals if any one should be a numeral.
   The subscriptions gradually rose from 10 to 116.

30. Spell out numbers that express decades, amounts of money that can be written in one or two words, streets and avenues less than ten, and the approximate time of day.
   the seventies  fifty cents  Fifth Avenue  half past five

VOCABULARY AND SPELLING

1. Clues to the meaning of an unfamiliar word can be found in its context. Context clues include definition, the meaning stated; example, the meaning explained through one familiar case; comparison, similarity to a familiar word; contrast, opposite of a familiar word; and cause and effect, a cause described by its effects.

2. Clues to the meaning of a word can be obtained from its base word, its prefix, or its suffix.
   telegram  gram = writing  psychology  psych = soul, mind
   antibacterial  anti = against  biology  -logy = study

3. The i comes before the e, except when both letters follow a c or when both letters are pronounced together as an a sound. However, many exceptions exist to this rule.
   field (i before e)  deceive (ei after c)  reign (a sound)  weird (exception)

4. Most word endings pronounced sed are spelled -cede. In one word, supersede, the ending is spelled -sede. In proceed, exceed, and succeed, the ending is spelled -ceed.
   precede  recede  concede

5. An unstressed vowel sound is not emphasized when a word is pronounced. Determine the spelling of this sound by comparing it to a known word.
   hesitant (Compare to hesitate.)  fantasy (Compare to fantastic.)

6. When adding a suffix that begins with a consonant to a word that ends in silent e, generally keep the e. If the suffix begins with a vowel or y, generally drop the e. If the suffix begins with a or o and the word ends in ce or ge, keep the e. If the suffix begins with a vowel and the word ends in ee, or oe, keep the e.
   encouragement  scary  changeable  fleeing

7. When adding a suffix to a word ending in a consonant +y, change the y to i unless the suffix begins with i. If the word ends in a vowel +y, keep the y.
   heartiness  readiness  spying  straying
8. Double the final consonant before adding a suffix that begins with a vowel to a word that ends in a single consonant preceded by a single vowel if the accent is on the root’s last syllable.

- planned → finned
- misfit → tted

9. When adding -ly to a word that ends in a single l, keep the l. If it ends in a double l, drop one l. If it ends in a consonant + le, drop the le.

- real becomes really
- dull becomes dully
- inexplicable becomes inexplicably

10. When adding -ness to a word that ends in n, keep the n.

- leanness
- meanness
- greenness

11. When joining a word or prefix that ends in a consonant to a suffix or word that begins with a consonant, keep both consonants.

- quietness
- greatly
- redness

12. Most nouns form their plurals by adding -s. However, nouns that end in -ch, -s, -sh, -x, or -z form plurals by adding -es. If the noun ends in a consonant + y, change y to i and add -es. If the noun ends in -lf, change f to v and add -es. If the noun ends in -fe, change f to v and add -s.

- cans → churches
- faxes → spies
- halves → loaves

13. To form the plural of proper names and one-word compound nouns, follow the general rules for plurals. To form the plural of hyphenated compound nouns or compound nouns of more than one word, make the most important word plural.

- Shatners
- Stockholders
- brothers-in-law
- Master Sergeants

14. Some nouns have the same singular and plural forms.

- sheep
- species

COMPOSITION

Writing Themes and Paragraphs

1. Use prewriting to find ideas to write about. One form of prewriting, freewriting, starts with a subject or topic and branches off into related ideas. Another way to find a topic is to ask and answer questions about your starting subject, helping you to gain a deeper understanding of your chosen topic. Also part of the prewriting stage is determining who your readers or audience will be and deciding your purpose for writing. Your purpose—as varied as writing to persuade, to explain, to describe something, or to narrate—is partially shaped by who your audience will be, and vice versa.

2. To complete your first draft, organize your prewriting into an introduction, body, and conclusion. Concentrate on unity and coherence of the overall piece. Experiment with different paragraph orders: chronological order places events in the order in which they happened; spatial order places objects in the order in which they appear; and compare/contrast order shows similarities and differences in objects or events.

3. Revise your composition if necessary. Read through your draft, looking for places to improve content and structure. Remember that varying your sentence patterns and lengths will make your writing easier and more enjoyable to read.

4. In the editing stage, check your grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Focus on expressing your ideas clearly and concisely.

5. Finally, prepare your writing for presentation. Sharing your composition, or ideas, with others may take many forms: printed, oral, or graphic.
Outlining

1. The two common forms of outlines are **sentence outlines** and **topic outlines**. Choose one type of outline and keep it uniform throughout.

2. A period follows the number or letter of each division. Each point in a sentence outline ends with a period; the points in a topic outline do not.

3. Each point begins with a capital letter.

4. A point may have no fewer than two subpoints.

**Sentence Outline**

I. This is the main point.
   A. This is a subpoint of I.
      1. This is a detail of A.
         a. This is a detail of I.
         b. This is a detail of 1.
      2. This is a detail of A.
   B. This is a subpoint of I.
II. This is another main point.

**Topic Outline**

I. Main point
   A. Subpoint of I
      1. Detail of A
         a. Detail of 1
         b. Detail of 1
      2. Detail of A
   B. Subpoint of I
II. Main point

Writing letters

1. **Personal letters** are usually handwritten in indented form (the first line of paragraphs, each line of the heading, the complimentary close, and the signature are indented). **Business letters** are usually typewritten in block or semiblock form. Block form contains no indents; semiblock form indents the heading, the complimentary close, and the signature.

2. The five parts of a personal letter are the heading (the writer’s address and the date), the salutation (greeting), the body (message), the complimentary close (such as “Yours truly”), and the signature (the writer’s name). The business letter has the same parts and also includes an inside address (the recipient’s address).

**Personal Letter**

Heading

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__________ Salutation

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Body

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Complimentary Close

Signature

**Business Letter**

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Complimentary Close

Signature
3. Reveal your personality and imagination in colorful personal letters. Keep business letters brief, clear, and courteous.

4. **Personal letters** include letters to friends and family members. **Thank-you notes** and **invitations** are personal letters that may be either formal or informal in style.

5. Use a **letter of complaint** to convey a concern. Begin the letter by telling what happened. Then use supporting details as evidence. Complete the letter by explaining what you want done. Avoid insults and threats, and make reasonable requests. Use a **letter of request** to ask for information or to place an order of purchase. Be concise, yet give all the details necessary for your request to be fulfilled. Keep the tone of your letter courteous and be generous in allotting time for a response.

6. Use an **opinion letter** to take a firm stand on an issue. Make the letter clear, firm, rational, and purposeful. Be aware of your audience, their attitude, how informed they are, and their possible reactions to your opinion. Support your statements of opinion with facts.

7. Use a **résumé** to summarize your work experience, school experience, talents, and interests. Be clear, concise, and expressive. Use a consistent form. You do not need to write in complete sentences, but use as many action verbs as possible.

8. Use a **cover letter** as a brief introduction accompanying your résumé.
Troubleshooter

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Sentence Fragments

**PROBLEM 1**

**Fragment that lacks a subject**

- **frag** Ali baked a chocolate cake. **(Took it to the party.)**
- **frag** Maria thought the comedian was funny. **(Laughed at his jokes.)**

**SOLUTION**

Ali baked a chocolate cake. He took it to the party.
Maria thought the comedian was funny. She laughed at his jokes.

Make a complete sentence by adding a subject to the fragment.

**PROBLEM 2**

**Fragment that lacks a complete verb**

- **frag** Helen is a photographer. **(She becoming well-known for her work.)**
- **frag** Alicia has a new computer. **(It very powerful.)**

**SOLUTION A**

Helen is a photographer. She is becoming well-known for her work.
Alicia has a new computer. It is very powerful.

Make a complete sentence by adding a complete verb or a helping verb.

**SOLUTION B**

Helen is a photographer and is becoming well-known for her work.
Alicia has a new computer, which is very powerful.

Combine the fragment with another sentence.
**PROBLEM 3**

*Fragment that is a subordinate clause*

Akira repaired the old boat. *(Because it was beautiful.)*

Jennifer has two race car magazines. *(Which she bought at the store.)*

**SOLUTION A**

Akira repaired the old boat because it was beautiful.

Jennifer has two race car magazines, which she bought at the store.

Combine the fragment with another sentence.

**SOLUTION B**

Akira repaired the old boat. He thought it was beautiful.

Jennifer has two race car magazines. She bought them at the store.

Make the fragment a complete sentence by removing the subordinating conjunction or the relative pronoun and adding a subject or other words necessary to make a complete thought.

**PROBLEM 4**

*Fragment that lacks both subject and verb*

The soft rustle of the trees makes me sleepy.*(In the afternoon.)*

The next morning. We talked about our adventure.

**SOLUTION**

The soft rustle of the trees makes me sleepy in the afternoon.

The next morning, we talked about our adventure.

Make the fragment part of a sentence.

*More help in avoiding sentence fragments is available in Lesson 31.*
Run-on Sentences

**Problem 1**
Comma splice—two main clauses separated only by a comma

**SOLUTION A**
I don’t know where the oil paints are. They were over by the easel.
Make two sentences by separating the first clause from the second with end punctuation, such as a period or a question mark, and start the second sentence with a capital letter.

**SOLUTION B**
I don’t know where the oil paints are; they were over by the easel.
Place a semicolon between the main clauses of the sentence.

**SOLUTION C**
I don’t know where the oil paints are, but they were over by the easel.
Add a coordinating conjunction after the comma.

**Problem 2**
No punctuation between two main clauses

**SOLUTION A**
Deelra ran the hurdles in record time. Shawna placed second.
Make two sentences out of the run-on sentence.
**SOLUTION B**

Deelra ran the hurdles in record time; Shawna placed second.
Separate the main clauses with a semicolon.

**SOLUTION C**

Deelra ran the hurdles in record time, but Shawna placed second.
Add a comma and a coordinating conjunction between the main clauses.

**PROBLEM 3**

*Two main clauses without a comma before the coordinating conjunction*

- The robins usually arrive in the spring and they start building nests at once.
- Emily won the scholarship last year but she decided not to accept it.

**SOLUTION**

The robins usually arrive in the spring, and they start building nests at once.
Emily won the scholarship last year, but she decided not to accept it.
Separate the main clauses by adding a comma before the coordinating conjunction.

*More help in avoiding run-on sentences is available in Lesson 32.*
Lack of Subject-Verb Agreement

Problem 1

A prepositional phrase between a subject and its verb

The arrangement of those colorful pictures make a vivid, exciting combination.

One of those big, gray seagulls have perched on the roof.

Solution

The arrangement of those colorful pictures makes a vivid, exciting combination.

One of those big, gray seagulls has perched on the roof.

Make the verb agree with the subject, not with the object of the preposition.

Problem 2

A predicate nominative differing in number from the subject

Fast-paced adventure movies was always Jenny’s choice.

Solution

Fast-paced adventure movies were always Jenny’s choice.

Make the verb agree with the subject, not with the predicate nominative.

Problem 3

A subject following the verb

On the sun deck there was several chairs and a table.

Here comes the rain clouds and the heavy, slanting rain.
SOLUTION
On the sun deck there were several chairs and a table. Here come the rain clouds and the heavy, slanting rain.

Look for the subject after the verb in an inverted sentence. Make sure that the verb agrees with the subject.

PROBLEM 4
Collective nouns as subjects

agr The crowd really like the music, doesn’t it?
agr Margaret’s company arrives tomorrow by bus and by train.

SOLUTION A
The crowd really likes the music, doesn’t it?
Use a singular verb if the collective noun refers to a group as a whole.

SOLUTION B
Margaret’s company arrive tomorrow by bus and by train.
Use a plural verb if the collective noun refers to each member of a group individually.

PROBLEM 5
A noun of amount as the subject

agr The past two days seems like a week.
agr One thousand millimeters equal a meter.

SOLUTION
The past two days seem like a week.
One thousand millimeters equals a meter.
A noun of amount that refers to one unit is singular. A noun of amount that refers to a number of individual units is plural.
**PROBLEM 6**

*Compound subject joined by and*

| agr | A clear day and a light breeze brightens a summer afternoon. |
|     | Pop and pizza are a common meal. |

**SOLUTION A**

*A clear day and a light breeze brighten a summer afternoon.*

Use a plural verb if the parts of the compound subject do not belong to one unit or if they refer to different people or things.

**SOLUTION B**

*Pop and pizza is a common meal.*

Use a singular verb if the parts of the compound subject belong to one unit or if they refer to the same person or thing.

**PROBLEM 7**

*Compound subject joined by or or nor*

| agr | Neither Yuri nor Sarah like the menu. |

**SOLUTION**

*Neither Yuri nor Sarah likes the menu.*

Make your verb agree with the subject closer to it.

**PROBLEM 8**

*Compound subject preceded by many a, every, or each*

| agr | Many a brush and tube of paint were scattered around the studio. |
Many a brush and tube of paint was scattered around the studio. The subject is considered singular when many a, each, or every precedes a compound subject.

**PROBLEM 9**

**Subjects separated from the verb by an intervening expression**

- ** agr Jamal's new sculpture, in addition to his other recent works, reflects his abiding love of nature.**

- ** SOLUTION Jamal's new sculpture, in addition to his other recent works, reflects his abiding love of nature.**

Expressions that begin with as well as, in addition to, and together with, do not change the number of the subject. Make the verb agree with its subject, not with the intervening expression.

**PROBLEM 10**

**Indefinite pronouns as subjects**

- ** agr Each of the trees along the old canal have different colors in the fall.**

- ** SOLUTION Each of the trees along the old canal has different colors in the fall.**

Some indefinite pronouns are singular, some are plural, and some can be either singular or plural depending on the noun they refer to. (A list of indefinite pronouns is on page 54.)

**More help with subject-verb agreement is available in Lessons 44–51.**
**Lack of Agreement Between Pronoun and Antecedent**

**Problem 1**

*A singular antecedent that can be either male or female*

Antecedent: A great coach inspires *his* athletes to be their best on or off the field.

Traditionally, masculine pronouns referred to antecedents that might have been either male or female.

**Solution A**

A great coach inspires *his* or *her* athletes to be their best on or off the field.

Use *he* or *she*, *him* or *her*, and so on, to reword the sentence.

**Solution B**

Great coaches inspire *their* athletes to be their best on or off the field.

Make both the antecedent and the pronoun plural.

**Solution C**

Great coaches inspire athletes to be their best on or off the field.

Eliminate the pronoun.

**Problem 2**

*A second-person pronoun that refers to a third-person antecedent*

Antecedent: Mary and Jodi prefer the new bridle trail because *you* get long stretches for galloping.

**Solution**

Mary and Jodi prefer the new bridle trail because *you* get long stretches for galloping.
Do not use the second-person pronoun you to refer to an antecedent in the third person.

**SOLUTION A**

Mary and Jodi prefer the new bridle trail because they get long stretches for galloping.
Replace you with the appropriate third-person pronoun.

**SOLUTION B**

Mary and Jodi prefer the new bridle trail because the horses have long stretches for galloping.
Replace you with an appropriate noun.

**PROBLEM 3**

*Singular indefinite pronouns as antecedents*

ant Each of the women in the boat received a rowing medal for their victory.

**SOLUTION**

Each of the women in the boat received a rowing medal for her victory.
Determine whether the antecedent is singular or plural, and make the personal pronoun agree with it.

*More help with pronoun-antecedent agreement is available in Lessons 55–57.*
**PROBLEM 1**

*Unclear antecedent*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sentence</th>
<th>Solution</th>
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</table>
| The wind was fair and the water calm, and *that* made sailing across the bay an absolute pleasure. | **SOLUTION A**
The wind was fair and the water calm, and those conditions made sailing across the bay an absolute pleasure.
Substitute a noun for the pronoun. |
| The traffic was snarled, *which* was caused by an accident. | **SOLUTION B**
The traffic was snarled in a massive tie-up, which was caused by an accident.
Rewrite the sentence, adding a clear antecedent for the pronoun. |

**PROBLEM 2**

*A pronoun that refers to more than one antecedent*

<table>
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| The team captain told Karen to take *her* guard position. | **SOLUTION A**
The team captain told Karen to take the captain’s guard position.
Substitute a noun for the pronoun. |
| The buses came early for the students, but *they* were not ready. |                                           |
**SOLUTION B**

*Because the buses came early, the students were not ready.*

Rewrite the sentence, eliminating the pronoun.

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**PROBLEM 3**

*Indefinite uses of you or they*

- In those hills *you* rarely see mountain lions.
- In some movies *they* have too much violence.

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**SOLUTION A**

*In those hills hikers rarely see mountain lions.*

Substitute a noun for the pronoun.

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**SOLUTION B**

*Some movies have too much violence.*

Eliminate the pronoun entirely.

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*More help in making clear pronoun references is available in Lesson 58.*
**PROBLEM 1**

Incorrect shift in person between two pronouns

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<th>pro</th>
<th>They went to the stadium for the game, but <strong>you</strong> could not find a place to park.</th>
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<td>pro</td>
<td>One needs to remember to always keep <strong>their</strong> study time free from other commitments.</td>
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<td>pro</td>
<td>We were on the hill at dawn, and <strong>you</strong> could see the most wondrous sunrise.</td>
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Incorrect pronoun shifts occur when a writer or speaker uses a pronoun in one person and then illogically shifts to a pronoun in another person.

**SOLUTION A**

They went to the stadium for the game, but **they** could not find a place to park.

One needs to remember to always keep **one’s** study time free from other commitments.

Replace the incorrect pronoun with a pronoun that agrees with its antecedent.

**SOLUTION B**

We were on the hill at dawn, and **Mary and I** could see the most wondrous sunrise.

Replace the incorrect pronoun with an appropriate noun.

More help in eliminating incorrect pronoun shifts is available in Lessons 52–58.
Shift in Verb Tenses

PROBLEM 1

Unnecessary shifts in tense

Shift t  Akira waits for the bus and worked on the computer.
Shift t  Jenny hit the home run and runs around the bases.

Two or more events occurring at the same time must have the same verb tense.

SOLUTION

Akira waits for the bus and works on the computer.
Jenny hit the home run and ran around the bases.
Use the same tense for both verbs.

PROBLEM 2

Tenses do not indicate that one event precedes or succeeds another

Shift t  By the time the movie finally started, we waited impatiently through ten minutes of commercials.

If events being described occurred at different times, shift tenses to show that one event precedes or follows another.

SOLUTION

By the time the movie finally started, we had waited impatiently through ten minutes of commercials.
Use the past perfect tense for the earlier of two actions to indicate that one action began and ended before another action began.

More help with shifts in verb tenses is available in Lessons 38–40 and 42.
**Problem 1**

Incorrect or missing verb endings

<table>
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<tr>
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<td>Ricardo said it <strong>snow</strong> last night.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Karen and her family <strong>travel</strong> to Costa Rica last year.</td>
<td>Karen and her family <strong>traveled</strong> to Costa Rica last year.</td>
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**Solution**

Ricardo said it **snowed** last night.
Karen and her family **traveled** to Costa Rica last year.

Regular verbs form the past tense and the past participle by adding **-ed**.

**Problem 2**

Improper formation of irregular verbs

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<td>The sun <strong>rised</strong> out of scarlet clouds into a clear, blue sky.</td>
<td>The sun <strong>rose</strong> out of scarlet clouds into a clear, blue sky.</td>
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**Solution**

The sun **rose** out of scarlet clouds into a clear, blue sky.

An irregular verb forms its past tense and past participle in some way other than by adding **-ed**.

**Problem 3**

Confusion between the past form of the verb and the past participle

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**SOLUTION**

The horses have eaten their feed already.
The coach has worn the old team jacket to every graduation.

When you use the auxiliary verb have, use the past participle form of an irregular verb, not its simple past form.

**PROBLEM 4**

*Improper use of the past participle*

Deemee drew the winning ticket for the door prize at the dance.
The old rowboat sank just below the surface of the lake.

Past participles of irregular verbs cannot stand alone as verbs. They must be used in conjunction with a form of the auxiliary verb have.

**SOLUTION A**

Deemee had drawn the winning ticket for the door prize at the dance.
The old rowboat had sunk just below the surface of the lake.

Form a complete verb by adding a form of the auxiliary verb have to the past participle.

**SOLUTION B**

Deemee drew the winning ticket for the door prize at the dance.
The old rowboat sank just below the surface of the lake.

Use the simple past form of the verb instead of the past participle.

*More help with correct verb forms is available in Lessons 36, 37, and 41.*
### PROBLEM 1

**Misplaced modifier**

- Untended and overgrown since last summer, Marlene helped Keshia in her garden.
- Sarah won the jumping contest with her mother’s horse, wearing western riding gear.

A misplaced modifier appears to modify the wrong word or group of words.

**SOLUTION**

Marlene helped Keshia in her garden, untended and overgrown since last summer.

Wearing western riding gear, Sarah won the jumping contest with her mother’s horse.

Place the modifying phrase as close as possible to the word or words it modifies.

### PROBLEM 2

**Misplacing the adverb only**

- Akiko only runs hurdles in track.

**SOLUTION**

Only Akiko runs hurdles in track.

Akiko runs only hurdles in track.

Akiko runs hurdles only in track.

Each time only is moved in the sentence, the meaning of the sentence changes. Place the adverb immediately before the word or group of words it is to modify.
PROBLEM 3

Dangling modifiers

\[
\text{mod} \quad \text{Branches swaying in the breeze, we rested in the shade.}
\]

\[
\text{mod} \quad \text{Trying out the new exercise equipment, the new gym is a great improvement over the old one.}
\]

A dangling modifier does not modify any word in the sentence.

SOLUTION

Branches swaying in the breeze, the tree provided us with shade. Trying out the new exercise equipment, Mary said the new gym is a great improvement over the old one.

Add a noun to which the dangling phrase clearly refers. You might have to add or change other words, as well.

More help with misplaced or dangling modifiers is available in Lesson 64.
Misplaced or Missing Possessive Apostrophes

PROBLEM 1

Singular nouns

poss  Charles's car is the white one, but Jamal's is the red convertible.

SOLUTION

Charles's car is the white one, but Jamal's is the red convertible.
To form the possessive of a singular noun, even one that ends in -s, use an apostrophe and an -s at the end of the word.

PROBLEM 2

Plural nouns that end in -s

poss  The seven maple trees' cool, delicious shade is the best in the park.

SOLUTION

The seven maple trees' cool, delicious shade is the best in the park.
To form the possessive of a plural noun that ends in -s, use an apostrophe by itself after the final -s.

PROBLEM 3

Plural nouns that do not end in -s

poss  The children's movies are on that rack next to the nature films.

SOLUTION

The children's movies are on that rack next to the nature films.
Form the possessive of a plural noun that does not end in -s by using an apostrophe and -s at the end of the word.
**PROBLEM 4**

*Pronouns*

poss That painting cannot be just anybody’s work.
poss Their’s is the trophy in the center of the display case.

**SOLUTION A**

**That painting cannot be just anybody’s work.**

Form the possessive of a singular indefinite pronoun by adding an apostrophe and -s to it.

**SOLUTION B**

**Their’s is the trophy in the center of the display case.**

With any of the possessive personal pronouns, do not use an apostrophe.

**PROBLEM 5**

*Confusing its with it’s*

poss The computer is booting up; I see it’s power light blinking.
poss It’s going to be a great victory party.

**SOLUTION**

The computer is booting up; I see its power light blinking.
It’s going to be a great victory party.
It’s is the contraction of it is, not the possessive of it.

*More help with apostrophes and possessives is available in Lessons 3 and 89.*
**Problem 1**

**Missing commas with nonessential participles, infinitives, and their phrases**

- Lois, scowling fiercely, turned her back on Clark.
- The detective, mystified by the fresh clue, scratched his head in bewilderment.
- Television, to tell the truth, just doesn’t interest me.

**Solution**

Lois, scowling fiercely, turned her back on Clark.
The detective, mystified by the fresh clue, scratched his head in bewilderment.
Television, to tell the truth, just doesn’t interest me.

If the participle, infinitive, or phrase is not essential to the meaning of the sentence, set off the phrase with commas.

**Problem 2**

**Missing commas with nonessential adjective clauses**

- The sailboat, which looked like a toy in the storm, rounded the point into the breakwater.

**Solution**

The sailboat, which looked like a toy in the storm, rounded the point into the breakwater.

If the clause is not essential to the meaning of the sentence, set it off with commas.
**PROBLEM 3**

*Missing commas with nonessential appositives*

The palomino, a beautiful horse with almost golden hair, is often seen in parades.

**SOLUTION**

The palomino, a beautiful horse with almost golden hair, is often seen in parades.

If the appositive is not essential to the meaning of the sentence, set it off with commas.

**PROBLEM 4**

*Missing commas with interjections and parenthetical expressions*

Wow, did you see that falling star?

I would have told you, by the way, but you weren’t home.

**SOLUTION**

Wow, did you see that falling star?

I would have told you, by the way, but you weren’t home.

Set off the interjection or parenthetical expression with commas.

*More help with commas and nonessential elements is available in Lesson 78.*
PROBLEM 1

Commas missing in a series of words, phrases, or clauses

Mona said that Amy Tan, James Baldwin, and Charles Dickens were her favorite authors.

Sailing on the Great Lakes can be as challenging, adventurous, and rewarding as sailing on the ocean.

Our forensic team practiced hard, did their research, and used all their wit and intelligence to win the championship.

The wind shifted, the clouds parted, and the sunlight streamed down.

SOLUTION

Mona said that Amy Tan, James Baldwin, and Charles Dickens were her favorite authors.

Sailing on the Great Lakes can be as challenging, adventurous, and rewarding as sailing on the ocean.

Our forensic team practiced hard, did their research, and used all their wit and intelligence to win the championship.

The wind shifted, the clouds parted, and the sunlight streamed down.

Use a comma after each item in a series except the last.

More help with commas is available in Lessons 76–82.
Grammar
Lesson 1

Nouns: Concrete, Abstract, and Collective

A noun is a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea. A singular noun names one person, place, thing, or idea, and a plural noun names more than one.

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<tr>
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<th>PLURAL</th>
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<td>Person:</td>
<td>friends</td>
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<td>Place:</td>
<td>fields</td>
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<td>melodies</td>
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<td>freedoms</td>
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</table>

A collective noun names a group. A collective noun is singular when it refers to the group as a whole. A collective noun is plural when it refers to the individual members of a group.

The committee is studying the issue. (singular)
The committee have gone to lunch. (plural)

Exercise 1  Write S above each singular noun and pl. above each plural noun.

The staff voted to rearrange their schedules.

1. Our group is planning a trip to New York.
2. The fountain in Grant Park is lovely at night.
3. A crowd had formed outside the department store.
4. The class donated their time to the senior citizens’ center.
5. A company of actors entertained the children.
6. Sheep grazed on the grassy plain while tourists took pictures.
7. The soccer team will practice after the softball team.
8. The greenhouse was filled with orchids and irises.
9. This road follows the shoreline for five miles.
10. We saw surreys, covered wagons, and streetcars at the transportation museum.
11. The art league sponsored a competition for high school students.
12. Natalie and Suzanne often watch the evening news.
13. Geese wandered into our pond and stayed for nearly a week.
14. A vacant mansion was hidden behind the overgrown trees.
15. The show choir left their costumes in the auditorium.

A concrete noun names an object that occupies space or can be recognized by any of the senses.

grass   apple   odor   stars   actor

An abstract noun names an idea, a quality, or a characteristic.

beauty   splendor   poverty   anger   success

Exercise 2 Write con. above each concrete noun and abst. above each abstract noun.

The flowers were a complete surprise.

1. His honesty impressed the members of the jury.
2. Carolyn is seeking compensation for her invention.
3. My diary contains no secrets.
4. People gathered around the stage in amazement.
5. We have plans to celebrate the victory.
6. Rita’s notion of fairness is based on principle.
7. Mrs. Sanchez built a generator just for this experiment.
8. Freida made every effort to win the race.
9. Sherry can speak French, but Alicia knows both French and Spanish.
10. I finally understand the meaning of that song.
11. Juan has written an intriguing short story.
12. Talia listens to her favorite rock music on the radio.
13. Earl expressed curiosity about the plot of the novel.
14. With a little luck, Stan will get loge tickets to the concert.
15. Dwayne received an award for his devotion to this cause.
Lesson 2
Nouns: Proper and Common

A proper noun is the name of a specific person, place, or thing. Proper nouns are capitalized. A common noun refers to persons, places, or things in general.

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<td>president</td>
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<td>Place: Sahara</td>
<td>desert</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thing: Iguanodon</td>
<td>dinosaur</td>
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<tr>
<td>Idea: Renaissance</td>
<td>thought</td>
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</table>

Exercise 1 Write prop. above each proper noun and com. above each common noun.

Europeans came to America in ships.

1. The vast Atlantic separates Europe from America.
2. After the Revolution, the United States attracted more and more people.
4. Many people chose to live near the water.
5. Area merchants knew that money was to be made in trade.
6. Residents of seaports, such as Salem, Massachusetts, built many ships.
7. Americans built their sailing craft with pride.
8. Designers created many new ships.
9. These new ships could sail as far as China.
10. Young people were attracted to the adventure of the oceans.
11. Nathaniel Brown Palmer was born in the late eighteenth century.
12. His father designed and built ships.
13. Young Nat grew up with knowledge of the sea.
14. He became a captain at the age of eighteen.
15. Three years later he made a discovery.
16. He was the first person to sight Antarctica.

17. Later, he supplied weapons to Simón Bolívar.

18. Bolívar is known as the liberator of South America.


20. Packet ships were forerunners of the clippers.

21. Clippers are the most famous type of sailing ships.

22. Nat Palmer designed better and better packet ships.

23. Palmer sailed these ships to Europe and back.

24. His business partner was Edward Knight Collins.

25. Collins designed flat-bottomed sailing ships.

26. The new models carried larger cargoes.

27. Profits rose for Collins and Palmer.

28. Other merchants started copying the new ships.

29. Abbot Low and his brothers opened trade routes to China.

30. The Americans and the Chinese were trading partners for a century.

► Writing Link  Write a paragraph about the plot of your favorite movie. Use proper and common nouns.

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Lesson 3
Pronouns: Personal and Possessive; Reflexive and Intensive

A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun, a group of words acting as a noun, or another pronoun. A personal pronoun refers to a specific person or thing by indicating the person speaking (the first person), the person being addressed (the second person), or any other person or thing being discussed (the third person).

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A possessive pronoun shows possession or control. It takes the place of a possessive noun.

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Exercise 1 Underline each personal pronoun and circle each possessive pronoun.

1. Carlos read the story to his younger brother.
2. She brought them to the skating rink yesterday.
3. They swim in their pool each day during the summer.
4. Your dog is begging you to feed him.
5. I lost their video somewhere between the library and my house.
6. She granted us the time we needed to complete the assignment.
7. You first organized the recycling campaign with their assistance.
8. Can we ask her to join us for lunch?
9. He played Felix in our production of The Odd Couple.
10. Candice called them before they left for the airport.
11. The snow covered the windshield of his car.
12. Did you enjoy their convention as much as we did?
13. Our wagon creaked under the pressure of its weight.
14. We studied their arguments carefully before making our final decision.
15. Carl wrote them a letter of recommendation about her.

16. You could be mistaken about him.

17. If you don’t like yours, you can have some of mine.

18. They returned to the football game before it was over.

19. I cannot decide which book she would prefer.

20. He owes her an apology for his inconsiderate remark.

A **reflexive pronoun** refers to a noun or another pronoun and indicates that the same person or thing is involved. An **intensive pronoun** adds emphasis to a noun or another pronoun.

He surprised **himself** by breaking the home-run record. (reflexive)
Leo **himself** prepared the main course. (intensive)

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**Exercise 2** Underline each reflexive pronoun and circle each intensive pronoun.

She helped **herself** by finishing her homework early.

1. The puppy scared **itself** by watching its shadow.

2. You **yourselves** can lead the singing tonight.

3. He bought **himself** a computer at the garage sale.

4. I **myself** forgot to bring the luggage.

5. They voted for the unknown candidate **themselves**.

6. You **yourself** eat too much chocolate.

7. Bonita composed the music playing in the background **herself**.

8. We **will** learn the new dance **ourselves**.

9. Did you **yourself** advance in the standings after the first round of play?

10. They allowed **themselves** plenty of time to reach the arena.

11. He **himself** assured us it would not rain on our picnic.

12. The train **itself** seemed to stop suddenly.

13. We promised **ourselves** we would see that movie Friday night.

14. You **have visited** Virginia many times **yourself**.
Lesson 4
Pronouns: Interrogative and Relative; Demonstrative and Indefinite

An **interrogative pronoun** is used to form questions. Interrogative pronouns are *who*, *whom*, *whose*, *what*, and *which*. Other forms of the interrogative pronouns are *whoever*, *whomever*, *whosoever*, *whatever*, and *whichever*.

**Who** is planning to attend the silent auction?
**Whatever** are the Wilsons going to do with the leftover potato salad?

A **relative pronoun** is used to begin a special subject-verb word group called a subordinate clause (see Lesson 24).

The tour guide says this is the invention **that** changed history.

**Exercise 1** Underline each interrogative pronoun and circle each relative pronoun.

1. Which of these schedules lists the time **that** the bus to Topeka leaves?
2. The caterer who furnished this meal did an excellent job.
3. Whatever happened to common courtesy?
4. We will see whichever of the Broadway plays you like.
5. The pianist who played last night gave a magnificent performance.
6. Who is the passenger whose briefcase was lost?
7. Sadie will give the package to whoever answers the door.
8. Father’s car, which is bright red, is parked across the street.
9. Whom did you say the biography was about?
10. What crawled up your arm?
11. Whichever are we hoping to locate?
12. Whose sculpture did Terence admire at the art exhibit?
13. The quilt that Derek and Denise made is an anniversary gift for their parents.
14. What was decided about the park that borders Silver Lake?
15. Give me whatever needs to be repaired.
A **demonstrative pronoun** points out specific persons, places, things, or ideas.

**This** was signed by the entire class.

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An **indefinite pronoun** refers to persons, places, or things in a more general way than a noun does.

**Someone** decorated the dining room for Corinne’s birthday.

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**Exercise 2** Draw a line under each indefinite pronoun and circle each demonstrative pronoun.

**That** appears to be a game **anyone** can win.

1. These belong on the shelf next to the mystery novels.
2. Neither gave the public a reason to rejoice.
3. Everybody wants a copy of Taylor Joyce’s newest novel.
4. This is the key to unlocking the secrets of Ms. Dupont’s success.
5. Those provoked quite an argument at the meeting last night.
6. Many attempt to win the contest, but few actually claim first prize.
7. The instructor gave others an opportunity to voice their opinions.
8. Joseph demonstrated that yesterday when he received his first traffic ticket.
9. Of all the directors, one achieved true greatness with his documentary.
10. Somebody made signs to show us the way to the tournament.
11. Take these to the laboratory on Clifford Street.
12. This certainly tastes delicious on top of a bed of lettuce.
13. Most of Gary’s time was spent researching the issue.
14. Both captured our attention as we waited in the incredibly long line.
15. Everyone wishes those would last forever.
Lesson 5
Action Verbs: Transitive and Intransitive

A **verb** is a word that expresses action or a state of being and is necessary to make a statement. An **action verb** tells what someone or something does. Action verbs can express either physical or mental action. A **transitive verb** is an action verb that is followed by a word or words that answer the question **what?** or **whom?** An **intransitive verb** is an action verb that is not followed by a word that answers the question **what?** or **whom?**

Jason **telephoned** Andrea to invite her to the party. (transitive)
Jason’s party **began** at eight o’clock. (intransitive)

**Exercise 1** Draw two lines under each action verb. Write in the blank whether the verb is **T** (transitive) or **I** (intransitive).

- **T** Molly, our team captain, **passed** the ball to Deana.
- 1. George and Ling **brought** chips and salsa to the meeting.
- 2. Uncle Louis **rides** his horse three times each week.
- 3. Marian **sings** beautifully in spite of her lack of practice.
- 4. This city possesses more forms of entertainment than my hometown.
- 5. After the thunderstorm a rainbow appeared in the sky.
- 6. A flock of hummingbirds **invaded** the orchard.
- 7. She respectfully **declined** the nomination for vice president.
- 8. The Spanish Club **travels** to Spain next year.
- 9. Both players **work** feverishly during the tennis match.
- 10. The Riveras appreciate the space museum’s newest exhibit.
- 11. Tanya **attends** the symphony once a year.
- 12. Roger’s family **took** a ski trip last February.
- 13. Dwight **found** his sneakers under the table.
- 14. The explorers **searched** for treasure at the bottom of the sea.
- 15. We watched the dolphin show at the amusement park.
- 16. Jennifer’s group **displayed** many crafts at the charity bazaar.
- 17. The art gallery on Tenth Street holds a public showing once a week.
- 18. A soft breeze playfully **tugged** at the last summer flowers.
____ 19. The new lights on the pavement outline the road clearly.
____ 20. Tristan bought a road map from the convenience store.
____ 21. Renata’s teammates waited impatiently.
____ 22. The toddler tripped on an uneven sidewalk.
____ 23. Our entire class contributed to the flood victims’ relief fund.
____ 24. The space shuttle ascends through the clouds.
____ 25. Toby smells the tomato sauce hours before dinner.
____ 26. Many campers chose sites closer to civilization.
____ 27. The tourists complete their journey by train.
____ 28. Years ago, Simone wrote many letters.
____ 29. The celebration begins at two o’clock in the school gymnasium.
____ 30. William made a vase in pottery class.

► Writing Link  Write a paragraph about a sporting event. Use transitive and intransitive verbs to describe the action.

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Lesson 6
Linking Verbs

A linking verb links, or joins, the subject of a sentence with a word that identifies or describes the subject.

Sculpture is important. The sculptor seemed dedicated. Jo will become a sculptor.

**LINKING VERBS**
Forms of *be*: am, is, are, was, were, been, being
appear feel look seem sound
become grow remain smell taste

**Exercise 1** Write *LV* in the blank if the verb is a linking verb and *AV* if the verb is an action verb.

LV Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi was a sculptor.
__  1. Scholars recognize Alsace as Bartholdi’s birthplace.
__  3. Alsace lies between Germany and France.
__  4. Long ago it was an independent kingdom.
__  5. However, today, as in 1834, it is part of France.
__  6. Bartholdi was a poor student at first.
__  7. Then he became interested in art.
__  8. He seemed genuinely attracted to sculpture.
__  9. However, sculpture is a difficult art to pursue.
__ 10. Sculpture requires much space.
__ 11. Its cost is often very great.
__ 12. The young Bartholdi dreamed of large sculptures.
__ 13. His options appeared limited.
__ 14. Bartholdi was nothing if not resourceful.
__ 15. His first success occurred in his hometown of Alsace.
__ 16. The town, Colmar, wanted a large statue to commemorate a local hero.
__ 17. Bartholdi’s design appealed to the town leaders.
__ 18. He received the commission in 1856.
__ 19. The statue of the Napoleonic marshal Jean Rapp was a great success.
He made fountains, portrait busts, and a statue of the Celtic hero, Vercingetorix.

However, Bartholdi felt unsatisfied with these commissions.

He wanted his statues timeless.

He would express ideals with his works of art.

War, however, crushed his hopes.

In 1870 Prussia, a German state, invaded France.

The sculptor became an officer.

Bartholdi had command of fifteen soldiers in Colmar against some five thousand Germans.

The Germans forced his soldiers to retreat.

The Germans occupied his hometown.

His mood remained melancholy for some time.

In 1871 the unhappy Bartholdi sailed to America.

France and the United States had been strong friends since the American Revolution.

The French patriot Lafayette was also an American general in the Revolution.

Bartholdi liked America.

He was a guest at President Grant’s summer cottage.

The French sculptor talked to Grant about an idea.

Edouard Laboulaye, a French journalist and politician, was the originator of the idea.

A Frenchman makes a monument to America’s independence.

Bartholdi enlarges the notion into a fantastic idea.

He creates the Statue of Liberty.

**Writing Link** Describe in two or three sentences a pet you or someone you know has had. Use a linking verb in at least two of the sentences.
Lesson 7

Verb Phrases

The verb in a sentence may consist of more than one word. The words that accompany
the main verb are called auxiliary, or helping, verbs. A verb phrase consists of a main
verb and all its auxiliary verbs.

Miki and Steve should finish the posters before noon.

AUXILIARY VERBS

Forms of be: am, is, are, was, were, being, been
Forms of have: has, have, had, having
Other helping verbs: can, could, do, does, did, may, might, must, shall, should, will, would

Exercise 1 Draw two lines under each verb phrase and circle each auxiliary verb.

The performers may begin this concert early.
1. Jacques has played golf several times.
2. The majestic mountain will challenge any climber.
3. Three poodles have escaped from the Allingham estate.
4. An army captain could capture the attention of every private in the room.
5. Belinda might have seen the tornado from the basement window.
6. Mandy and Monica are visiting their aunt in Pittsburgh.
7. Walden Pond has become a popular destination for fans of Henry David Thoreau.
8. New rock bands will be featured on that radio station every Sunday evening.
9. This antique car did function well in its day.
10. The duchess may wear her diamond tiara to the embassy.
11. A new movie has sparked interest in Latin dancing.
12. Dorothy Parker was considered a great wit.
13. The history museum might acquire a collection of Civil War clothing.
14. The alarm will sound at precisely six o’clock.
15. Hernando must assist the band leader between songs.
16. Our plan could have succeeded at any other time of the year.
17. The Fadorsens shall hire a nanny for Angelina.
18. Dr. Carmichael is conducting a survey on sleep habits.
19. Though an amateur composer, Henri will create a memorable melody for the occasion.

20. Lisa will study phonetics next semester.

21. A detective would be gathering clues in this situation.

22. Champion divers are practicing for their Olympic event.

23. Eleanor Parker did play the baroness in *The Sound of Music*.

24. Irene and Ben will meet us along the parade route.

25. All of the horses were surging toward the finish line.

26. Alicia should recover in time for the next event.

27. Mr. Muldoon had conducted the orchestra since 1982.

28. I do worry about the effects of pollution on the environment.

29. Charlie is learning patience from his grandfather.

30. Jeanine might be chosen as a contestant on that game show.

31. Native American jewelry is sold at that store.

32. This discussion has been planned by the search committee.

33. The entire family shall fly to Paradise Island.

34. Don may give the precious music box to Teresa.

35. The incompetent sleuth had accused the wrong person.

36. Purple and yellow wildflowers were dotting the verdant meadow.

37. Katherine does enjoy each video game in her collection.

38. A number of potential buyers were being shown the Davises’ house.

39. Mom could use some help with the neighborhood council meeting.

40. Nathan will be singing in the talent show.

**Writing Link** Write two or three sentences about an activity you enjoy. Use an auxiliary verb in at least two of the sentences.

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Lesson 8
Adjectives

An adjective is a word that modifies a noun or a pronoun by limiting its meaning.

dark clouds  wet snow  clear lake  magnificent lightning

Adjectives include the articles a, an, and the. A and an are indefinite articles; the is a definite article.

A dove glided over the orange trees.

Because they modify nouns, possessive nouns and pronouns are considered adjectives as well.

Place your jacket next to Ryan’s jacket.

A proper adjective is formed from a proper noun and begins with a capital letter. Proper adjectives are often created by using the following suffixes: -an, -ian, -n, -ese, and -ish.

We ate German food and listened to African music at the international festival.

Exercise 1 Draw a line under each adjective in the following sentences.

A great number of adventurous people have immigrated to America.

1. European powers expanded their influence in the seventeenth century.
2. French explorers started North American colonies in Quebec.
3. English colonies started for religious freedom and business opportunities.
4. The Virginia colony was a business colony.
5. Large numbers of immigrants enabled the various colonies to prosper in the eighteenth century.
6. By the nineteenth century, Europe had a great number of unhappy people.
7. The common people’s concerns were often ignored.
8. Therefore, many ordinary folk decided to emigrate.
9. They left their old homes and took a chance on America.
10. The first great immigration into the new nation came with the French Revolution.
11. The fierce Revolution caused many dramatic changes in France.
12. Every few years the weak government would be overthrown.
13. French immigrants to America included former royalists and radicals.
14. Very few people liked the constant twists and turns of the bitter struggle.
15. After the dictator Napoleon was defeated, however, emigration from France lessened.
16. Then aggressive Germany developed widespread troubles.
17. Many educated Germans fought for true, lasting political reform.
18. However, the strict Prussian government took over more and more of Germany.
19. Liberal Germans began immigrating to distant America.
20. Many Germans had immigrated to colonial America years before.
21. They found the rich farmland of Pennsylvania to be like the fertile regions they had left.
22. However, the new German immigrants often settled in wild frontier areas such as Wisconsin.
23. The American government gladly encouraged French and German immigration.
24. It saw this encouragement as a serious duty to European peoples.
25. One of the most numerous immigrant groups was the Irish.
26. Irish people had come to colonial America in the eighteenth century.
27. They fled the English government and its military occupation of Ireland.
28. In the 1840s, a terrible famine killed more than one million Irish people.
29. Many survivors considered America their only hope for lasting freedom.
30. Toward the end of the nineteenth century, the serious situation in eastern Europe became even worse.
31. Millions emigrated from their homelands in Russia, Austria-Hungary, Poland, and other areas.
32. Russia established a Russification policy for its people.
33. The Russian empire was a vast, gigantic empire stretching from the Pacific to Germany.
34. The Tsar's government sought to make everyone speak the Russian language.
35. His policy also persecuted the Jewish people within his lands.
36. The terrible attacks against Jews were known as pogroms.
37. Therefore, many Jewish people emigrated from Russia and came to America.
38. Large numbers of Chinese immigrants arrived in California after the Gold Rush.
39. They contributed to the economic successes of the West Coast.
40. Significant numbers of Japanese immigrants arrived in the late nineteenth century.
Lesson 9
Adverbs

An adverb is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb by making its meaning more specific. Adverbs answer the questions how? when? where? and to what degree?

When modifying a verb, an adverb may appear in various positions in a sentence. When modifying an adjective or another adverb, an adverb appears directly before the modified word.

The boy had run quickly home. (Quickly modifies the verb phrase had run.)
Kate is very nervous about her performance. (Very modifies the adjective nervous.)
Dr. Delacorte removed the bandages quite carefully. (Quite modifies the adverb carefully; carefully modifies the verb removed.)

The negatives no, not, and the contraction -n’t are adverbs.

Other negative words, such as nowhere, hardly, and never, can function as adverbs of time, place, and degree.

I couldn’t remember where I left my science book. The rain never begins until softball practice starts.

Exercise 1 Draw an arrow from each adverb to the word it modifies.

1. We gleefully danced because of our victory.
2. My sister can type fast.
3. The maple tree in the yard is gradually losing its leaves.
4. The grandfather clock chimes merrily.
5. The big harvest moon shone brightly in the October sky.
6. Father loudly whistled for his dog.
7. The high school band marched proudly in the festival parade.
8. I thought the conductor was rather late in calling, “All aboard!”
9. The muddy creek flows very quickly.
10. The young artist watched the master closely.
11. The cooks in the cafeteria generously gave to the food drive.

12. The dairy cows grazed contentedly in the sweet clover.

13. It is nearly impossible to see butterflies this time of year.

14. Canadian geese gently settled down on the blue lake.

15. Boats that flew colorfully painted sails glided through the canal.

16. Karen and Brad seem very pleased with their score in ice dancing.

17. The cool air subtly reminds us that fall is approaching.

18. My family is planning this year’s completely relaxing vacation.

19. The track team eagerly ate the soup and sandwiches.

20. The baby bird fluttered clumsily.

21. We noticed that the wildflowers had quickly withered.

22. The steam engine puffed loudly as it pulled slowly into the station.

23. The kids jumped happily on the sled and swiftly slid down the hill.

24. Caitlin searched everywhere for the missing locket.

25. My little brother’s football team practiced hard for their first game.

26. The flame on the candle suddenly flickered.

27. Our lovely cactus bloomed beautifully in time for the holidays.

28. The antique bed was entirely covered by the homemade quilt.

29. The passenger was snoring loudly when the bus finally stopped at the station.

30. The aerobics class will meet again in two weeks.

31. Flowering shrubs totally surrounded the large porch.

32. The elephants in the circus were successfully trained for their job.

33. Wait here for the subway train.
34. The varsity team usually wore the school colors.

35. Jackets and sweaters were carelessly laid on the chairs and tables.

36. The art teacher artistically displayed the students’ paintings.

37. Her older sister Gail will earnestly study anthropology in college.

38. The guides at the zoo skillfully led the group of tourists.

39. The new tractor deeply plowed the large field.

40. Uncle Dave certainly tells good stories.

▶ Exercise 2 Draw a line under each adverb. Write in the blank the type of word it modifies: V (verb), adj. (adjective) or adv. (adverb).

V The balloon floated gently toward the sky.

1. The wind whistled sharply through the trees.

2. The crowd angrily protested the court’s decision.

3. He hardly had the ball, and then he dropped it.

4. I enrolled in a slightly unusual course.

5. Diane carried the carton of eggs very carefully.

6. Teri and Samantha worked on their science project yesterday.

7. In spite of the setbacks, John succeeded quite well.

8. We cheerfully rode many miles in the restored train.

9. How will you maintain your grades?

10. She joined the club extremely early to qualify for the contest.

11. The demonstration we witnessed was truly extraordinary.

12. The announcer says the show will begin soon.

13. The storm was terribly severe on the East Coast.

14. Jasmine then answered the question for the entire class.

15. The guest of honor was very knowledgeable.

16. Greg barely heard the news on the radio.

17. You will never guess whom I saw at the mall.

18. You will need one cup of finely chopped celery for this omelette.

19. They recently established their friendship.
20. I nearly grabbed the wrong suitcase from the luggage carousel.
21. We quite possibly will launch the boat in the morning.
22. Colleen waited quietly for me to demonstrate the program.
23. Andre did not hear a shriek in the dark studio.
24. She is already practicing for the school play.
25. I have voiced my well-researched position on that issue.
26. Joni quickly locked the front door.
27. Cynthia says she never dreams about her job.
28. The choir rehearsed diligently for the homecoming program.
29. The evening sky slowly turned deep blue.
30. The president solemnly opened the assembly.
31. The bike was totally clean despite the rain.
32. I desperately wanted to see the adventure movie at our local theater.
33. This job seems utterly hopeless.
34. Our team firmly defended the championship trophy.
35. Sven almost surely will sell his computer to Alison.
36. The yellow daffodils are gently swaying in the spring breeze.
37. The tape in your videocassette recorder is rather tangled.
38. Maria certainly seems devoted to the school newspaper.
39. The soft drink can felt extremely cold in my hand.
40. We saw the small sailboat drifting aimlessly.

► Writing Link  Write a paragraph about a new activity you have tried recently. Use adverbs in your sentences.
Lesson 10
Prepositions

A **preposition** is a word that shows the relationship of a noun or pronoun to some other word in the sentence.

The book **on** the table was written **by** Dr. Kotlinski.  
The story **of** Hercules fascinates me.

**COMMON PREPOSITIONS**

- aboard
- as
- but (=except)
- in
- out
- toward
- about
- at
- by
- inside
- outside
- under
- above
- before
- concerning
- into
- over
- underneath
- across
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- despite
- like
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- throughout
- within
- among
- between
- for
- onto
- throughout
- within
- around
- beyond
- from
- opposite
- to
- without

A **compound preposition** is a preposition that is made up of more than one word.

- according to
- apart from
- because of
- in front of
- next to
- out of
- ahead of
- aside from
- by means of
- in spite of
- on account of
- owing to
- along with
- as to
- in addition to
- instead of
- on top of

Phrases that begin with a preposition usually end with a noun or pronoun called the **object of the preposition**.

The man arrived **with the pizza**. Everything went **according to plan**.

**Exercise 1**  Circle each preposition and underline each prepositional phrase.

The first American satellite was launched **from** Cape Canaveral.

1. Before this launch, the Soviet Union built a satellite named **Sputnik**.
2. It circled Earth in 1957.
3. **Sputnik** weighed only 184 pounds and fell to Earth within three months.
4. The Russians launched **Sputnik II** on November 3, 1957.
5. A dog was along for the ride.
6. The scientists wanted to see how long it would live in space.
7. It lived one hundred hours after takeoff.
8. The 1960 **Tiros I** demonstrated a satellite’s value in weather forecasting.
9. The year 1960 also saw the Soviet Discoverer capsules tested for passengers.
10. The Russians developed space capsules intended for human use, too.
11. The first man in space was Yuri A. Gagarin.
12. He made a single orbit around Earth.
13. According to records, the date was April 12, 1961.
14. Gagarin was two hundred miles above Earth.
15. The American project Mercury was initiated in 1958.
16. It was under the control of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
17. In May of 1961, Alan B. Shepard Jr. went into space.
18. Shepard, the first American in space, spent fifteen minutes there.
19. Two months after Shepard, Virgil I. Grissom became the second American to travel outside Earth’s atmosphere.
20. Grissom’s Mercury flight was like Shepard’s suborbital flight.
22. The first of the American astronauts in orbit around Earth was John H. Glenn.
23. The Atlas rocket lifted Glenn’s Mercury capsule from the launch pad.
24. Millions watched on television as Glenn went into space.
25. He made three orbits around the planet.
26. On his way down, however, a signal indicated the capsule’s heat shield had worked loose.
27. Everyone was terribly afraid; Glenn could die because of this problem.
28. Two minutes later, ground control discovered the problem was in the signal itself.
29. Without difficulty, Glenn and his capsule, which he called Friendship 7, were hauled out of the sea.
30. Besides these rocket efforts, Americans flew a rocket plane into outer space’s lower reaches.
31. This was the famous rocket plane known as the X-15.
32. Today Russia and the United States, along with several other countries, are working together to move the boundaries of space ever further.
Lesson 11
Conjunctions: Coordinating, Correlative, and Subordinating

A conjunction joins single words or groups of words. A coordinating conjunction joins words or groups of words that are equal in grammatical importance. Coordinating conjunctions include and, but, or, nor, for, and yet.

I wrote the letter and mailed it. It looked cloudy, yet we hoped for sunshine.

Correlative conjunctions work in pairs to join words and groups of words of equal importance. Correlative conjunctions include both...and, just as...so, not only...but also, either...or, neither...nor, and whether...or.

Either we leave now, or we don’t leave at all.
Both Gina and Simone compete in gymnastics.

A subordinating conjunction joins a dependent idea or clause to a main clause.

COMMON SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

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The movie starts after the advertisements finish.
We finished early so that we could go home.

Exercise 1 Circle each conjunction. In the blank, write coord. if the conjunction is coordinating, corr. if the conjunction is correlative, or sub. if the conjunction is subordinating.

We are leaving whenever you are ready.

1. The game began, but the rain stopped it.
2. I have eaten, yet I am still hungry.
3. The sun rose, and its light shone against the blue sky.
4. Do you have enough money, or do you need more?
5. Ogima walked home because he wanted to be alone.
6. The branch fell after the storm had subsided.
7. The television was muted so that Jeremy could hear the birds.
8. He sought for more social importance than he really had earned.
9. Not only does Mary volunteer at the hospital, but also she delivers meals to people who need them.
10. The crowds bustled all day, although the sale was over.

11. Darla waited by the escalator while Tina purchased a dress.

12. Whether lasagna or chicken is served at the banquet depends on us.

13. Drive down Front Street until you see the post office.

14. Either investigate the matter thoroughly, or ask someone else to do it.

15. They already inquired and were told the store was completely sold out.

16. Mercedes attended the ball last year, whereas I’ve gone the past two years.

17. Let’s finish the project today, for tomorrow we will have other things to do.

18. The gift was neither requested nor expected.

19. Dr. Stevens spoke as though he had something on his mind.

20. Timothy will stay at the library as long as he can tonight.

21. If they do not arrive soon, we will start the movie without them.

22. Scott would rather see the movie before he reads the book.

23. We will arrive early so that we can find good seats.

24. Just as you helped me, so I try to help others.

25. The coach warned us we would lose unless we practiced harder.

26. After the assembly is over, Simon is going to leave.

27. I adore that actress, but I don’t like her latest performance.

28. If the principal permits it, the chess club will host a tournament.

29. As soon as you finish packing, we will leave.

30. Courtney is in the habit of jogging every afternoon since she joined the track team.

31. Grandmother remembers not only Harry S Truman, but also Franklin D. Roosevelt.

32. Everyone has a great time whenever Aunt Mae comes for a visit.

**Writing Link** Write two or three sentences about a decision you have had to make. Use at least one correlative conjunction and one subordinating conjunction.
Lesson 12
Conjunctive Adverbs and Interjections

A conjunctive adverb is used to clarify the relationship between clauses of equal weight in a sentence.

I won the archery contest; nevertheless, I still need to practice.

**COMMON CONJUNCTIVE ADVERBS**

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An interjection is a word or phrase that expresses emotion or exclamation. An interjection has no grammatical connection to other words. Commas follow mild ones; exclamation points follow stronger ones.

Oh, is that so? Hey! Watch out or you’ll get hurt!

**Exercise 1** Draw a line under each conjunctive adverb and circle each interjection.

(Hey) Casey won the contest; therefore, he became famous.

1. The Hesperus sank; moreover, there were no survivors of the wreck.
2. Dennis failed to follow the recipe; consequently, his pancakes did not turn out well.
3. We did not have enough money for the bus ride; besides, we enjoyed the walk.
4. General Douglas MacArthur was a great leader in World War II; similarly, George Patton won military glory in that conflict.
5. Those clouds are lovely; however, they signal coming bad weather.
6. Oh! You cleaned your room; therefore, you can have the last piece of pumpkin pie.
7. Dominique loves this ring; moreover, she actually has enough money to buy it.
8. You have to sit through a poor movie; however, a poor book you can put down.
9. Diego has to give a speech today; consequently, he is very nervous.
10. Ouch! I cut my finger on this stack of papers.
11. Sheila loves math class; similarly, she appreciates learning about chemistry.
12. I’ve always wanted to fly; indeed, I’ve even dreamed about it.
13. It is raining; otherwise, we would be outside.
14. Akira paints magnificently; moreover, he’s even sold a few paintings.
15. Aha! I caught you raiding the refrigerator.
16. Larry passed his driving test; therefore, he wants to celebrate.
17. Denise is at swimming practice; likewise, Shawn is playing volleyball.
18. Well, how do you think the story ended?
19. Those new clothes in the store window look great; nevertheless, they’re too expensive.
20. Let’s enter the dance contest, Teri; furthermore, let’s win it.
21. Bart slept until noon; then, he had to explain why he was late for his weekend job.
22. Wow! That is a blimp floating across the sky.
23. Guides led the visitors around the house; then, the party finally began.
24. Well, if you insist, I’ll give him a call.
25. That blue one might be a reliable car; similarly, the red one could run well.
26. Cousin Martha has volunteered to help plan the party; moreover, she’s willing to bring refreshments.
27. I love philosophy; indeed, it makes me see everything differently.
28. The old barn is beautiful; hence, I’ll sketch it for art class.
29. Captain Ogden gave us a tour of his ship; moreover, he taught us how to steer it.
30. The Mongol hordes were powerful armies; otherwise, how could they have conquered so much territory?
31. The typhoon wrecked the shoreline; moreover, the wind damaged houses inland.
32. No! Don’t put aluminum foil in the microwave oven.

► Writing Link  Write a brief narration of a surprising event, real or imagined. Use at least one conjunctive adverb and two interjections.

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**Exercise 1** Write the part of speech above each italicized word: *N* (noun), *pro.* (pronoun), *V* (verb), *adj.* (adjective), *adv.* (adverb), *prep.* (preposition), or *conj.* (conjunction).

1. The aquarium was filled with jellyfish.
2. They were driving through town, so they decided to pay us a visit.
3. Tony and Steve were completely finished painting the house by six o’clock.
4. The bullet train sped through the countryside at an alarming pace.
5. Dad ordered a pizza with pepperoni, sausage, and extra cheese.
6. Learning to operate theatrical lights is harder than it looks.
7. The passengers will be boarding the airplane soon.
8. She planned to vacation in Hawaii but had to settle for Hagerstown.
9. Who could imagine the quaint village would have an entire store devoted to lamp shades?
10. The children were slightly less enthusiastic about the move than their parents.
11. This horse should run freely.
12. Old forty-five-speed records have become collector’s items.
13. How did the broccoli land under the kitchen table?
14. The interviewer asked several difficult questions, yet Stacy remained calm.
15. Corrine works as an intern at the Jefferson City Arts Council.
16. We hope to explore the new bookstore after school today.
17. Waiters and waitresses wear tuxedos at that restaurant.
18. Her perfume contains the scents of vanilla, lilies, and honeysuckle.
19. His cheerful smile lit the room from the moment he entered.
20. Ruth and Joe have lived in the same brick house for thirty-five years.
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Exercise 1 Write the part of speech above each italicized word: N (noun), pro. (pronoun), V (verb), adj. (adjective), adv. (adverb), prep. (preposition), conj. (conjunction), or int. (interjection).

Virginia works as a French tutor in the evening.

1. The drama department will produce a musical this fall.
2. We stayed late to help clean up after the banquet.
3. Glenna, Tom, and Michael serve on our student council.
4. The glass shelves were full of unusual objects.
5. Though the piano needs tuning, it still sounds lovely when played by Sydney.
6. A folk art exhibition opens at the museum on Tuesday.
7. Wow! Imagine finding oil beneath your own backyard!
8. The wind gradually ceased, and the sun peeked through the clouds.
9. They remembered visiting the monument when they were children.
10. Roberto is interested in Greek history, but I prefer geometry.
11. Kyle brought us brochures describing several beautiful resorts.
12. Molly was waiting for the others on the steps of the statehouse.
13. Everyone looked forward to the Silcrests’ dinner party.
14. A television news crew videotaped the entire competition.
15. Well, what shall we do about the broken pipe?
16. Neither steak nor rice sounds appetizing to me tonight.
17. In the spring, a new bridge will be built to replace this one.
18. Jerry goes skiing more frequently than Sylvia does.
19. Consumers expect to find bargains at an outlet store.
20. Oh, is the concert over already?
Lesson 13
Simple Subjects and Simple Predicates

Every sentence has a subject and a predicate. A simple subject is the main noun or pronoun that tells what the sentence is about. A simple predicate is the verb or verb phrase that tells something about the subject.

Clocks tick. (Clocks is the simple subject; tick is the simple predicate.)

Exercise 1
Draw one line under each simple subject and two lines under each simple predicate.

Andrea read from the book Of Mice and Men.

1. Bells were ringing in joyous celebration of the King’s coronation.
2. According to poet John Keats, whales are “sea-shouldering” mammals.
3. Flowers were growing in every nook and cranny of the tiny backyard.
4. Paintings were displayed throughout the elaborate entryway.
5. The race at Cape White is on Saturday.
6. Those books are expensive.
7. I write poetry on rainy afternoons.
8. Julia has a rare coin from the seventeenth century.
9. We visited the Museum of Natural History in Cincinnati, Ohio.
10. The boxes of old clothes and toys are in a corner of the attic.
11. Our dog barks every morning at the mail carrier.
12. The exam was difficult.
13. I asked for a car for my birthday.
14. We stayed at the aquarium all day.
15. The sirens woke us in the dead of night.
16. The performance was impressive.
17. Time passed quickly.
18. Jake studies German.
20. The art of map production is called cartography.
21. Astronomy interests Derek and me.
22. Barb moved away a week or so ago.
23. Paul is the most responsible baby-sitter of all the teens on our block.
24. Luisa talks in her sleep.
25. I helped at my uncle's repair shop last week.
26. That intersection is dangerous due to a deep curve right before it.
27. My brother studied biology at Northwestern University.
28. Mrs. McCann completed the problem on the chalkboard.
29. Physics is my favorite subject.
30. The answer became clear as soon as I quit thinking about it.
31. Joel felt proud of his dog's blue ribbon.
32. The walk to town was more than a mile through soggy fields and low hills.
33. Amiua's archery team practices after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
34. The band will play in the gym.
35. Eduardo was absent for three days last week.
36. Her family includes three brothers and two sisters.
37. David put his shiny new baseball trophy on the top shelf.
38. Nicole will study in Paris this summer.
39. The spring concert is the biggest event for the choir.
40. Jill decided on a new stereo, speakers, and stand.
41. Ching-Li collects baseball cards of American ballplayers.
42. I worked on my term paper all day.
43. Pam borrowed my dictionary.
44. Mark laughed loudly at my lame joke.
45. Rashida works after school in the deli at Streber's Market.
Lesson 14
Complete Subjects and Complete Predicates

A **complete subject** includes the simple subject and any words that modify it.
The driver of our bus waits patiently for the smallest children.

A **complete predicate** includes the simple predicate and any words that modify it.
The works of Monet are on display at the museum.

► **Exercise 1** Draw a vertical line between the complete subject and the complete predicate.
The Vikings were Scandinavian.

1. The seafaring Vikings traveled along the coasts of Europe during the period A.D. 800–1100.
2. This turbulent period is known as the Viking Age.
3. Vikings from Sweden, Norway, and Denmark raided many of Europe’s coastal villages.
4. Viking traders exchanged goods with merchants in Byzantium, Russia, and France.
5. Rich iron deposits in Scandinavia allowed Vikings to develop advanced tools.
6. Ornamental spears, swords, and axes were used by Viking warriors.
7. Viking ships were superior to the rowboats of the time.
8. The Vikings often buried their wealthy deceased in ships under water.
9. Some Viking poetry and literature still exist.
10. Viking sea warriors could be vicious in their attacks.
11. Many people in coastal villages were killed or taken prisoner.
12. Swedish Vikings settled in areas around the Gulf of Finland.
13. The Orkney and Shetland islands were home to Norwegian Vikings.
14. Vikings known as Rus, or Varangians, established the first Russian state during the ninth century.
15. Some Vikings founded settlements in Ireland and northwestern England.
16. These daring explorers also settled in Iceland, Greenland, and North America.
17. Descendants of the Vikings in the city of Normandy, France, were called Normans.
18. Viking conquests slowed in the tenth century.
19. The political systems and armies of Europe grew stronger in the eleventh century.
20. This brought an end to the Viking Age.
Exercise 2 Draw one line under the complete subject and two lines under the complete predicate.

The Vikings were probably the first Europeans in Nova Scotia.

1. Nova Scotia was one of their first stopovers in the Northern Hemisphere.
2. The province of Nova Scotia lies on the eastern coast of Canada.
3. The Nova Scotia peninsula and Cape Breton Island make up Nova Scotia.
4. It is almost completely surrounded by water.
5. The Gulf of St. Lawrence separates Nova Scotia from Newfoundland.
7. He left no settlers in Nova Scotia.
9. Nova Scotia was a battleground between the British and French during the seventeenth century.
10. An agreement called the Peace of Utrecht gave the mainland to the British.
11. The British gained control of Cape Breton Island in 1763.
12. The country joined the Dominion of Canada as one of its four primary provinces in 1867.
13. About eighty percent of Nova Scotia is covered by evergreen forests.
14. Nova Scotia and West Virginia are about the same size.
15. The city of Halifax is Nova Scotia’s capital.
16. Fish, lumber, and ships were once important products of Nova Scotia.
17. Today coal, oil, and paper are the main products.
18. Nova Scotia’s government is a parliamentary system.
19. It is headed by a lieutenant governor.
20. However, the provincial premier and an executive council make up the true executive branch.

Writing Link Write one complete subject, and then write at least two complete predicates that will finish the sentence in an opposite manner.

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Lesson 15
Compound Subjects and Compound Predicates

A **compound subject** has two or more simple subjects that are joined by a conjunction. The subjects share the same verb. A **compound predicate** has two or more verbs or verb phrases that are joined by a conjunction and share the same subject.

Pennies, nickels, and dimes filled the jar. (compound subject)
He peeled and ate a banana at lunch. (compound predicate)

Exercise 1
Draw a vertical line between the subject and predicate. Write **S** above each simple subject and **V** above each simple verb.

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1. You and Tom have the best parts in the play.
2. I wrote the letter and mailed it the same day.
3. Grandmother sews our clothes and knits our sweaters.
4. The photographer took the photos and developed them himself.
5. The boy and the puppy ran toward the house.
6. A pencil case and a picture sat on the teacher's desk.
7. He makes crafts and sells them at the art fair.
8. For our club project, Jamal and I grilled and served hot dogs at the picnic.
9. Many friends and relatives came to my sister's graduation party.
10. Diane and Mitsu saw the movie and enjoyed it.
11. Clothes, jewelry, and baked goods were sold at the charity bazaar.
12. Richie and Peta walk or jog five miles each day.
13. Joy and my brother drove them to the party and dropped them off.
14. Both Tim and I take guitar lessons.
15. Jerry loaded the software and played his computer game.
16. They canceled and then rescheduled their ski weekend.
17. Leopards and tigers are members of the cat family.

18. Antonio and his family moved to Springfield and then settled in our city.

19. Hydrogen and oxygen combine to make water.

20. The little girl cried and reached up to her dad.

**Exercise 2** Draw a vertical line between the subject and predicate. Write in the blank **CS** if the subject is compound, **CP** if the predicate is compound, or **B** if both are compound.

CS Bala and Hannah|studied for the French test together.

1. Mrs. Fabrizio announced the winner and called him to the front of the class.

2. The coach, the team, and the fans stomped and cheered loudly after the touchdown.

3. The librarian found us books and suggested some articles.

4. Music and art were my favorite classes last year.

5. Our government class chose two candidates and held a mock election.

6. Four geese and one duck swim in the pond behind our house.

7. The faculty and students held a car wash and started a food drive for the needy.

8. Melon and cantaloupe are my favorite summer fruits.

9. The car rattled and shook before stopping completely.

10. Carl and Dimitri discovered the error and brought it to the teacher’s attention.

11. The newspaper carrier delivered the newspaper and collected his fee.

12. Tornadoes and hurricanes are natural disasters.

13. Quarters or dimes and nickels will work in that machine.

14. Either you or I should call Phil and tell him the good news.

15. We often remember the good times and forget the bad times.

16. Tennis and baseball keep us busy in the summer.

17. Kevin marched in the band and played the trumpet.

18. The wind and rain pounded the windows and kept us awake all night.

19. Either Nancy or Zack will mow the grass.

20. Ricardo and Mitch bought new video games and played them all weekend.
Lesson 16
Order of Subject and Predicate

In most sentences, the subject comes before the predicate. In a sentence written in inverted order, the predicate comes before the subject.

Some sentences are written in inverted order for variety or special emphasis.

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The subject also follows the predicate in a sentence that begins with there or here.

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When the subject you is understood, the predicate appears without a subject.

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Exercise 1  Draw one line under each simple subject and two lines under each simple predicate.

Over the hill lies a valley rich with artifacts.
1. Here are the cookies for the bake sale.
2. Look at the photographs in the album.
3. There is no reason for the delay.
4. Behind Joey was the girl from my biology class.
5. In the pile on the left were the tests from our class.
6. Inside a box in the attic was a picture of her grandmother’s wedding.
7. There goes my favorite kind of sports car!
8. Using a microscope, watch the movement of the bacteria.
9. Deep in the water was a swordfish partially hidden by a rock.
10. Finish the assignment for Friday.
11. There was no one left in the auditorium after the play.
12. Wear a heavy coat on your walk in the snow.
13. Here is the poem by e. e. cummings.
14. Inside the apartment building were the landlord and her dog.
15. Read the third paragraph aloud.
16. There exist many books about Martin Luther King Jr.
17. On the bird feeder was a tiny hummingbird.
18. Look in the mirror.
19. On the table were three gifts for Robert.
20. There is a trampoline in the gym.

Exercise 2  Write C beside each sentence that is a command (imperative). Write I beside each sentence that is in inverted order. If the sentence is in inverted order, draw one line under the subject and two lines under the verb.

I 1. Under the rock was a pile of earthworms.
C 1. Wait for the bus on the right side of the street.
I 2. There is nothing as colorful as a fireworks display.
C 2. Through the streets roared many fire engines and police cars.
I 3. Be quiet in the library.
C 3. Beyond the meadow was a forest of tall pines.
I 4. Here lies the envelope with the letter inside.
C 4. Send your entry to this address for the contest.
I 5. There are several students from China in our class.
C 5. Out of the tunnel came a speeding train.
I 6. Come with me to the festival downtown.
C 6. Go to the store for some milk and butter.
I 7. There is no signature on her letter.
C 7. Here is the best way to Shama’s house.
I 8. Sing us a song.
C 8. There was a party after our victory.

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Lesson 17
Complements: Direct and Indirect Objects

A complement is a word or phrase that completes the meaning of a verb. A direct object is one type of complement. It answers the question what? or whom? after an action verb.

Marie Curie won two Nobel Prizes. (Nobel Prizes answers the question what?)

An indirect object is also a complement. It answers the question to whom? for whom? to what? or for what? after an action verb.

Harrison gave Randy a gift for his birthday. (Randy answers the question to whom?)

Exercise 1
Draw two lines under each verb. Circle each direct object.

1. The Bobcats won the championship.
2. We ate dinner earlier than usual.
3. My uncle in Singapore sent me flowers on my birthday.
4. Does Raoul like his new home?
5. Our family took a trip to Arizona last year.
6. Pam liked my new dress.
7. Keshia wrote a great speech for the assembly.
8. I carried Dana’s backpack to the bus stop for her.
10. Shari painted many pictures in art class.
11. I lost my favorite earrings at track practice.
12. Members of the class planted several trees to help the environment.
13. Melanie collects shells at the beach.
14. Teresa ate breakfast on the run.
15. Do you prefer golf or tennis?
16. Jamal chose Andy as his math tutor.
17. Maryam wrote the Arabic alphabet on the board.
18. Antonio hurt his knee in football practice.
19. We polished the surface of the car.
20. I needed a postage stamp for the letter.
Exercise 2  Circle each direct object. Draw one line under each indirect object.

Mrs. Reynolds made me a costume for the masquerade.

1. She gave the museum a rare sculpture.
2. Did Tracy give you her tickets for the concert?
3. Reiko left Gretchen a message.
4. The candidate gave voters a chance for questions.
5. The librarian gave Isabel a book.
6. I gave the clerk a ten-dollar bill.
7. Has Jim told Marcos and Josh his plans?
8. The college awarded my sister a full scholarship.
9. Ben made Rachel and me a batch of cookies.
10. Jennie’s mom brought her a warm-up suit for gymnastics practice.
11. David wouldn’t tell me his secret recipe.
12. Tommy sold Ray his car.
13. The police officer gave him a ticket for reckless operation.
15. Allyn told Kevin his ideas for the English project.
16. The referee awarded our team the ball.
17. Should Elliot bring Mother her robe?
18. My grandfather gave me his fishing pole.
19. We gave Tanya the award for most valuable player.
20. The teacher showed us a shortcut to the problem.

Writing Link  Write four or more sentences about a special gift that someone has given you. Use a direct object and indirect object in at least two of your sentences.

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Lesson 18
Object Complements and Subject Complements

An object complement is a noun, a pronoun, or an adjective that completes the meaning of a direct object by identifying or describing it.

Akira finds me a good friend. (noun)
Paul calls the car his. (pronoun)
He considered it irrelevant. (adjective)

Exercise 1 Above each object complement, write N for noun, P for pronoun, or adj. for adjective.

N
Frederick finds hockey a challenge.

1. Tara considers her education an investment in her future.
2. They call that land theirs.
3. We elected Tim class treasurer.
4. Errors make these baseball cards rare.
5. Yolanda found the German class a challenge.
6. Important landmarks make that city a tourist attraction.
7. My little sister named her hamster Rizzo.
8. A strong drive to excel makes my mother successful.
9. The club appointed Andrew leader of our group project.
10. Erica considers that technique hers.
11. Mr. Mottice found the chemicals potentially dangerous.
12. Dan considers TV a waste of time.
13. The museum considered the diamonds irreplaceable.
15. The director will name Terri most improved singer at the choir banquet.
16. Julia considered the crafts in her display hers.
17. Todd finds vegetables essential for a healthy diet.
18. The Grangers now call Minnesota home.

19. We found the tragic climax of the play a shock.

20. The people of the village consider that way of life theirs.

A subject complement follows a subject and a linking verb. It identifies or describes a subject. The two kinds of subject complements are predicate nominatives and predicate adjectives.

A predicate nominative is a noun or pronoun that follows a linking verb and gives more information about the subject.

Montana is a state.

A predicate adjective is an adjective that follows a linking verb and gives more information about the subject.

He seemed happy with the results.

Exercise 2 Write PN above each predicate nominative and PA above each predicate adjective.

PA
That coat seems expensive.

1. Suki Chen would be a good choice for cheerleader.

2. Uncle Paul is your father’s brother.

3. Eric’s notes are scraps of paper with unreadable writing.

4. The party was dull without a band.

5. The house looks ready for a fresh coat of paint.

6. Sunlight is one cause of skin cancer.

7. I felt lucky after the earthquake.

8. Neil Armstrong was the first person on the moon.

9. Doctors must be cautious about prescriptions.

10. Madelyn seems happy with her new brother.

11. Those boys are competitors.

12. Because of their unhappiness, I feel sad.
Unit 2 Review

Exercise 1  Draw a vertical line between the subject and predicate. Write DO above each direct object and IO above each indirect object.

Carol wrote her paper about water pollution.

1. We recycle newspapers.
2. My friend Janet bought chips and soda for the party.
3. He gave us coins from his collection.
4. Rex served his parents breakfast on their anniversary.
5. Ken thanked me for my help.
6. I found a five-dollar bill on the ground.
7. Karen told her doctor the truth.
8. We saw the stars clearly with the new telescope.
9. Mrs. Fitzpatrick wrote her representative a letter about toxic waste.
10. We eat Mexican food once a week.
11. Vince bought his dad a new wallet.
12. Uncle Ellis often makes pudding for dessert.
13. My little brother brought a goldfish home from the fair.
14. Mike gives tennis all of his time.
15. The teacher assigned Kim a report for extra credit.
17. The computer made a strange noise and then shut down completely.
18. The restaurant had burritos on the menu.
19. Nathaniel told Chris the best idea for a costume.
20. The newscaster reported an accident on Fifth Avenue.
Exercise 1 Write C for concrete, A for abstract, or col. for collective above each noun in italics. Write T for transitive or I for intransitive above each verb.

1. Abby took voice lessons with Dr. Vogelsang.
2. My grandfather began a story about his childhood.
3. David bought his favorite magazine.
4. He and his sister argue about everything.
5. Elliot’s camera takes magnificent photographs.
7. The band visited Florida this year.
8. His sadness shows in all his actions.
9. The geese are flying south for the winter.
10. The army guarded the area night and day.

Exercise 2 Draw a line between the subject and predicate. Above each word in italics, write OC for object complement, PN for predicate nominative, or PA for predicate adjective.

1. Arachnids are arthropods with eight legs.
2. Susan found the race a challenge.
3. Some people are realistic, and others are dreamers.
4. Air pollution remains a problem in our state.
5. The family considers Uncle Jack a character.
6. Mr. Thomas may become our new basketball coach.
7. Ed became anxious about the noises downstairs.
8. His friendliness makes Li a popular person.
Lesson 19
Prepositional Phrases

A prepositional phrase begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or a pronoun called the object of the preposition. Some common prepositions are against, at, for, in, to, on, by, and with.

A prepositional phrase can function as an adjective, modifying a noun or a pronoun.
Darcy chose the bedroom above the garage. (Above the garage modifies the noun bedroom.)

It may also function as an adverb when it modifies a verb, an adverb, or an adjective.
That poem is meaningful to me. (To me modifies the adjective meaningful.)

Exercise 1 Underline the prepositional phrase or phrases in each sentence.
Architects design buildings and other structures for their clients.
1. Architecture is considered a form of art.
2. It is one of the oldest of the fine arts.
3. More is known about the structures of ancient times than about the builders.
4. Before the invention of construction equipment, architects relied on huge labor forces.
5. Examples of early architecture include the Egyptian pyramids and tombs of stone.
6. Mesopotamians used clay bricks in ziggurats at Uruk.
7. Ancient Greeks built magnificent palaces and the huge complex of Knossos.
8. Greeks used masonry and decorated the walls of their structures with frescoes.
9. Columns and beams were also among the Grecian trademarks.
10. Marble was widely used as a construction material during this classical period.
11. The Acropolis and the Parthenon are examples of the fine techniques of the Greeks.
12. The Romans later added their expertise to the Greek technology.
13. During the second century, Romans built structures made from concrete, terra cotta, and bricks.
14. Architectural refinements by the Romans included the arch, the vault, and the dome.
15. Aqueducts, the Colosseum, and the Pantheon are examples of Roman structures.
16. Gothic architecture originated in Northern Europe.
17. The use of buttresses, arches, and vaults characterizes this style.
18. Gothic architecture is seen in many cathedrals in Paris.
19. Examples of Gothic architecture are found throughout Europe.
20. Many of the traditions of the past are reflected in modern architecture.

►Exercise 2 Draw one line under each prepositional phrase and two lines under the object of each preposition.

The name Frank Lloyd Wright is well known among architects.

1. American architect Frank Lloyd Wright was a key figure in modern architecture.
2. Wright produced designs for residences and commercial buildings.
3. His designs are known for their originality.
4. With a style based on natural forms, Wright’s work is unique.
5. Though he studied civil engineering for a time, Wright worked in a design department.
6. On the side, Wright designed houses for clients of the firm.
7. The homes have low roofs and walls of windows.
8. Huge stone fireplaces are a central part of his home designs.
9. His commercial buildings have heavy walls with skylights for the primary light source.
10. At Robie House in Chicago, Wright blended the architecture with the surrounding landscape.
11. After 1893, Wright went out on his own.
12. He would become one of the most famous architects in the United States.
13. Taliesin West is a complex near Phoenix that became Wright’s home, workshop, and school.
14. It is a series of structures with roofs of canvas and wood resting on walls of boulders.
15. The Guggenheim Museum in New York is another of Wright’s creations.
16. It has a spiral design similar to the structure of seashells.
17. His designs are marked by the use of forms from nature.
18. One of his most famous buildings, Fallingwater, is located in a small town in Pennsylvania.
19. Cantilevers, or beams supported at one end, suspend the living room and terrace over a waterfall.
20. Fallingwater is now one of the most popular tourist attractions in Pennsylvania.
Lesson 20
Appositives and Appositive Phrases

An appositive is a noun or a pronoun that further identifies another noun or pronoun.
My music teacher, Mr. Price, studied with famous musicians.

An appositive phrase is the appositive along with any modifiers. If not essential to the meaning of the sentence, it is set off by commas.

We rented bicycles to ride through that area, the most charming part of town.

Exercise 1  Underline the appositive or appositive phrase in each sentence.

Mr. Thompson, Dan’s father, works at a chemical plant.

1. Venus, the second planet from the sun, resembles Earth.
2. Some people prefer soft pretzels, large pretzels that are warmed, to ordinary pretzels.
3. My sister Pam marches in the band.
4. The rattlesnake, one of the most poisonous types of snake, is feared by many people.
5. My favorite comedians, Abbott and Costello, are in that movie.
6. The winner, the first runner to cross the finish line, will win a trophy.
7. My best friend Roberto is the treasurer of the Drama Club.
8. Asthma, a disease of the respiratory system, is sometimes controllable with medication.
9. The new boy in school, Derek Peterson, is from Montana.
10. My father, a former trumpet player, encouraged me to take lessons.
11. The chorus, a group made up of choir members, will perform tonight.
12. Beowulf, our assignment for English class, is about a hero of the middle ages.
13. That recliner, a lumpy old chair, is my uncle’s favorite.
14. Our house, the two-story on the corner, is more than one hundred years old.
15. Her intelligence, a powerful asset, led her to a career in medicine.
16. Cindy and I always order the same dinner, a burrito and refried beans.
17. My neighbor Diane gives me a ride to school every morning.
18. In chemistry we worked on a chemical solution, a combination of two acids.
19. Only Mother, a very patient person, can tolerate Tommy’s tantrums.
20. Davy Crockett, an American folk hero, was a pioneer who became a U.S. representative.
21. The teacher assigned a final project, a term paper.
22. Moussaka, a Greek dish, is my favorite food.
23. Every Friday after school we meet at the same place, the restaurant on the corner.
24. The test, a mixture of essay and multiple-choice questions, was easy.
25. Cairo, the capital of Egypt, has a hot, dry climate.
26. Janet's uncle Jake is a teacher at the middle school.
27. That book, a mystery novel, is suspenseful.
28. Edison's experiments led to an important discovery, the first central electric-light power station.
29. Samuel de Champlain, a French explorer, was the founder of Quebec.
30. The poet Robert Browning had an innovative style.
31. My cousin Tim came to watch me in the play.
32. Mr. Dixon, the new mayor, has been a politician for many years.
33. Daniel, our relief pitcher, finished the game.
34. Sarah is from Springfield, the capital of Illinois.
35. Mr. Ortega, our soccer coach, encourages us in our academic work.
36. Our favorite spot is Camp Lightfoot, a peaceful retreat.
37. Pegasus, a winged horse, is a mythical creature.
38. Lake Ontario, the smallest of the five Great Lakes, borders both Canada and New York.
39. The boy over there is Luis, the fullback of the football team.
40. Your breakfast, eggs and bacon, was easy to make.
41. Fans of baseball pitcher Orel Hershiser admire his longevity.
42. The artifact, an ornate bowl, was found in the desert.
43. Nathan became an Eagle Scout, the highest honor in scouting.
44. Our dog, a golden retriever, does many tricks.
45. The band concert, a series of songs by Gershwin, is scheduled for Tuesday.
46. Prince Edward Island, a popular vacation spot in Canada, is the setting for the TV series Anne of Green Gables.
47. Phoenix, the capital city of Arizona, lies in the Salt River Valley.
48. My friend Robert, the car expert, helped me choose new tires for my car.
Lesson 21
Participles and Participle Phrases

A participle is one type of verbal. Remember that verbals are verb forms that function as nouns, adjectives, or adverbs. A participle functions as an adjective when it modifies a noun or a pronoun. A present participle always ends in -ing. Past participles usually end in -ed.

The child watched the spinning top.
We admired the freshly planted flowers.

A participial phrase contains a participle and any modifiers needed to complete its meaning.

Warmed by the fire, we took off our jackets.
Having misplaced my keys, I could not get into my house.

Exercise 1 Draw a line under the participle or participial phrase in each sentence.

Looking around, we saw many friends.
1. The winding road led to a large house on a hill.
2. Knowing the answer, I raised my hand.
3. Alonzo’s shaking hands gave away the fact that he was nervous.
4. Guided by a strong sense of direction, I found my way out of the forest.
5. The locked cage contained a Bengal tiger.
6. Playing major league hockey, Rafael fulfilled his dream.
7. We see Jenny racing to the curb for the mail every day.
8. Having discussed the matter at length, my father took the job out of state.
9. Paying attention, I heard a lovely ringing in the distant bell tower.
10. Disappointed by the loss, the fans quietly left the stadium.
11. We saw Junko courteously thanking everyone.
12. I listened to the willow’s sad, creaking branches.
13. Finding the assignments difficult, Isra sought help from a tutor.
14. During the performance everyone could probably hear my pounding heart.
15. Having done my homework, I left for hockey practice.
16. Valerie finds her after-school job challenging.
17. The winning steer at the fair came from Springfield.
18. The sad film left many moviegoers sobbing gently.
19. Startled by the noise, we jumped from our chairs.

20. Protected by his seat belt, Sean walked away from the accident.

**Exercise 2** Underline each participle or participial phrase and draw an arrow to the noun or pronoun it modifies.

- The students, determined to make a difference, organized a clean-up effort.

1. Having concluded my speech, I stepped away from the podium.

2. Dressed as a pirate, my little brother had a cardboard sword.

3. The runners, tired from the race, rest on a nearby bench.

4. Having received her letter, I wrote back right away.

5. Searching the room for my jacket, I found my hat instead.

6. Tracked by the hunters, the deer ran swiftly.

7. Those arriving after the bell will be marked tardy.

8. The city’s authorities felt a growing concern about the high crime rate.

9. Everyone came to the pep rally wearing the school colors.

10. That juice, derived from the leaves of the aloe plant, is used to treat burns.

11. Disturbed by the lack of cooperation, the coach dismissed us early.

12. Rescued by the firefighters, the kitten was shaking.

13. Promising he’d be home on time, Jeff left for the movies.

14. The insects, attracted by the food, ruined our picnic.

15. Yelling from across the field, Russ reminded us to bring our uniforms.

16. The tin can uncovered by my metal detector was worthless.

17. We chose the line by the field house as our starting point.

18. Covered with ice and snow, the car would not start.

19. Ty was confused by the note lying on the counter.

20. The dripping faucet got on everyone’s nerves.
Lesson 22
Gerunds and Gerund Phrases

A gerund is another type of verbal that ends in -ing. It is a verb form that is used as a noun. A gerund may function as a subject, an object of a verb, or the object of a preposition.

Nina made us laugh by packing for the trip two weeks in advance.

A gerund phrase includes a gerund and any complements and modifiers needed to complete its meaning.

The rules prohibited eating anywhere in the library.

Exercise 1 Underline the gerunds or gerund phrases in each sentence.

Rich is responsible for bringing the equipment to practice.

1. Logging is the process of harvesting trees and delivering them to manufacturing facilities.
2. Writing papers for English is something Jay enjoys.
3. Charlie complained of hearing noises outside.
4. My sister and I helped mom with her fall planting.
5. Doctors are constantly finding new cures for diseases.
6. Flying is our first choice of vacation transportation.
7. I told Laura that she should consider acting as a career.
8. Mrs. Baker’s unique teaching made her class popular.
10. My brother plans on returning home after a year in Spain.
11. Dividing the chores made life easier at our house.
12. After waiting for an hour, we gave up and went home.
13. Coloring is a popular activity with most children.
14. We enjoyed seeing videotapes of our childhood.
15. Carmen would like to try skydiving.
16. Practicing constantly helped Mike with his basketball layups.
17. Singing the fight song is a tradition before each football game.
18. Jessica’s snoring keeps everyone awake.
19. Did Lena give a reason for refusing to go to class?
20. My sister studies toward a degree in accounting.

**Exercise 2** Underline the gerund or gerund phrase in each sentence. Above each, write *S* if the gerund functions as a subject, *O* if it functions as an object of a verb, or *OP* if it functions as an object of a preposition.

1. Ray enjoys **listening to music from the 60’s**.

1. Calling is the best choice.
2. David gives racing most of his time.
3. George lightened the mood by whistling.
4. Olivia devotes her time to helping others.
5. Omar and Brian are responsible for training their dogs.
6. Catching a big fish made the day at the lake worthwhile.
7. The ancients had no way of knowing the weather ahead of time.
8. Mother was against celebrating her birthday.
9. Living in the Middle East for a year was an adventure for the whole family.
10. Mining coal was my grandfather’s job as a young man.
11. Brushing regularly protected me from cavities.
12. Kirsten devoted a week to preparing for the final exam.
13. Despite her injury, Diana still likes skating.
14. Listening is important in following directions.
15. His interest in wrestling began at an early age.
16. Zack is good at conveying his point to others.
17. The actors in the play were busy with learning their lines.
18. Gaining the trust of his friends is important to Len.
19. Meagan took pride in designing the homecoming float.
20. Watching television has never interested Mia.
Lesson 23
Infinitives and Infinitive Phrases

An infinitive is another type of verbal. It is a verb that is usually preceded by the word to. An infinitive functions as a noun, adjective, or adverb. The word to may also begin a prepositional phrase. However, when to precedes a verb, it is not a preposition but instead signals an infinitive.

We were content to wait.

An infinitive phrase includes the infinitive and any complements and modifiers.

To have lost the championship would have been devastating for the team.

Exercise 1  Circle the infinitive or infinitive phrase in each sentence.

In some areas of the country it is not easy to find a job.

1. With her father in the military, Charlotte learned to adjust to new situations.
2. Rudy learned to ride a bike when he was very young.
3. Pedro refused to play by our rules.
4. Sharon’s understudy was prepared to take her place in the play.
5. To save time in the mornings, Danny laid his clothes out each night.
6. Nicky hoped to learn French to study abroad.
7. Mother tried to limit the amount of fat in our meals.
8. Winter is the best time for some families to go on vacation.
9. Gabe’s dream is to become a lawyer.
10. Joel was eager to save money for a new stereo.
11. Dan always tries to remain calm in emergencies.
12. We decided to order a pizza.
13. Several police officers were dispatched to control the traffic flow.
14. I was happy to help Dad wash the car.
15. To act on Broadway is Chip’s wish.
16. We walked several blocks until we found something to eat.
17. Sheila always tries to be prepared for class.
18. It was difficult to identify the type of bacteria under the microscope.
19. Kim was anxious to leave for the concert.
20. It was fun to learn stained glass technique.
21. To delay the game would have angered the fans.
22. Gina helped me to solve my geometry problems.
23. The politician was ready to admit defeat.
24. The doctor gave me something to take for my stomachache.
25. Emilio was content to settle for the second-place award.
26. To build a new home will take a long time.
27. I am not ready to go to the park yet.
28. The teacher showed us how to diagram the sentence.
29. Jill wanted to march in the Thanksgiving Day parade.
30. Holly had a heavy backpack to carry.
31. Mr. Foltz encouraged us to try harder.
32. Some of the words on the test were hard to define.
33. To improve my tennis game, I began taking lessons.
34. Jamie began to develop symptoms of the flu.
35. Dad refined our diets to reduce the chance of heart disease.
36. Ben refused to watch the violent movie.
37. Allen was anxious to tell the story of the fire alarm at school.
38. The detective needed more evidence to prove his theory.
39. My aunt would like to run for office.
40. Rachel searched for a quarter to phone home.

**Writing Link**  Write four or five sentences explaining how to prepare your favorite food. Use infinitives in each sentence.

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Exercise 1  Write P above each word or phrase in italics if it is a participle and G if it is a gerund.

1. Having finished the exam quickly, I felt I’d done well.
2. Exercising is a good stress reliever.
3. Erin’s hobby is ballet dancing.
4. We will try to cover much of the material, depending on our time limitations.
5. The class split into groups, forming two lines.
6. The small boy, working diligently to stack the blocks, was disappointed when they tumbled down.
7. My uncle enjoys walking through the mall.
8. Sue’s screaming woke everyone in the house.
9. Our cabin did not have running water.
10. Fearing I would miss the rehearsal, I hurried to get ready.
11. Anna’s job was finding volunteers for the project.
12. Doing the errand took more time than usual.
13. Studying is necessary for good grades.
14. The hero of the play proposed to the girl on bended knee.
15. Everyone was excited about going to the party.
16. The dishes, broken during the tremor, were irreparably damaged.
17. Having written the letter, I mailed it promptly.
18. Working under a tight deadline, we delivered the school paper to the printer on time.
19. Paul’s company makes money by exporting goods.
20. My father hates to do the shopping.
Cumulative Review: Units 1–3

Exercise 1 Draw a vertical line between the subject and the predicate in the sentences below. Draw a line under each adjective and circle each adverb.

Tamara [already] has a new stereo.

1. We walked carefully away from the broken glass.
2. The delicious dinner was extremely high in calories.
3. The green sedan balanced precariously on the edge of the cliff.
4. Crystal left a mysterious message for me.
5. The baby slept soundly through the loud thunder.
6. Members of the cheerleading squad ran quickly for the bus.
7. The heavy rain made it extremely hard to see the road.
8. My old purse had more space than my new one does.
9. My biology teacher immediately reviewed the difficult items on the test.
10. Kevin finally agreed on a less expensive restaurant.

Exercise 2 Write P for participle, I for infinitive, or G for gerund above each phrase in italics.

Scott was asked to present the award.

1. Do you want me to talk to Rhonda for you?
2. Placing her arms at her sides, she took a deep breath.
3. Weather forecasting is very intricate.
4. I saw Antonio standing by his locker.
5. To reach our goal, we will need two hundred dollars more.
6. To attend Harvard was Lionel’s dream.
7. My goal was getting ahead of the other runners.
8. Having beaten me at rummy again, Mother laughingly apologized.
9. I found Donna’s whining tiresome.
10. Mitch was asked to submit his story to the school paper.
Unit 4: Clauses and Sentence Structure

Lesson 24
Main and Subordinate Clauses

A **main clause** is a group of words that contains a complete subject and a complete predicate. Also known as an **independent clause**, a main clause can stand alone as a complete sentence.

A light gray wall served as background for Lisel’s paintings.

A **subordinate clause** also contains a subject and a predicate but cannot stand alone. Because it depends on a main clause to make sense, it is also known as a **dependent clause**. Usually, a **subordinating conjunction** introduces a subordinate clause, although it may begin with a relative pronoun (such as **who**, **whose**, **whom**, **which**, **that**, or **what**) or a relative adverb (such as **when**, **where**, or **why**.) In some subordinate clauses, the connecting word also serves as the subject of the clause.

Lisel’s paintings stood out vividly **when they were displayed against a neutral background**.

The clown **who left his red nose in the dressing room** should report to Lost and Found. (The relative pronoun **who**, which connects the clauses, is the subject of the subordinate clause.)

**SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS**

- Time: after as, as soon as, before, since, until, when, whenever, while
- Place: where, wherever
- Manner: as, as if, as though
- Cause: as, because, inasmuch as, since, so that
- Concession: although, even though, though
- Condition: if, than, unless

Exercise 1 Check (✔) the blank before each sentence that contains a subordinate clause.

✔ One of the men who had sailed with Christopher Columbus inspired a young swineherd to change his lot in life.

1. Fifteen-year-old Francisco Pizarro listened intently to the old sailor’s tales of adventure.
2. He resolved that one day he, too, would explore the New World.
3. Over the next few months, Pizarro plotted his escape from his employer.
4. Finally, his chance arose.
5. Young Pizarro and two of his friends set off to find their fortunes in Seville, 150 miles away.
The man who would one day mesmerize his Peruvian hosts with his powerful steed and gleaming armour made his most important journey on foot, clad in a coarse shirt and short breeches.

Penniless, the young men lived on dry bread and whatever wild fruit they could scavenge.

They slept wherever they could find hospice from nature—in peasants’ hovels, under bridges, and in ancient Roman ruins.

Finally, the long trek came to an end.

The companions entered the great city and then went their separate ways.

Because Spain was in the middle of a war, Pizarro’s application to join the army was immediately accepted.

It did not take the stalwart Spaniard long to earn the rank of lieutenant.

In 1502, the swineherd-turned-soldier headed for the Americas.

He lived for a while in Hispaniola (the main Spanish base in the New World).

When Vasco de Balboa outfitted an expedition to South America and Central America in 1509, he chose young Pizarro as his chief lieutenant.

Pizarro served under Balboa in several capacities over the next few years.

Then in 1524, he set out with a small group to explore the west coast of South America.

His goal was to find the Inca empire, legendary for its wealth.

Perhaps through greed, or perhaps through a lust for power, Pizarro did not stop until he had conquered the Peruvian peoples.

The Peruvians had built their empire by conquering their neighbors; their warriors were now the vanquished.

Although Spain ruled the colony for nearly 300 years, Peru won independence in 1826.

The campaign for Peru’s independence was led by José de San Martin of Argentina and Simón Bolívar of Venezuela.

The goal of both men was to end foreign rule throughout South America.

The last of the Spanish troops surrendered in 1826; the following year, Peru’s first constitution went into effect.

Writing Link  Write a sentence that contains at least two subordinate clauses.

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Lesson 25
Simple and Compound Sentences

A simple sentence has one complete subject and one complete predicate. The subject, the predicate, or both may be compound.

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<td>Long strands of ivy</td>
<td>curled around the window ledge.</td>
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<td>Ivy and juniper</td>
<td>filled the flower boxes.</td>
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<td>Plants</td>
<td>breathe air and absorb sunlight.</td>
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Two or more simple sentences, each considered a main clause, comprise a compound sentence. Main clauses can be joined to build a compound sentence by using a comma followed by a conjunction such as or, and, or but. However, a conjunction is not necessary to form a compound sentence. A semicolon may be used to join two main clauses without a conjunction. A semicolon is also used before a conjunctive adverb, such as moreover.

Spring arrived late this year, but Mona’s garden was as beautiful as ever.
Spring arrived late this year; Mona’s garden was as beautiful as ever.
Spring arrived late this year; however, Mona’s garden was as beautiful as ever.

Exercise 1 Write in the blank whether the sentence is simple or compound.

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Terri bought the ingredients, but Jason baked the cookies.

1. Valery ran her fingers through her long, straight hair.

2. I may seem calm to you, but inside I’m really quite nervous.

3. That song always melts my heart!

4. Get used to hearing a racket; Glenna’s moving next door!

5. I was nervous about asking Marcia to dance; therefore, I stumbled on my way across the room.

6. The grandfather clock chimed the hour.

7. Darkness descended on the countryside, and many stars became visible.

8. Jan and Steve walked to the grocery store.

9. Last year our family enjoyed our trip to Iowa; however, this year we are going to visit Vermont.

10. The old car’s engine sputtered and died.

11. Suzanne practices acrobatics every night after school.

12. Bring me the videotape, or put it in the VCR.

13. The marching band won a top rating at the state band contest.
14. The ski club members are raising money for a trip to Aspen, but they will probably pay most of the expenses themselves.

15. Wildflowers grew in the back corner of the abandoned lot.

16. Either Jacques will meet us here, or he will meet us at the mall.

17. Tiffany is bringing decorations, and the Wilsons are supplying the food.

18. Magenta is Claire’s favorite color, but Nora prefers turquoise.

19. Place the painting on the wall above the couch.

20. Dr. Calavaris may speak on atom smashing, or Dr. Yee may give a presentation on forces.

Exercise 2 Underline each main clause. If there is more than one main clause in a sentence, add a comma or a semicolon as needed.

Roses grow near the fence, and pansies grow beside the walk.

1. Books lined the shelves but no one noticed them.

2. Our school colors are purple and white.

3. Wait for the bus or you will have to walk several miles.

4. Jason cleaned the garage and cut the grass.

5. Tina is redecorating her half of the room but Tammy is keeping her half the same.

6. The trees swayed with the breeze the birds twittered and fluttered as they tried to hang on.

7. Crimson silk was Joanna’s choice for her prom dress.

8. The school newspaper printed my story but they omitted the picture.

9. Quentin’s journal has never been read by anyone.

10. Lisa bought three CDs and one poster at the music store.

11. Dad is cooking pasta for dinner and I can’t wait to eat it!

12. George and Martha were the main characters in the play.

13. Three players hit home runs during the baseball game.

14. Muriel will hand out the yearbooks or you can pick up one in the student government office.

15. I am eager to learn the solution to this mystery.
Lesson 26
Complex and Compound-Complex Sentences

A **complex sentence** contains a main clause and one or more subordinate clauses.

**MAIN CLAUSE**
We played charades by candlelight

**SUBORDINATE CLAUSE**
when the electricity went out.

Do not be confused by the electricity went out, which is a complete sentence (or main clause). The complete subordinate clause is when the electricity went out, which cannot stand alone as a sentence.

A **compound-complex** sentence has more than one main clause and one or more subordinate clauses.

**SUBORDINATE CLAUSE**
Whenever we have an ice storm, the twins go skating, and I enjoy the peace.

**MAIN CLAUSE**

**MAIN CLAUSE**

**Exercise 1** Draw one line under each main clause and two lines under each subordinate clause. Write C in the blank if the sentence is complex and CC if it is compound-complex.

**C**  
Emily breaks out in hives whenever she eats strawberries.

1. When ice is on the road, drive more cautiously.

2. After I heard Sylvia McNair, I bought one of her CDs, and I sent her a fan letter.

3. Jim is going with us Wednesday if he can take time off from work.

4. As long as Rick is going to the store, could he buy some nachos for me?

5. After I have written a story, I often feel amazed that the words are mine, but I’m still hesitant to show it to anyone else.

6. After Bruce spilled paint on the couch, he decided he should have hired a professional painter.

7. Although February is a short month, it seems longer because its day are gray.

8. Unless I’ve misunderstood the store clerk, the package should arrive next Thursday; however, it may have to be back-ordered.

9. We’ll have pizza for supper tonight if we get home before the store closes.

10. After I saw a Kenneth Branagh movie (Henry V), I was hooked!

11. When the apartment manager asked if we needed anything, we requested new window shades because the old ones had holes in them.
12. Jason wrote out a schedule of his time so that he could practice the guitar more often.

13. If you have never heard a National Opera Ebony performance, you should make a point to check it out.

14. We cannot start the concert until the weather clears.

15. Elise wants to sell her stereo system so that she can buy a newer one.

16. Some of the teachers really enjoyed themselves at the Homecoming Dance; Mr. Osborne, for example, strutted across the floor as if he were a peacock.

17. While the mechanic changed the tire, the driver received last minute instructions from the racing team’s manager.

18. I’ll do the dishes tonight so that you can go to the movies with Jan.

19. After the dance was over, Lila and Alan decided to stop for hamburgers.

20. We’d better tell Mr. Nash the truth before he finds out for himself.

21. Here is the house where President Roosevelt grew up.

22. When Carol and I went shopping, I thought I would buy school clothes; I bought three pairs of shoes instead.

23. Although she is only five, Carrie Sue solved a Rubrick’s cube!

24. After the rain ceased, the stuffy air cleared.

25. Cin writes poetry while she rides the bus to and from school.

26. Because Todd stays up so late, he keeps the rest of us from sleeping, and we are getting tired of it.

27. Lucy will come after she babysits if we haven’t already concluded the meeting.

28. When he called, Zack explained the mix-up, and he apologized for it.

Writing Link  Describe a familiar setting. Use at least two complex sentences and one compound-complex sentence.
Lesson 27
Adjective Clauses

When a subordinate clause modifies a noun or a pronoun it is called an adjective clause. Often, an adjective clause is introduced by a relative pronoun. An adjective clause can also begin with where or when.

The present that I bought for Ron’s birthday was lost when I moved. (modifies the noun present)
Do you know anyone who will lend me a computer? (modifies the pronoun anyone)

RELATIVE PRONOUNS

that whom whomever
which whose whatever
who whoever whatever

Exercise 1 Draw one line under each adjective clause and two lines under each word that introduces an adjective clause.

The song that I heard on the radio brought back many memories.

1. The horse that Danny owns is a well-trained Tennessee walking horse.
2. Tell everyone whom you see about Tara’s surprise party.
3. There is no one whose cooking tastes better than Mom’s.
4. For his science project, Geoffry collected every specimen that he could find.
5. I don’t like driving in traffic where the vehicles are bumper to bumper.
6. Lana often goes to the mall, where she shops with her friends.
7. At the fashion show, Paula saw many outfits that she liked.
8. The boy whose face is red fell down the stairs in the music building.
9. The house, which was made of brick, stayed cool in the summer.
10. I finally saw the TV series that you recommended.
11. The television program, which was quite long, contained some valuable insights.
12. Luigi chose the tie that had musical notes on it.
13. The place where we will have the picnic is five miles outside of town.
14. Shelly sold tickets to the people who live down the street.
15. The person whose guess is closest to the correct answer will win the prize.
16. The bike race will begin on Columbus Day, which is Saturday.
17. The couple who spoke to us in the lobby are professional ice dancers.
18. The computer that Jack wants to buy has many impressive features.
19. This is the area where the demonstration will take place.
20. Is Ms. Ferguson the chairperson who will be in charge this year?

Exercise 2  Underline each adjective clause and draw an arrow to the word it modifies.

The student who finishes first may collect the tests.

1. My mom put the trophy, which was engraved with my name, on our mantel.
2. Isaac is a boy whom you will like.
3. This is the beach where I saw the sand crab.
4. Students who are well organized seem to get good grades.
5. The medicine that the doctor prescribed made me very sleepy.
6. The lion whose cub was in danger scared the hyena away.
7. The Mississippi River, where Mark Twain spent most of his childhood, is the setting for many of his novels.
8. Do you remember the time when our choir entertained at the senior citizens center?
9. I am planning a surprise party for my best friend, whose birthday is Saturday.
10. The ballet that we saw last night was breathtaking.
11. This is a remake of a song that was originally sung by Frank Sinatra.
12. My mom will take anyone who wants to go.
13. Is this the restaurant where Yesmin met her boyfriend?
14. At our school bake sale, the cookies that were homemade sold the best.
15. Lakes where people can swim and fish are very popular in the summer.
16. Cole gave the coach who was retiring a picture of the team.
17. Everyone whom I nominated for student council got elected.
18. The loggerhead turtle is the endangered species that my uncle is trying to save.

19. The time when I should exercise is before dinner in the evening.

20. Luisa’s electric guitar, which she bought at a flea market, takes up all her spare time.

Adjective clauses may be either essential or nonessential. Essential clauses are necessary to make the meaning of a sentence clear. A clause beginning with that is essential. Nonessential clauses add interesting information but are not necessary for the meaning of a sentence. A clause beginning with which is usually nonessential.

Use commas to set off nonessential clauses from the rest of the sentence.

Georgia has a talent that is hard to match. (essential clause)
My uncle, who was born in New York, moved to California when he was twelve. (nonessential clause)

Exercise 3 Underline each adjective clause in the sentences below. Write E (essential) or non. (nonessential) in the space provided to identify the type of clause.


1. Those players who can stuff the basket make basketball fun to watch.
2. The tour guide told us to take the staircase that curves around the left side of the foyer.
3. My pen pal, who lives in Hong Kong, writes to me at least once a month.
4. Our state flag, which is red, white, and blue, stands in the corner of the room.
5. The moment when the first debator begins speaking will be Jordan’s cue to start the timer.
6. The lady whose car is parked in the driveway is visiting Mom.
7. The statue that Kurt sculpted will be displayed at the art show.
8. Pour the hot chocolate into the blue mugs, which are sitting on the kitchen counter.
9. The coffee table book that Aunt Rhoda received for her birthday has many beautiful pictures in it.
10. The hour when the performance begins is swiftly approaching.

[..]
16. Everyone asked Tomaika for the recipe to make the salad that she brought to the carry-in dinner.

17. Mr. Greenwood, whose farm we stayed at last summer, plans to invite us back this year.

18. The second when the clock strikes midnight will signal the beginning of a new year.

19. When we drive through Missouri, I will show you the city where I grew up.

20. A little girl pointed to the spot where her kitten disappeared.

21. Naylor Road, which curves to the left, leads to an old stone quarry.

22. The bill that Representative Joyce introduced could help many needy persons.

23. Monique is the student who designed these shirts.

24. The desk that Philip bought appears to be an antique.

25. George and Janet hosted a party that I will never forget.

► Writing Link  Write a brief paragraph describing a character in a TV series or movie. Use at least four adjective clauses in your description.
Lesson 28
Adverb Clauses

An adverb clause is a subordinate clause that modifies a verb, an adjective, or an adverb. It is used to tell when, where, why, to what extent, or under what conditions. An adverb clause is usually introduced by a subordinating conjunction.

The deliciously cold breeze blows after the thunderstorm has passed.

An adverb clause that seems to have missing words is called an elliptical adverb clause. The words that are left out are understood in the clause.

Marcie can sing higher than Jill (can sing).

Exercise 1 Place a check (✔) beside each sentence that contains an adverb clause.

_____ Polynesian peoples explored throughout the Pacific Ocean.

_____ 1. The Pacific Ocean is more than empty sea.

_____ 2. It contains as many as ten thousand islands.

_____ 3. Early explorers settled these islands hundreds of years ago.

_____ 4. Because many of the islands offered poor farming opportunities, islanders moved often.

_____ 5. After many centuries, people had settled all the inhabitable islands.

_____ 6. These islands exist because of different geological events.

_____ 7. Some of the large islands in the western Pacific came into being when ocean levels rose after the last Ice Age.

_____ 8. As the ice melted into the seas, the rising water drowned vast mountain chains.

_____ 9. Many other islands started from volcanic activity.

_____ 10. If deep-sea volcanoes keep growing, they eventually break through to the surface.

_____ 11. Whole volcanic-island chains eventually develop because the Pacific Ocean plate keeps shifting over hot spots deep in the earth’s mantle.

_____ 12. The Hawaiian Islands extend 1,523 miles long as a result of this phenomenon.

_____ 13. Although the Pacific has many volcanic islands, coral formed most of them.

_____ 14. The soil of coral islands is poor.

_____ 15. This is true because the volcanic soil is rich in iron and magnesium oxides.
16. Although the volcanic soil has a greater variety of minerals, the coral islands are merely consolidated limestone platforms.

17. Coral islands develop slowly wherever coral-producing polyps and algae build up to the water surface.

18. Without the variety of minerals found in volcanic soil, plants that take root on coral islands cannot create very fertile soils.

19. This is why island settlers kept moving as often as they did.

20. Because they were so successful as navigators and sailors, the Polynesians colonized islands over a vast area.

21. As time went by, they planted settlements from Samoa to Easter Island, from New Zealand to Hawaii.

22. Although they were great sailors, they were also accomplished farmers.

23. After they reached a new island, they quickly established a new community.

24. Before the Europeans came, Polynesians lived in hamlets and villages.

25. Houses were built on raised platforms of varying height so that social distinctions could be observed.

26. While a chief might live in a house on a platform seven to eight feet high, a commoner possessed a house with a platform only a few inches high.

27. Wherever a village existed, the Polynesians laid it out around a central plaza, known as a tohua.

28. The tohua served as village center and ceremonial focal point.

29. Made up of three or four generations, the Polynesian family centered around a descent group.

30. The Polynesians kept extensive genealogies so they could maintain information on their descent groups.

31. Their genealogists counted descent through both the female line and the male line.

32. Village genealogies often indicated that everyone was related to a mythical ancestor so that everyone felt kinship with each other.

33. Polynesian society was very much class oriented.
34. The Polynesian chief, of course, ranked highest.
35. In the midst of this stratified society, craftsmen were held in great honor.
36. They were able to use wood very skillfully so that great canoes could be built for sea voyages.
37. Before any European ships appeared, the Polynesians were constructing huge double canoes up to 150 feet long.
38. The great ocean-going vessels were built of small wood pieces held together by careful fitting and tight lashing because the Polynesians had no metal.
39. Although everyone in Polynesian society was important, navigators were especially honored.
40. That is not surprising, since the successful ocean crossings depended upon their skills.

Exercise 2  Underline the adverb clause in each sentence. Circle the verb, adverb, or adjective it modifies.

While the sailboat bobbed at anchor, we slept.

1. The first Hawaiian settlers may have come from the Marquesas Islands, although the Marquesas are thousands of miles to the south.
2. Wherever they landed, powerful Polynesian princes and priests established kingdoms.
3. These great lords fought over territory after they started their kingdoms.
4. Although we have searched for the origin of the name Hawaii, we have not found it.
5. One idea that is widely believed because it is very old.
6. As this story goes, the island was named for an early chieftan.
7. Wherever they came from, the Hawaiian people prospered in their islands.
8. Before the English arrived, Spanish, Dutch, or Japanese explorers may have visited Hawaii.
9. Although others may have landed first, the English naval officer Captain James Cook is credited with “discovering” Hawaii.
10. After he landed there on January 18, 1778, he brought the news of the islands’ existence to the outside world.
11. The Hawaiians were quite impressed with Cook because they attributed divine powers to him.
12. As the eighteenth century drew to a close, King Kamehameha grew politically powerful.
13. After he obtained guns from European traders, the king waged a war of conquest.
14. King Kamehameha consolidated Hawaii into a single kingdom as soon as he was victorious.
15. His son’s coming to the throne in 1819 was more important than anyone realized.
16. Reading and writing first appeared in 1820 when the young king welcomed Christian missionaries to his kingdom.
17. King Kamehameha III and his chiefs earned the people’s respect because they provided a constitution, a legislature, and a public school system.
18. Americans settled in Hawaii in the early 1800’s because it was in such a strategic location.

Exercise 3 Underline each adverb clause and adjective clause. Write adv. if the underlined clause is an adverb clause, and adj. if it is an adjective clause.

adj. It is my sailboat that is the larger of the two.

____ 1. It is the island of Oahu that is the most populated Hawaiian island today.
____ 2. Although Oahu is well known, the island named Hawaii is bigger.
____ 3. There are seven other main islands that make up the Hawaiian archipelago.
____ 4. Kahoolawe is smaller than the other main islands are.
____ 5. Kahoolawe is the only main island that is unpopulated.
____ 6. The island of Maui has the largest volcano crater that is known on Earth.
____ 7. Scientists know the crater's circumference (twenty miles around the rim) and depth (three thousand feet) because they have made careful measurements.
____ 8. When you visit Hawaii, you may want to include an excursion to Molokai.
____ 9. Everyone knows it is the people of Molokai that make the island such a nice place to visit.
____ 10. A mountain on the island of Kauai is wetter than any other spot on Earth.
____ 11. This mountain where you find the most rainfall is Mount Waialeale.
____ 12. Vacationers have many happy memories after they leave the islands.
A noun clause is a subordinate clause that acts as a noun.

That barren part of town is Carson Village. (noun)
That barren part of town is where the tornado hit. (noun clause)

The clause in the second sentence above replaces the noun (predicate nominative) in the first sentence.

Noun clauses can be used in the same way as nouns—as subject, direct object, object of a preposition, and predicate nominative.

Whoever sat in that chair broke it! (subject)
I have learned the hard way that some people are just plain lazy. (direct object)
I pay attention to what the teacher says. (object of preposition)
Prom Eve is when the king and queen will be announced. (predicate noun)

WORDS THAT INTRODUCE NOUN CLAUSES

how
however
that
what
whatever
which
where
whichever
who
whoever
whose
whom
why

Exercise 1 Underline each noun clause.

Sylvia, a student nurse, knew when she would be on duty.

1. Our choice will have to be whatever is the least expensive.
2. That we heard the weather report was lucky for us!
3. Joan discovered where I hid her keys.
4. Whatever the lady at the next table is eating is what I’ll have, too.
5. I don’t know what she expects of me.
6. Why he does that is a mystery to me.
7. I wonder when news of Marcus will arrive.
8. I’ll do whatever you say.
9. However much you plan in advance makes the overall job that much easier.
10. Whoever wrote that essay should be very proud.
11. What this story lacks is a strong ending.
12. The report explains how Gem Lake became polluted.
13. What makes a great hamburger is the right seasoning and lots of onions.
14. The principal announced that Friday would be a teacher in-service day.
15. Can you tell me where the new restaurant is?
16. When the whistle blows is the signal to begin.
17. How you can eat that is beyond me!
18. Mary realized that she would never have solved the mystery without Jack’s help.
19. This is where we came in.
20. Kim shouted that we were headed in the wrong direction.

Exercise 2  Underline each noun clause. In the blank, indicate its use in the sentence: S (subject), DO (direct object), OP (object of a preposition), or PN (predicate nominative).

S  What we had hoped for was delayed.

1. This frayed cord is where the fire began.
2. Your question about how we came to be here requires a long explanation.
3. The one who gets the last piece of cake will be whoever eats the fastest.
4. This room is where President Lincoln slept.
5. Do you understand how to write a theme?
6. I’m not sure about which of these is mine.
7. Where the gymnasium now stands was once the baseball diamond.
8. Krista wondered why the classroom door was locked.
9. Do you understand how I feel?
10. Give these paper fans to whomever you want.
11. This chemical goes in whichever bottle is airtight.
12. Why we have to do this today is what I want to know.
13. How to find the sine and cosine perplexed Joseph.
14. Whichever key you pick will determine which prize you will win.
15. Wherever the dog buried that bone is a secret.
16. How the clown was able to pull a rabbit from under the chair puzzled her young audience.
17. The flight attendant told me which seat was mine.
18. Whichever you choose is fine with me.
19. First, let’s learn why the cabbage juice turned this blue mixture to pink.
20. A raft is what I am showing at the county fair in August.
Exercise 3 Place a check (✔) in the blank next to each sentence that contains a noun clause.

✔ What I don’t understand is why the culprit confessed so early in the movie.

1. The note she left tells me why Kate drove to Kentucky.

2. Please choose whichever seat you find most comfortable.

3. Mrs. Matthews, who taught history for thirty years, will be honored at the banquet.

4. Who the winner is remains a mystery until the envelope is opened.

5. Miki made a cake that had a race car made of icing on top.

6. Where do you keep the extra plates?

7. I screamed when everyone jumped up and yelled, “Surprise!”

8. The horse is kept where Billy can see him.

9. How a bill becomes a law was the topic of Mr. Rodriguez’s lecture.

10. Several valuable jewels were missing from the safe where they had been stored.

11. A newscaster explained that the president would be arriving momentarily.

12. The perfume that Celeste bought smelled enchanting to me.

13. Whatever the jury decides will satisfy the judge.

14. Kylee wrote an interesting article for YP Magazine.

15. Dr. Courter knew when the test results would be ready.

16. Giorgio paints what others can only look at.

17. The puppy who frolicked in the window wagged his tail at me.

18. Whichever hole I play the best is my favorite hole at the miniature golf course.

19. Charlie will vote however everyone else votes.

20. You will find the treasure where the road meets the sea.

21. What Joey said really made sense to me.

22. The trophy goes to whoever crosses the finish line first.

23. Where our dog Mitzi went remains a question.

24. That the book might be wrong never occurred to anyone.

25. Tracy, who had not practiced long, sang beautifully in the musical production.

Exercise 4 Fill in the blank with a word to introduce each noun clause.

That the Corderos were coming was a complete surprise to Grandma.

1. __________________ Lois didn’t discover the truth puzzles me.
2. Give the tickets to _______________ is at the door to collect them.
3. The rest of the group will support ____________________ decision you make.
4. Choose __________________ you want to go for your birthday dinner.
5. _______________ the cat ended up in a tree does not matter.
6. The role of Elizabeth I will be given to _______________ presents the best audition.
7. Everyone asked _______________ fur coat that was.
8. Cindy was amazed at _______________ the magic trick was performed.
9. Address your complaints to _______________ is responsible for the problem.
10. _______________ one can see the sun setting on the lake is my favorite place to be.
11. _______________ Bob said certainly had a tremendous effect on Maria.
12. Jennifer’s favorite part is _______________ the prince searches for the special rose.
13. Jaun and Marta believe _______________ anything is possible.
14. The sun filtered through _______________ must have been a window.
15. Send me a postcard from _______________ you vacation.
16. _______________ the master of ceremonies enters will be the cue to begin the music.
17. _______________ this issue is important has yet to be discussed.
18. Rich and Chris debated _______________ television program was better.
19. Davina deduced _______________ the letter opener landed in the shrub.
20. _______________ collected these shells must have done a lot of traveling.
21. _______________ the temperature is warm seems the most popular destination.
23. When will we discover _______________ happens next?
24. Janice inquired _______________ the committee members wished to meet.
25. Tell me _______________ wrote this incredible novel.
Lesson 30  
Kinds of Sentences

A **declarative sentence** makes a statement. It usually ends with a period.

I love swimming. Carey said, “I want some cookies.”

An **imperative sentence** gives a command or makes a request. The subject you is understood. Imperative sentences end with a period or an exclamation point.

Get moving. Please hurry up!

An **interrogative sentence** asks a question. It ends with a question mark.

You did what? The man asked, “Would you like one?”

An **exclamatory sentence** expresses strong emotions. It ends with an exclamation point.

What a sight you are! The sign read, “Hurry, or you’ll miss the sale!”

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**Exercise 1** Label each sentence **dec.** if it is declarative and **imp.** if it is imperative.

1. **dec.** The air feels as if rain is on the way.
2. **dec.** The herd of cattle grazed daily in the pasture.
3. **dec.** Put your dishes in the dishwasher when you have finished lunch.
4. **dec.** Howard doesn’t feel well today.
5. **dec.** School starts on the Monday following band camp.
6. **dec.** Every afternoon my dog Boulder sits at the bus stop and waits for me.
7. **dec.** Louie XIV was known as the “Sun King.”
8. **dec.** I need change for a dollar.
9. **dec.** If I’m not home by seven, start the movie without me.
10. **dec.** Some readers think that Li Po was China’s greatest poet.
11. **imp.** Set the alarm clock carefully this time.
12. **dec.** The fresh breeze filled the billowing sails.
13. **dec.** Shawna is our fastest runner.
14. **dec.** Oil the bike chain, Will.
15. **dec.** The legendary hero Hercules had many great adventures.
16. **dec.** Sook won the door prize at Karen’s party.
17. Take out the garbage before you forget about it.
18. We’re sailing from Cleveland to Erie Beach, Ontario.
19. James Watt, for whom the electric unit of power is named, was a Scottish inventor.
20. Smith, do twenty push ups and twenty sit-ups.

**Exercise 2** Insert a question mark if the sentence is interrogative or an exclamation point if the sentence is exclamatory.

Who’s there?

1. Watch out
2. Heads up
3. Are you ready
4. When does school start
5. Don’t do it, Ashford
6. Did you sign up for drivers’ education yet
7. Isn’t Sri Lanka south of India
8. I don’t want sugar on my cereal
9. You’re going to be late for school
10. Are you in a big hurry
11. Didn’t you say I could use it
12. Billy Collins got to go with them, and I didn’t
13. Samantha, didn’t you say you studied violin
14. Hold the mayonnaise, and definitely, no tomatoes
15. Who told you I said that to him
16. I thought you ordered a cheeseburger
17. That last candy bar is mine
18. No one could tell those twins apart
19. Well, didn’t you have the whole weekend to study
20. What time do you want to get up to go fishing
21. Of course, the Queen of England is the Queen of Canada, too
22. I thought everybody in town knew her parents’ car
Lesson 31
Sentence Fragments

A sentence fragment is an incomplete sentence. It may lack a subject, a verb, or both. It might also be a subordinate clause that cannot stand alone. Correct sentence fragments by adding the missing words or phrases.

Exercise 1 Write F next to each sentence fragment. Write S next to each complete sentence.

F
When you are ready.

1. If you said I was going to go.

2. The lake is beautiful.

3. I don’t like.

4. Whom he told to take the letter to.

5. Travel to the store on Tuesday?

6. Run of the mill place with the usual scenery.

7. The bird in the air.

8. Cammila told me the tale.

9. The books on the table that my friend found at the antique mall.

10. The french fries are too hot.

11. Hamal wants to be a scientist.

12. Said to tell you about it.

13. I prefer orange juice to apple juice.

14. Which book is best to start with?

15. Stories of children, some of my favorite.

16. Tina laughed loudly.

17. A kind of milky white?

18. The moose by the river that runs through our town.

19. The speckled trout are difficult to catch.

20. The VCR still on?

21. The old bicycle tire is flat.

22. The swans float slowly and majestically.
23. The rain comes down like a blue curtain.

24. Runs from the park northward to the bench and then south.

25. Michigan on map like a giant mitten.

Exercise 2 Write whether you should add a subject (S), verb (V), or a main clause (M), to form a complete sentence.

M  Under the rose bush.

1. In from the cold weather.
2. The children the blue bird in the tree.
3. The trolley car.
4. Rolled along the sidewalk.
5. Napoleon at Waterloo.
6. Fell out of the sack.
7. Beyond the trees.
8. Next to the mossy boulders.
9. Sat by the statue.
10. Until tomorrow.
11. Lovely California chaparral country.
12. Located near Lake Huron.
13. Chief Pontiac the great leader.
14. Over the third base line.
15. Sank in 1912.
16. The rhino magnificently.
17. Swam the English Channel.
18. Because I said so.
19. I think the T'ang dynasty greatest in Chinese history.
20. Opened Tutankhamen’s tomb in 1922.
Lesson 32
Run-On Sentences

A run-on sentence is two or more complete sentences written as though they were one sentence. A comma splice is perhaps the most common kind of run-on sentence. It occurs when two main clauses are separated by a comma rather than a semicolon or a period. Another kind of run-on sentence is formed when there is no punctuation between the two main clauses. A third kind of run-on sentence is formed when there is no comma before a coordinating conjunction that joins two main clauses.

Jake is planning a trip to Orlando, he will leave Tuesday.
(Correct by adding a coordinating conjunction, such as and, by replacing the comma with a semicolon, or by making each main clause a separate sentence.)

The sun shone brightly the birds sang with glee. (Correct by adding a comma and a coordinating conjunction, by adding a semicolon, or by making each main clause a separate sentence.)

Carla hoped to finish her project this afternoon but she ran out of time. (Correct by adding a comma before but.)

Exercise 1 Write R in the blank before each run-on sentence.

R Scott asked us to help set up the festival, we were glad to help.

1. Every year, the local dance community holds a festival it celebrates the many different kinds of dance.

2. Ballet is a classical form of dance; it has been performed for hundreds of years.

3. Modern dance uses similar steps, but the dancers perform them differently.

4. Many folk dances exist and nearly every culture has its own dances.

5. Some of these folk dances represent ancient rituals and they retain the symbolic steps even though they are no longer performed as rituals.

6. For example, in Ukrainian dances that were once rituals, the dancers’ movements represent the movement of the moon.

7. Armenians have dances in which the intricate steps mirror the process of carpet weaving.

8. Some groups, such as the Hopi, still use dance as a form of worship.

9. Other dances, such as the flamenco, began as improvised movements, the flamenco was created by the Andalusian Romany peoples.

10. Many European folk dances evolved into modern social dances and these include the waltz and the polka.
11. Today, we think of the waltz and polka as ballroom dances.

12. The tango and fox-trot are also ballroom dances.

13. In addition to social and folk dances, there are theater dances, these are dances performed chiefly for entertainment.

14. Anyone who has seen a Broadway musical such as *Guys and Dolls* or *West Side Story* is familiar with theater dance.

15. All of these forms of dance will be represented at the festival it should be both educational and fun.

**Exercise 2** Correct each run-on sentence.

Dance is composed of rhythmic movements of the body; persons may always have danced in one form or another.

1. Ballet is perhaps the best known classical dance; it is based on steps developed in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

2. The nineteenth century saw the development of the Romantic style of ballet; this style is characterized by soft, fluid movements.

3. The Romantic style was gradually replaced by a more vigorous technique, it included more jumps and complicated turns.

4. Vaslav Nijinsky became one of the first choreographers to incorporate modern movements into classical ballet; his dancers wore modern clothes and performed movements resembling those of sports players.

5. As the twentieth century progressed, modern dance techniques were included as well, classical ballet retained its traditional positions.

6. Modern dance actually formed as a reaction against ballet; dancers had grown tired of ballet's rigid stances and limited ranges of movement.

7. Isadora Duncan, an innovator in modern dance, believed balletic movements were unnatural; she wanted to dance in a more natural fashion.

8. Duncan drew inspiration from nature; her dances used wild leaps and flowing rhythms.

9. In the 1960s and 1970s, yet another school of thought arose and it was called postmodernism.

10. Instead of traditional dance steps, postmodernists advocated simplistic movements; these movements, such as walking, rolling, and running, were meant to convey natural impulses.
Exercise 1 Underline the clauses and note whether they are adjective (adj.) clauses, adverb (adv.) clauses, or noun (N) clauses.

adj.        The car that my brother bought is really neat.

1. The sailboat that glided into the harbor was beautiful.
2. The model airplane soared as if it were a real fighter aircraft.
3. I become very sleepy whenever it rains hard.
4. We forgot that you said it would rain today.
5. The detective asked whose coffee mug this is.
6. The last Russian tsar, who was murdered in 1918, was Nicholas II.
7. Tío Sancho was very happy when he saw us.
8. Mr. Dyer and Ms. Peabodie, who judged the science fair, spoke highly of your project.
9. Chen said he would buy whichever one you suggested.
10. Terri thinks Jules Verne was a much better writer than H.G. Wells was.
11. This little Virginia town is where Robert E. Lee surrendered.
12. The children cried because the storm knocked out the lights.
13. When the submarine surfaced, the water hardly rippled.
14. Why they believe that is a question I don’t think about.
15. The scientist who won the award is my father’s cousin.
16. The Tale of Genji is a famous Japanese novel that my brother read for a class.
17. I know whose bike this is.
18. Your story about how the detective solved the mystery is very interesting, Patti.
19. I was really sorry after I nonchalantly told her secret to our friends.
Exercise 1  Label each italicized word with its part of speech: *N* (noun), *V* (verb), *adj.* (adjective), *adv.* (adverb), *pro.* (pronoun), *prep.* (preposition), or *con.* (conjunction).

**With** a loud crash, the vase fell to the **floor**.

1. His **leaving** caused a lot of comment.
2. After the shower, the **entire** world seemed refreshed.
3. Is **Ethan Frome** fiction or biography?
4. Brunhilda, a character in **Wagnerian** operas, **was** the beautiful leader **of** the Valkyries.
5. I found Ms. Lopez **extremely** well **prepared** for the debate.
6. Running and weight lifting are Alpesh’s **favorite** activities.
7. Both the advisors spoke with a **Brooklyn** accent.
8. Do you understand that there will be more **responsibility** placed **on** those who can handle it?
9. The pigeons **outside** his window awakened Geraldo with **their** soft **cooing**.
10. The Walkers’ new van **runs** on diesel **fuel**.
11. The **entire** surprise party came off **without** a hitch.
12. Because of a disease called **blight**, chestnut trees have become **very** rare.
13. Your gear **should include** the following: **extra** socks, a first-aid kit, **and** a rain poncho.
14. After thirty years of marriage, Renaldo **still** enjoyed being with his **wife**.
15. The MVP award went to **her**, the girl **with** the red **hair**.
16. Durrell is **being scouted** by three major **colleges** because of his outstanding passing ability.
17. Can a person from our tiny community understand the **pressures** of life in the city?
18. Interestingly enough, Jo **wrote** the story that appeared in the newspaper, **but** she hasn’t seen a printed copy yet.
19. Kahlil ate **two** eggs **besides** the pancakes.
20. Please hand me the jars, **those** with the green **labels**.
Lesson 33
Diagraming Simple Sentences

To diagram a simple sentence, write the simple subject and verb on a horizontal line and then draw a vertical line between them. Add adjectives and adverbs on a slanted line under the words they modify.

The new computer arrived yesterday.

Place a direct object on the same line as the simple subject and the verb. Separate it from the verb with a vertical line. An indirect object is placed under the verb.

Did you lend them money?

To diagram a simple sentence with a compound part, follow the model diagrams below.

I love my dog and my cat. A dog or a rabbit dug up our garden.

We roasted and ate marshmallows.

To diagram a simple sentence with a subject complement (a predicate nominative or a predicate adjective), follow the model diagrams below.

This CD sounds great!

She is the team captain.
Exercise 1  Diagram each sentence.

1. Dad ordered pizza.
2. Ships and boats roam the blue sea.
3. The team appears eager.
4. Beth has registered three cats and two dogs.
5. Mom gave me the grocery list.
6. The Inca created and maintained a large empire.
8. Trent and Franz invented and developed that game.
Lesson 34
Diagraming Simple Sentences with Phrases

To diagram a prepositional phrase, place the preposition on a diagonal line under the word it modifies. Place the object of the preposition on a horizontal line that joins the diagonal. An infinitive phrase is diagramed like a prepositional phrase, except that its diagonal line extends a little below the horizontal line.

Who is afraid of the big, bad wolf? (prepositional phrase)

At the restaurant, Shirushi ordered the food to go. (infinitive phrase)

An infinitive phrase used as a noun is diagramed like a prepositional phrase and then placed on a “stilt” in the subject or complement position.

To stand up to a bully is a very brave action.

Place an appositive in parentheses after the noun or pronoun it identifies. Beneath it add any new words that modify the appositive. Any words that modify the noun or pronoun itself, and not the appositive, should be placed directly beneath the noun or pronoun.
New York City, the “big apple,” has a very large population.

Place a participle or participial phrase under the word it modifies. The participle should curve along the line.

Working efficiently, the three energetic women planted the flowers.

Place a gerund on a “step,” and add complements and modifiers in the usual way. Position the gerund according to its role in the sentence. Remember that a gerund can be a subject, a complement, an object of a preposition, or an appositive.

Elmer enjoys swimming in the pond.

**Exercise 1** **Diagram each sentence.**

1. Gary, the store manager, hired me yesterday afternoon.  
2. Angry citizens gathered outside the courthouse.
3. The sound of that new group is particularly vibrant.

4. Coach asked us to run five laps.

5. The man in the moon is just a series of craters on the surface of the moon.

6. Sue tried to win Sally’s friendship.

7. Beautiful clipper ships once sailed across the seas.

8. The removing of the Berlin Wall in Germany signaled the fall of communism.

9. The old dilapidated car was difficult to steer.

10. I would like to pass by Grandma’s house.
11. Alicia, a veterinarian, loves training puppies.

12. The continent of Antarctica is a frigid environment.

13. Fala wants to write a story for the school paper.

14. The flowers in the garden by the side of the house are beautiful.

15. The wall needed scraping and washing.

16. This recipe is easy to make.

17. Tailoring garments requires special skill.

18. Kristen, my oldest sister, is now a freshman in college.
Lesson 35
Diagraming Sentences with Clauses

Diagram separately each main clause in a compound sentence. Clauses joined by a semicolon have a vertical dotted line between their verbs. Clauses joined by a conjunction have the conjunction on a solid horizontal line connected to the verbs of each main clause by vertical dotted lines.

Bruno arrived late, and the teacher sent him to the office.

To diagram a complex sentence with an adjective clause, place the adjective clause beneath the main clause. Draw a dotted line between the relative pronoun that introduces the clause and the noun or pronoun it modifies. Diagram the relative pronoun according to its function in its own clause.

Tyler, who is captain of the swim team, plans to swim tomorrow.

The diagram of an adverb clause is also placed beneath the diagram of the main clause. Place the subordinating conjunction on a diagonal dotted line connecting the verb in the adverb clause to the modified verb, adjective, or adverb in the main clause.

Angie plans to show her paintings before she graduates.
When diagraming a noun clause, first determine its function in the sentence: subject, direct object, predicate nominative, or object of a preposition. Then diagram the main clause, placing the noun clause on a “stilt” in the appropriate position. Place the introductory word of the clause in the position of the subject, object, or predicate nominative within the noun clause itself. If the introductory word merely begins the noun clause, place it on a line of its own above the verb in the subordinate clause, connecting it to the verb with a dotted vertical line.

You are what you eat. I know that Ariel swims well.

Exercise 1 Diagram each sentence.

1. I was told that the neighbors had moved.
2. Our coach hates to lose Katie, but she has to quit.
3. I wish that I had worked harder.
4. Controlling the water supply was their responsibility.
5. Whoever brought the first gift wrapped it in red foil.

6. The African elephant is the largest land mammal; the blue whale, which lives in the ocean, is the largest of all mammals.

7. The sundae that I bought is yours to eat.

8. Lightning and thunder scare me when I am home alone.

9. The new student inquired where he could find the classroom.

10. Some people believe that Elvis Presley, the King, is still alive.

11. Collecting two hundred signatures, they expressed their views.

12. What this bike needs is a day in the shop.
13. Mongolian paleontologists find reptilian fossils when they dig in the Gobi.

14. The pies that have Evelyn’s special crust will be delicious.

15. The storyteller knew what tales his audience would like.

16. The smell of roast beef woke Ben, for he had not eaten anything.

17. Shooting with bow and arrow is a great skill.

18. Francis, who always leaves behind something, will not want to forget his suitcase.
Unit 5 Review

Exercise 1 Diagram each sentence.

1. Kenji makes kites.

2. Venus and Mars are Earth’s neighbors in the solar system.

3. To write a good composition takes discipline.

4. Caveat emptor, a Latin phrase, means that all purchases have risk.

5. The apple proved tasty.

6. People inhabiting the seashore collected great amounts of shellfish.

7. Sheila’s friend lost her radio near the church.

8. The twister dropped Dorothy’s house on the witch, and the ruby slippers appeared on Dorothy’s feet.
Exercise 1  Read the two italicized sentences. Using these sentences, write at least one example of the word, phrase, or clause described. Students should write at least one of the answers supplied for each item.

*Our general policy is to give the customer whatever she wants.*

*Thinking of something special that I can do for each of my friends has been fun, but it has taken a lot of my time.*

1. possessive pronoun ____________________________
2. adjective ____________________________
3. noun ____________________________
4. linking verb ____________________________
5. infinitive phrase ____________________________
6. gerund phrase ____________________________
7. indirect object ____________________________
8. preposition ____________________________
9. complete subject ____________________________
10. complete predicate ____________________________
11. prepositional phrase ____________________________
12. simple subject ____________________________
13. simple predicate ____________________________
14. infinitive ____________________________
15. adjective clause ____________________________
16. indefinite pronoun ____________________________
17. noun clause ____________________________
18. conjunction ____________________________
19. direct object ____________________________
20. definite article ____________________________
21. gerund ____________________________
Exercise 2 Identify the part of speech (POS) and the use in the sentence (USE) of the italicized word or words. Be very specific.

The uncertain silence was almost tangible.
POS: adjective USE: modifies the noun silence

That the decision was tentative was obvious to everyone in the room.
POS: noun USE: subject of the sentence

1. Classes were cancelled due to a ruptured water main.
   POS: adjective USE: past participle, modifies the compound noun water main

2. Lisa eagerly dived into the frigid water and immediately climbed back into the boat.
   POS: adjective USE: modifies the verb climbed

3. Though it had been raining for an hour, we could still see dry circles under the shelter of the large maple trees.
   POS: adjective USE: prepositional phrase, modifies the noun shelter

4. Shyly looking at Ramon for encouragement, Sarena gathered her thoughts and began her presentation.
   POS: adjective USE: participle, modifies the noun Sarena

5. Caring for other people is a noble virtue.
   POS: noun USE: gerund, subject of sentence

6. Intensely engrossed in the novel, Kim hardly noticed the commotion.
   POS: adverb USE: modifies the verb engrossed

7. Her answer certainly seemed definite to me.
   POS: adjective USE: subject complement, modifies the noun answer

8. Suddenly realizing the importance of his message, Simon stopped talking and began to think.
   POS: adjective USE:
9. Mark Twain is one author whom I have read extensively.
   POS: adjective USE: subordinate clause, modifies the noun

10. Try to do your best.
    POS: noun USE: infinitive phrase, direct object

11. Cold and shivering, LaToya wondered why she hadn’t listened to the weather forecast.
    POS: conjunction USE: connects adjectives

12. Send Mr. Yurkovich the bill.
    POS: noun USE: indirect object

13. Golding’s novel, Lord of the Flies, was copyrighted in 1954.
    POS: noun USE: appositive, renames the noun

14. Sasha paused and cleared her throat.
    POS: verbs and conjunction USE: compound predicate

15. Neither sleet nor snow closed schools last year, but icy roads did.
    POS: conjunctions and nouns USE: compound subject

16. To improve my typing skills is one of my goals for this vacation.
    POS: noun USE: infinitive phrase, subject of sentence

17. Mrs. Essman is the principal of East High.
    POS: noun USE: subject complement, predicate nominative

18. Hand me your papers, and return to your seats.
    POS: noun USE: direct object

19. My parents think it important that I start looking at colleges this year.
    POS: adjective USE: object complement, modifies the pronoun

20. Sharon was disappointed when she saw her work schedule.
    POS: adverb USE: subordinate clause, modifies the predicate adjective

21. Concentrating, Mr. Yedon followed the printed directions.
    POS: adjective USE: present participle, modifies the proper noun

22. Hoping for success just isn’t enough; we have to develop a plan.
    POS: noun USE: infinitive phrase, subject of sentence
Unit 6: Verb Tenses and Voice

Lesson 36

Regular Verbs

All verbs have four principal parts—a base, or present, form, a present participle, a past form, and a past participle. All the verb tenses are formed from these principal parts.

Different types of verbs form their past participles differently. A regular verb forms its past and past participle by adding the suffix -ed to the base form.

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Used alone, the base form (except the base form of be) and the past form are main verbs. However, one or more auxiliary verbs are required for the present participle and the past participle to function as the simple predicate.

Doctors confer. (base form)
Doctors conferred. (past form)
Doctors are conferring. (present participle with the auxiliary verb are)
Doctors have conferred. (past participle with the auxiliary verb have)

Exercise 1 Complete each sentence by writing the form of the verb indicated in parentheses.

Archaeologists have discovered that music existed in ancient civilizations. (past participle of discover)

1. Dictionaries have defined music as the organization of sounds. (past participle of define)

2. Some experts believe that people created music by rhythmically repeating a sound. (past form of create)

3. A voice or an instrument produced a series of sounds called a melody. (past form of produce)

4. Harmony is occurring when a number of sounds are made at the same time. (present participle of occur)

5. Throughout history, rhythm, melody, and harmony have evolved into complex arrangements. (past participle of evolve)
6. Remnants of musical instruments are ________________ at excavations. (past participle of uncover)
7. In ancient China, musicians often ________________ together in groups. (past form of play)
8. The king ________________ of stone slabs on a frame, which were struck with mallets. (past form of consist)
9. Other Chinese instruments ________________ flutes, lutes, and bells. (past form of include)
10. The Chinese ________________ a gourd to make a wind instrument. (past form of use)
11. The Chinese still are ________________ instruments from many different materials. (present participle of construct)
12. Other countries also have been ________________ music since ancient times. (present participle of develop)
13. Music has ________________ the festivities of Egyptian pharaohs, or rulers. (past participle of accompany)
14. Egyptian musicians ________________ music mainly for the harp, lyre, and flute. (past form of compose)
15. Archaeologists ________________ many of these artifacts in the tombs of pharaohs. (past form of discover)
16. The tomb of King Tutankhamen ________________ trumpets that can still be played today. (past form of contain)
17. Middle Eastern peoples have ________________ to music since prehistoric times. (past participle of listen)
18. The Assyrians ________________ music to help their soldiers gain confidence. (past form of utilize)
19. David, a Hebrew king, was ________________ for his talent with a harp. (past participle of know)
20. Ancient Greeks ________________ music in their children’s education. (past form of include)
21. Greek bards ________________ from city to city, singing heroic tales. (past form of travel)
22. Greek flutists ________________ at feasts. (past form of entertain)
23. The Romans ________________ the horn from the Germanic peoples. (past form of adapt)
24. We are ________________ more and more about the beginnings of music. (present participle of learn)
Lesson 37
Irregular Verbs

An **irregular verb** forms its past and past participle in some way other than by adding -ed to the base form. Following are some common irregular verbs.

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**Exercise 1** Complete each sentence by writing the form of the verb indicated in parentheses.

The pitcher **threw** the ball more than ninety miles per hour. (past form of *throw*)

1. Yana **chose** two picture frames for her grandmother. (past form of *choose*)
2. The talented photographer has **taken** stunning pictures. (past participle of *take*)
3. The Saint Bernard **ate** two big bowls of dog food. (past form of *eat*)
4. We have **driven** to our favorite campsite dozens of times. (past participle of *drive*)
5. The crowd **became** ecstatic as the home team won at the buzzer. (past form of *become*)
6. The Marzetti family **flew** to Florida to see their relatives. (past form of *fly*)
7. Why haven’t you **written** to me more often? (past participle of *write*)
8. The police officer **wore** her new uniform with pride. (past form of *wear*)
9. The thieves have **stolen** money from five banks. (past participle of *steal*)
10. The toddler **rode** his tricycle up and down the sidewalk. (past form of *ride*)
11. Olivia has known her best friend for seven years. (past participle of know)
12. In 1497, Vasco da Gama led an expedition around Africa’s Cape of Good Hope. (past form of lead)
13. The corn has grown very quickly this summer. (past participle of grow)
14. Mrs. Schmidt has ridden the same bus every day for nine years. (past participle of ride)
15. I rang the bell four times before anyone came to the door. (past form of ring)
16. The cat lay on the windowsill in the afternoon sun. (past form of lie)
17. The rain has frozen into a slick sheet of ice. (past participle of freeze)
18. Shoppers have been crowding into stores all day. (past participle of be)
19. The choir sang its last song. (past form of sing)
20. The hungry baby has drunk all of the milk. (past participle of drink)
21. I saw only two people in line for the new movie. (past form of see)
22. The pilot said that we might experience turbulence. (past form of say)
23. Missy felt nervous about opening night. (past form of feel)
24. The paramedic spoke calmly to the accident victim. (past form of speak)
25. They sat and listened attentively. (past form of sit)
26. A giggling little boy stole the limelight from the older and more experienced performers. (past form of steal)
27. Many students thought the scavenger hunt was a huge success. (past form of think)
28. The flight attendant gave some passengers blankets. (past form of give)
29. The kite slowly sank or sunk below the horizon. (past form of sink)
30. The sun rose in a burst of oranges and reds. (past form of rise)
31. Gina has swum in many swim meets. (past participle of swim)
32. My grandmother told us exciting tales about her childhood. (past form of tell)
33. Janet sprung or sprang out of bed when the alarm rang. (past form of spring)
34. I have had a very relaxing summer. (past participle of have)
35. The teacher laid the papers down on the desk. (past form of lay)
36. The school’s football team lost all of their games. (past form of lose)
Lesson 38
Verb Tenses: Present, Past, and Future

Verb tenses help to show when events take place—in the present, the past, or the future.

The present tense expresses a constant, repeated, habitual, or customary action or condition. It can also express a general truth or an action or condition that is happening right now.

The Volga River flows southward to the Caspian Sea. (a constant action)
Mercury is the planet nearest the sun. (a condition that is generally true)
Samantha feels happy. (not always but just now)

The present tense of all verbs except be is the same as the base form of the verb. To form the third-person singular of these verbs, add -s or -es to the base form.

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The past tense expresses an action or condition that was started and completed in the past.

The dogs chased the car until it turned the corner.

Except for be, all regular and irregular verbs have one past-tense form. The past-tense form of be may be either was or were.

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Exercise 1 Complete each sentence by writing the tense of the verb indicated in parentheses.

Scientists study weather patterns carefully. (study, present)

1. Temperature records go back as far as the mid-1800s. (go, present)

2. Studying the records, climatologists found a worldwide increase in temperature. (find, past)

3. They think the increase is about 1°F since 1860. (think, present)

4. Several years in the 1980s were among the warmest ever recorded. (be, past)

5. However, scientists discovered no overall warming trend in the United States. (discover, past)

6. Still, the continental United States covers only about 1.5 percent of Earth. (cover, present)

7. Climate on Earth varies dramatically from region to region. (vary, present)
8. Scientists ____________ mathematical models and powerful computers to predict changes in the earth’s climate. (use, present)

9. Weather ________________ from day to day and sometimes from year to year. (change, present)

10. Global warming ________________ to much debate among scientists. (lead, present)

Use the future tense to express an action or condition that will occur in the future. To form the future tense of any verb, use will or shall before the base form of the verb.

I shall try. You will come.

Future time also can be expressed without using shall or will. Use going to or about to with the present tense of be and the base form of the verb. Or, use the present tense with an adverb or adverb phrase that states a future time.

I am about to leave the house. Luan arrives next week.

Exercise 2 Change the verb or verbs in each sentence to future tense. Write the new verb in the blank. For those sentences indicated, use other words besides will or shall to express future time.

Answers may vary.

One major effect of global warming was changes in weather. ____________________

1. Temperatures rose more quickly in the Northern Hemisphere. ____________________

2. There was greater warming in winters than in summers. (Do not use will or shall.) ____________________

3. Winter temperatures increase by an even greater amount in the Arctic and Antarctic. ____________________

4. Snow and ice melted. ____________________

5. An increase in evaporation put more water vapor into the atmosphere. ____________________

6. Water flooded low-lying areas. ____________________

7. Sea levels are as much as 25 feet above normal. ____________________

8. Ocean currents slowed down or shifted direction. ____________________

9. Hurricanes became more powerful and frequent. ____________________

10. Global warming brought many unexpected changes. ____________________

11. Perhaps some areas benefited from global warming. (Do not use will or shall.) ____________________

12. Small organisms were more adaptable to a rapid change in climate. ____________________
Lesson 39
Perfect Tenses: Present, Past, and Future

There are three perfect tenses in the English language: the present perfect, past perfect, and future perfect.

The present perfect tense expresses an action or condition that occurred at some indefinite time in the past. This tense also shows an action or condition that began in the past and continues into the present. To form the present perfect tense, use has or have with the past participle of a verb.

She has heard this song. (past indefinite action)
They have remained at the hospital for three days. (action began in past, continues into present)

Use the past perfect tense to indicate that one past action or condition began and ended before another past action started. To form the past perfect tense, use had with the past participle of a verb.

By the time I left (past), our team had scored (past perfect) twenty points.

Use the future perfect tense to express one future action that will begin and end before another future event begins. To form the future perfect tense, use will have or shall have with the past participle of a verb.

By tomorrow, Jean will have finished her project.

Exercise 1 Identify each perfect tense verb by underlining it and writing either present perf., past perf., or future perf. in the blank.

___ present perf. ___
The children have played the same game all day long.

_________ 1. Frederick had worn glasses for five years before he got contact lenses.
_________ 2. The puppy has grown two inches in five weeks.
_________ 3. By next year the doctor will have treated two thousand patients.
_________ 4. The diligent carpenter has built ten cabinets in one month.
_________ 5. By the end of the year the sun will have risen 365 times.
_________ 6. Cleo had written the story that everyone liked so much.
_________ 7. In May the Cruzes will have lived in Tucson for five years.
_________ 8. I have ridden every roller coaster in the park.
_________ 9. Massachusetts had joined the Union before Vermont became a state.
_________ 10. California has been a favorite vacation spot for years.
11. By the time my mother leaves work, I will have put dinner in the oven.

12. Miguel has written in his journal every day this week.

13. We have taken a trip to the river every summer since we moved here.

14. Frances has shown animals in the fair for five years.

**Exercise 2** Complete each sentence by writing the tense of the verb indicated in parentheses.

No one has found the watch I lost last week. (present perfect of find)

1. The wildflowers in the field have bloomed every year. (present perfect of bloom)

2. I have dreamed of visiting the Ukraine. (present perfect of dream)

3. Texas will have been a state for two hundred years in the year 2045. (future perfect of be)

4. We have tried everything to keep the cold air from coming under the door. (present perfect of try)

5. Next week, the basketball player will have broken the record for most games played. (future perfect of break)

6. Linda had driven two hundred miles before she stopped for gas. (past perfect of drive)

7. By the time I shoveled the walk, an inch of new snow had fallen to the ground. (past perfect of fall)

8. Zina has enjoyed each of her many visits to the art museum. (present perfect of enjoy)

9. The museum of natural history has displayed countless artifacts for more than a century. (present perfect of display)

10. In February, the corner grocery will have been in the same location for thirty years. (future perfect of be)

11. Mr. Landis had bought a gift for his daughter's fifteenth birthday when she mentioned the new radio. (past perfect of buy)

12. My family have recycled aluminum cans for as long as I can remember. (present perfect of recycle)

13. Rabbits have eaten vegetables from our garden every summer. (present perfect of eat)

14. By the time Mary finished her paper route, the sun had risen. (past perfect of rise)

15. Next week, the astronauts will have made their tenth journey into space. (future perfect of make)
Lesson 40

Distinguishing Tenses

At times it is difficult to determine which tense to use when writing. Use this summary of the six tenses to help you understand when and where each should be used.

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<td>past</td>
<td>action completed at some time in the past</td>
<td>one past-tense form, such as won or lived</td>
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<td>future</td>
<td>action or condition that will occur in the future</td>
<td>shall or will before the base form</td>
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Exercise 1 Underline each verb. Identify the tense of each verb by writing either present, past, future, present perfect, past perfect, or future perfect in the blank.

The Aztecs have captured the interest of many archaeologists.

present perfect

1. Archaeologists have discovered Aztec stone temples, as well as metal and pottery artifacts.

2. Years before the Spaniards arrived in what is now Mexico, the Aztecs had established a vast empire.

3. The Aztecs had a different name for themselves—the Mexica.

4. The Valley of Mexico, now the location of Mexico City, was once the center of activity for the Mexica and their neighbors.

5. The Aztecs wrote books in pictograms about such things as their histories, beliefs, and censuses.

6. Archaeologists call these books codices.

7. At one time, hundreds of these books existed.
8. Unfortunately, most of these books have disappeared.
9. If archaeologists ever discover more books, it will help to piece together the Aztec past.
10. Historical documents fill in some of the gaps about Aztec culture.
11. Some fragments of perishable items such as clothing and feathers also have survived.
12. The Spaniards and the native peoples of Mexico recorded information about the Aztec culture.
13. By the year 2019, it will have been 500 years since the Spanish arrived in Mexico.
14. Many of the Spanish conquerors built their own churches and houses over those of the Aztecs.
15. As a result, many Aztec artifacts remain lost forever.

**Exercise 2** Complete each sentence by writing the tense indicated in parentheses.

The northernmost country in Latin America **is** Mexico. (present tense of be)

1. Mexico’s population today **ranks** third in the Western Hemisphere. (present tense of rank)
2. Mexico City **remains** the largest city in the world. (present tense of remain)
3. The city **lies** more than 7,500 feet above sea level in a high valley. (present tense of lie)
4. The Spanish **built** Mexico City on the ruins of Tenochtitlán. (past tense of build)
5. Tenochtitlán **had become** the Aztec capital well before the Spanish arrived. (past perfect of become)
6. By the time the Spanish arrived, Tenochtitlán’s population **had reached** almost 200,000. (past perfect of reach)
7. Today, Mexico City’s population **has grown** to about twenty-two million people. (present perfect of grow)
8. Mexico **gained** independence from Spain in 1821. (past tense of gain)
9. Before Mexico won independence, its inhabitants **had revolted** against the Spanish rulers. (past perfect of revolt)
10. Mexico **adopted** a flag in 1821. (past tense of adopt)
11. The Mexican flag **is** green, white, and red. (present tense of be)
Lesson 41
Progressive and Emphatic Forms

Each of the six verb tenses has a **progressive** form that expresses a continuing action. To make the progressive form, use the appropriate tense of the verb *be* with the present participle of the main verb.

- They **are trying**. (present progressive)
- They **were trying**. (past progressive)
- They **will be trying**. (future progressive)
- They **have been trying**. (present perfect progressive)
- They **had been trying**. (past perfect progressive)
- They **will have been trying**. (future perfect progressive)

The present and past tenses have additional forms, called **emphatic**, that add force, or emphasis, to the verb. To make the emphatic forms, use *do, does, or did* with the base form of the verb.

- I **do try**. (present emphatic)
- I **did try**. (past emphatic)

➤ **Exercise 1** Underline the progressive or emphatic verb form in each sentence and write in the blank which form it is.

**past progressive**

The cows **were chewing** their cud.

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1. The corn **had been growing** at a record pace until the dry spell.
2. The farmers **were hoping** for a bountiful harvest.
3. They **did work** hard this year.
4. **Have you been watching** the progress of the soybeans?
5. The cold weather in Florida **will be affecting** the growth of citrus fruits.
6. I do **hope the weather** improves.
7. My cousin **had been eating** cantaloupe all summer until it became too expensive.
8. The neighbors **have been tending** to their own vegetable garden.
9. **Will they be giving** the neighbors any fresh vegetables?
10. George **was weeding** his garden when a rabbit came along.
11. The birds **are eating** the seeds we have planted.
12. My parents **are making** a scarecrow.
13. By tomorrow, they will have been canning tomatoes for two solid weeks.

14. We will be enjoying garden tomatoes in the winter!

15. I do love fresh tomatoes!

Exercise 2 Complete each sentence by writing the form of the verb indicated in parentheses.

1. They ______ are listening ______ closely to the band. (present progressive of listen)

2. The dog ______ has been barking ______ nonstop for an hour. (present perfect progressive of bark)

3. My aunt and uncle ______ are hoping ______ for a baby girl. (present progressive of hope)

4. The bus driver ______ had been taking ______ this route as long as she could remember. (past perfect progressive of take)

5. I ______ did call ______ you before I left! (past emphatic of call)

6. The old cow ______ was grazing ______ peacefully in the field. (past progressive of graze)

7. The rancher ______ will be putting ______ the horses in the stable at nightfall. (future progressive of put)

8. Ten of us ______ have been washing ______ cars for two hours. (present perfect progressive of wash)

9. We ______ do believe ______ in our team! (present emphatic of believe)

10. In ten minutes, we ______ will have been waiting ______ in line for a full five hours for these tickets. (future perfect progressive of wait)

11. We ______ are thinking ______ about moving practice to Friday. (present progressive of think)

12. My friends and I ______ have been buying ______ all of this group’s music recently. (present perfect progressive of buy)

13. Just before the speaker came out, the audience ______ had been chanting ______ his name. (past perfect progressive of chant)

14. The judge ______ did listen ______ carefully to both sides. (past emphatic of listen)

15. Reporters ______ are interviewing ______ the mayor now. (present progressive of interview)

16. The principal ______ is telling ______ us about the incident in the parking lot. (past progressive of tell)

17. The spectators ______ will be leaving ______ the arena soon. (future progressive of leave)

18. Paul ______ has been cleaning ______ the house all afternoon in anticipation of the party. (present perfect progressive of clean)
Lesson 42
Compatibility of Tenses

When writing about two or more events that occur at the same time, do not shift, or change, tenses.

INCORRECT: During the night the barn owl hunted, and it catches a fieldmouse. (Tense shifts from past to present.)
CORRECT: During the night the barn owl hunted, and it caught a fieldmouse. (Clearly the two events happened at nearly the same time in the past.)

Shift tenses only to show that one event precedes or follows another in time.

INCORRECT: By the time the movie ended, everyone left the theater. (The two past-tense verbs give the mistaken impression that both events happened at the same time.)
CORRECT: By the time the movie ended, everyone had left the theater. (The shift from the past tense verb ended to the past perfect verb had left clearly shows that the departure from the theater had happened before the movie ended.)

Exercise 1 Underline the second verb in each sentence and change it so that its tense is compatible with the first. Write the new verb in the blank.

1. Many abolitionists were African Americans who are determined to put an end to slavery.
2. They wrote pamphlets and edit newspapers.
3. Others worked on the Underground Railroad, work that is very dangerous.
4. By the time the Civil War began, the Railroad helped thousands of slaves to freedom.
5. The abolition movement produced many leaders, among whom are both African Americans and white.
6. African American abolitionists such as Harriet Tubman, David Walker, and Sojourner Truth were selfless individuals who are risking their lives for others.
7. By the time he was nine years old, Henry Highland Garnet escapes with his family from Maryland to the free state of Pennsylvania.
8. By the time he reached twenty-two years of age, Garnet became an eloquent speaker.
9. He later became a minister and serves as pastor of a Presbyterian church in Washington, D.C.

10. Robert Purvis attended Amherst College in Massachusetts and then settles in Pennsylvania.

11. He devoted most of his time and money to the Underground Railroad, which he had believed in.

12. When the war began in 1861, Purvis helps some 9,000 slaves to freedom.

13. Samuel Cornish went to Philadelphia, where he organizes the first African American newspaper with another abolitionist, John Russworm.

14. They named the newspaper Freedom's Journal, and print articles from other writers as well.

15. James W.C. Pennington ran away from a cruel slaveholder in Maryland to New York, where he goes to school.

16. Before he left Maryland, he has learned the blacksmith trade.

17. In 1849 Pennington wrote The Fugitive Blacksmith, which had been about his own experiences.

18. He became a great speaker, and he will speak before dignitaries in Europe.

19. James Forten was fourteen years old when he joins the navy.

20. While he was in the navy, he invents a device to handle ship sails.

21. One famous African American female abolitionist was Harriet Tubman, who is the “conductor” of the Underground Railroad.

22. She grew up a slave in Maryland, where she was interfering with a supervisor to save a fellow slave from punishment.

23. The supervisor hit Harriet in the head and fractures her skull.

24. In 1844 she married John Tubman, who has gained his freedom earlier.

25. She escaped from slavery five years later and has gone to Philadelphia through the Underground Railroad.

26. By the time Harriet returned to Maryland, Congress has been passing the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850.
Lesson 43
Voice of Verbs: Active and Passive

An action verb is in the **active voice** when the subject of the sentence performs the action.

*The dog chased the cat.*

An action verb is in the **passive voice** when the action is performed on the subject.

*The cat was chased by the dog.*

The active voice is generally stronger. However, sometimes the passive voice is preferred or even necessary. Use the passive voice if you do not want to call attention to the performer, or if you do not know the performer.

*The cookies were eaten.* (You may not want to identify who ate them.)
*The dishes were washed.* (You may not know who did the washing.)

To form the passive voice, use a form of the auxiliary verb *be* with the past participle of the verb. The tense of the auxiliary verb determines the tense of the passive verb.

*The cat is chased by the dog.* (present tense, passive voice)
*The cat was being chased by the dog.* (past progressive tense, passive voice)
*The cat will have been chased by the dog.* (future perfect tense, passive voice)

**Exercise 1** Write A if the action verb in each sentence is in the active voice and P if it is in the passive voice.

- **P** Thomas Edison was regarded as a great inventor by the world.
- **P**
- **A** 1. Our furniture was carried inside by the movers.
- **A**
- **P** 2. The door was held open by me.
- **P**
- **P** 3. A standing ovation was received by the speaker.
- **P**
- **A** 4. The reporter interviewed the movie star.
- **A**
- **P** 5. Betina has played softball every Tuesday for a month.
- **P**
- **A** 6. The landscape was carefully painted by the artist.
- **A**
- **P** 7. His grandfather told the boy many stories.
- **P**
- **P** 8. Mrs. Miles donates time to the women’s shelter.
- **P**
- **A** 9. A crayon was pulled from the box by the little girl.
- **A**
- **P** 10. She displays her drawing with pride.
- **P**
- **P** 11. All ten pins were knocked down by the skilled bowler.
- **P**
- **A** 12. The last score was missed by the scorekeeper.
13. Five hundred students were graduated by the university.
14. My aunt telephones our apartment every week.
15. Hot dogs are being eaten by the students.
16. Two authors wrote the book.
17. Twenty dollars had been earned by Ernest.
18. A patient called the doctor.
19. The park was covered by tall pines.
20. A truck is being driven by the forest ranger.
21. The test was taken by the class.
22. Our team has won the game.
23. The blaze was fought tirelessly by the firefighters.
24. The spelling bee has been won by Hiro.
25. An amusing story was written by the six-year-old.
26. The tennis player hit the ball hard.
27. The plane is being flown by the new pilot.
28. By tomorrow, a relative will have taken the Jeffersons to the airport.
29. The building is jealously protected by the watchdog.
30. The toy has been hidden by William.
31. Four books had been read by Rhetta in one week.
32. The school board closed the school.
33. The class was passing around the sign-up sheet.
34. We will take two burgers.
35. I have already eaten lunch.
36. The salad dressing was tasted by Anna.
37. My sister was singing the same song for an hour.
38. The spark plug had been removed by the mechanic.
39. The mechanic replaced the headlight and tail light.
40. The Smiths will take in the stray dog.
Unit 6 Review

Exercise 1 Complete each sentence by writing the form of the verb indicated in the parentheses.

The eagle was _______ soaring _______ higher and higher. (present participle of soar)
1. Am I _______ being _______ too picky? (present participle of be)
2. The beachcombers have _______ found _______ beautiful shells at low tide. (past participle of find)
3. After the crowd went home, trash _______ lay _______ everywhere. (past tense of lie)
4. The cyclists have _______ ridden _______ fifty miles on the first leg of their trip. (past participle of ride)
5. Boats will be _______ sailing _______ late into the afternoon. (present participle of sail)
6. James _______ is _______ applying for a part-time job. (present tense of be)
7. I _______ saw _______ some litter at the edge of the beach. (past tense of see)
8. Leah has _______ come _______ too far to give up now. (past participle of come)
9. Louis _______ lost _______ his waterproof watch in the locker room. (past tense of lose)
10. At the end of the day we will have _______ been _______ here for six hours. (past participle of be)
11. The wind has been _______ blowing _______ dust in our faces. (present participle of blow)
12. He had _______ made _______ a mistake in not putting new batteries in his calculator. (past participle of make)
13. The temperature dropped when the sun _______ went _______ behind the clouds. (past tense of go)
14. Our family _______ brought _______ a picnic lunch. (past tense of bring)
15. We had _______ eaten _______ all the pizza before Jake arrived. (past participle of eat)
16. I was _______ taking _______ my time so I wouldn’t get lost. (present participle of take)
17. I haven’t _______ swum _______ that much since last summer! (past participle of swim)
18. We _______ hung _______ our announcements on the cafeteria wall. (past tense of hang)
19. I _______ am _______ happy we spent the day together. (present form of be)
20. I _______ knew _______ we would be late if we didn’t run. (past tense of know)
Unit 6 Cumulative Review: Units 1–6

Exercise 1 Draw one line under each transitive verb and two lines under each intransitive verb. Draw three lines under each direct object and circle each indirect object.

Archaeologists have discovered many Etruscan tombs.

1. These richly decorated tombs give archaeologists valuable information.
2. The Etruscans lived in Etruria, an area north of Rome, Italy.
3. In this area, hills cover the countryside.
4. According to most historians, the Etruscans migrated to Etruria by sea around 800 B.C.
5. By the seventh century B.C., twelve Etruscan states existed.
6. Each state had its own capital city.
7. Together they conquered lands beyond Etruria.
8. They spread across the Apennine Mountains in the north, and across the Po Valley.
9. In the south, they crossed the Tiber River.
10. The Etruscans grew grain, olives, grapes, and other foods.
11. They also made money by trade.
12. The Etruscans also worked as skilled metalworkers and pottery makers.
13. They believed in life after death.
15. They buried their relatives with objects such as vases, statues, and jewelry.
16. Artists gave the tombs additional atmosphere.
17. They painted scenes of daily Etruscan life on the walls.
18. Greeks influenced Etruscan art.
19. The Etruscans gave early Romans some important customs.
20. The Romans would eventually rule Etruria.

Exercise 2 Draw one line under each participle, two lines under each gerund, and three lines under each infinitive. Write SF after each sentence fragment.

We are learning more and more about ancient civilizations every day. ______

1. To study ancient civilizations in school. ______
2. The Latins, living around the city of Rome before Roman kings came to power, arrived in this area most likely from across the Alps.

3. Romans enjoyed the telling of the story of Romulus and Remus.

4. To listen to the legend of Romulus and Remus is entertaining.

5. The twins Romulus and Remus, left to die as babies in a basket on the Tiber River.

6. To survive in the wilderness, the twins drank the milk of a wolf.

7. Romulus, angered by his brother, killed Remus.

8. Romulus, believed to be Rome’s founder by the early Romans.

9. Consisting of seven separate villages on seven hills, early Rome was not a unified region.

10. The early Etruscan rulers oversaw the combining of the seven cities into the first proper town of Roma.

11. The seven villages, overlooking the Tiber River, grew.

12. To build houses and shops in the valleys.

13. Connecting the city to the sea, the Tiber River allowed for easy trade abroad.

14. Disappointed with rule by kings, the Roman people began a new form of government.

15. Under this new government, called res publica, the people elected their governing officials.

16. Two officials, or consuls, together having the power of a king.

17. A parliament, known as a senate, helped the consuls with decisions.

18. Voting was not a right all Romans enjoyed.

19. To cope with an emergency, the consuls appointed a dictator for six months.

20. The Roman people, eventually composed of four classes.

Exercise 3 Write the form of the verb indicated in parentheses to correctly complete each sentence.

The Latin people in Rome needed a powerful army. (past tense of need)

1. Historians have been studying the Roman army for hundreds of years. (present perfect progressive of study)

2. Rome had many enemies. (past tense of have)
3. Three groups of peoples close to Rome threatened the Latins for centuries. (past perfect of threaten)
4. The groups were known as the Sabines, the Aequi, and the Volsci. (past tense of know, passive voice)
5. By 304 B.C., the Romans conquered all three groups. (past perfect of conquer)
6. The Etruscans still held power in Italy. (past tense of hold)
7. They, too, were defeated by the Romans. (past tense of defeat, passive voice)
8. We will have visited Rome twice by next spring. (future perfect of visit)
9. This time I will go to Roman ruins. (future tense of go)
10. The Gauls were a Celtic people who came across the Alps looking for new lands. (past tense of be)
11. The Gauls had earned a reputation as fierce warriors. (past perfect of earn)
12. In 390 B.C. the Gauls became a threat to Rome itself. (past tense of become)
13. The Romans were forced to pay them a large amount of gold to leave. (past tense of force, passive voice)
14. The Romans also were experiencing problems with the Samnites. (past progressive of experience)
15. Originally, the Romans signed an agreement with the Samnites to conquer the Volsci people. (past perfect of sign)
16. The Romans and the Samnites have fascinated historians. (present perfect of fascinate)
17. War broke out between the two in 343 B.C. (past tense of break)
18. They were fighting each other for fifty years. (past progressive of fight)
19. The Samnites wore heavy armor. (past tense of wear)
20. The Romans defeated the Samnites before they agreed to be Rome’s allies. (past perfect of defeat)
Unit 7: Subject-Verb Agreement

Lesson 44
Subject-Verb Agreement

Every verb must agree with its subject in person and in number. Most verbs have a different form only in the present tense; when the subject is third-person singular, an -s or -es is added to the base verb. The linking verb be is an exception. It changes form in both the present and past tenses.

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The auxiliary verbs be, have, and do change form in verb phrases to show agreement with third-person subjects.

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Exercise 1  Draw one line under the simple subject and two lines under the correct verb form in parentheses.

Agriculture (remains, remain) vital to the interest of every person.

1. The United States still (produces, produce) a majority of the world’s food supply.
2. Modern farms (has, have) become more efficient than ever.
3. A new science called agribusiness (has, have) been responsible for much of the improvement.
4. Farmers (takes, take) a keen interest in market conditions and efficiency techniques.
5. One day’s work for a farmer today (equals, equal) about a week’s effort for our grandparents.
6. Scientifically balanced fertilizers (keeps, keep) the nutrients in the soil high.
8. The seeds (is, are) developed to withstand extremes in climate and disease.
9. The only product of many large companies (is, are) hybrid seeds.
10. Newly developed weed-killers (increases, increase) crop yield.
11. Efficient pest control (has, have) reduced crop loss.
12. Almost every year the yield per acre (rises, rise).
13. Computers (performs, perform) many tasks on modern farms.
14. They (records, record) statistics on crop production and even (tracks, track) the weather.
15. Despite all of these advances, the number of farms (grows, grow) smaller every year.
16. Many young people (leaves, leave) the family farm in search of another profession.
17. Large corporations (has, have) purchased many of the successful farms.
18. These huge companies (involves, involve) themselves in every facet of agriculture.
19. To some people, that practice (is, are) beneficial.
20. Others (thinks, think) it (hurts, hurt) the small farmer.

**Exercise 2**  Place a check (✔) next to each sentence in which the subject and verb agree.

✔ Many advances have been made in livestock production.
1. Fewer animals die from disease because of advances in veterinary science.
2. New antibiotics decreases the number of deaths in young animals.
3. Scientists continues to search for ways to increase the meat supply.
4. One new product are beefalo.
5. It is a cross between a cow and the American bison.
6. Some people is experimenting with ostrich farms.
7. Supermarket shelves of the future might hold packages of ostrich meat.
8. In southern states, some farmers raise alligators.
9. Many people enjoys eating the meat from alligator tails.
10. Factory farming is a popular way to raise livestock today.
11. On factory farms, buildings holds large numbers of animals in a small space.
12. This type of farming produce more meat, milk, or eggs in less time and more cheaply than on traditional farms.
13. On some factory farms, a chicken house holds as many as 100,000 chickens.
14. It takes about 1.4 hours of labor to raise 100 chickens today, compared to 16 hours in 1945.
15. Some people criticizes the use of factory farms.
16. They says it is cruel to raise animals in such confined conditions.
17. To create better breeds of livestock, some scientists experiment with animal genes.
18. This type of science is called genetic engineering.
Lesson 45
Agreement: Intervening Prepositional Phrases

When a prepositional phrase comes between the subject and the verb, do not mistake its object for the subject. The verb must agree with the subject, not with the object of a preposition.

The **letters** from Paul were lost in the mail. (*Letters* is the plural subject. *Paul* is the object of the preposition *from* and is singular. The verb, *were*, is plural to agree with the subject *letters*.)

The **color** of the uniforms is red and gold. (*The subject, *color*, is singular. *Uniforms* is the object of the preposition and is plural. The verb, *is*, is singular to agree with the subject, *color*.)

**Exercise 1** Write C in the blank if the verb agrees with its subject. Write the correct verb form if the verb does not agree with its subject.

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<td>1. My favorite of the two shops is Winged Delights.</td>
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<td>2. Its knowledge of birds seems to be superior to the other store.</td>
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<td>3. “My selection of feathered tropicals are the largest in town,” said Mrs. Cho, the owner.</td>
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<td>4. My interest in pets are limited to the parrot family.</td>
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<td>5. Brilliantly colored macaws from South America make attractive pets.</td>
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<td>6. However, the price tag on a macaw is beyond my means.</td>
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<td>7. The gray birds beside the cockatoo looks interesting.</td>
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<td>8. Those in the corner are African gray parrots.</td>
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<td>9. Their lack of color is offset by the parrots’ intelligence.</td>
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<td>10. African grays, without question, is the best talkers in the entire parrot family.</td>
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<td>11. What type of foods are necessary for a healthy African gray?</td>
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<td>12. This bird, like other tropical birds, thrives on seeds, nuts, and fruit.</td>
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<td>13. Several food mixtures of good quality are available commercially.</td>
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<td>14. Fruits of almost any kind provides extra variety to the diet.</td>
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<td>15. The African gray, along with its cage, were priced well within my budget.</td>
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<td>16. My parents’ reservations about having a bird in the house is unfounded.</td>
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17. The chores of caring for the bird are readily shared by the entire family.
18. The best of all the names we considered was Nestor.
19. A parrot in our lives has proven to be a good decision.
20. Nestor, with his heart-winning antics, are becoming a member of the family.

**Exercise 2** Draw one line under the simple subject and two lines under the correct verb form in parentheses.

Bird fanciers around the world **enjoys, enjoy** the beauty of tropical species.

1. Every variety of parrot, macaw, and cockatoo **is, are** a member of the family Psittacidae.
2. The birds of this family **varies, vary** in length from three to forty inches.
3. Other relatives in this family **includes, include** lories, cockatiels, and conures.
4. A relatively large head in proportion to the body **distinguishes, distinguish** these birds.
5. Most members of the family **has, have** short, round tails.
6. The toughest of nuts **represents, represent** little challenge for their large, hooked bills.
7. Birds in this family, without exception, **uses, use** their beaks like a third foot when climbing.
8. One of their unique features **is, are** their special feet.
9. This foot, with two toes pointing forward and two pointing backward, **gives, give** them greater dexterity than any other group of birds.
10. Most tropical regions of the world **provides, provide** suitable habitat for parrots.
11. Many temperate regions of the Southern Hemisphere **houses, house** parrot families, too.
12. The lifespan of Psittacidae **averages, average** thirty to fifty years.
13. Some parrots with the ability to mimic human speech **has, have** developed extensive vocabularies.
14. The talent of talking African gray parrots **is, are** unsurpassed.
15. The owl parrots from New Zealand **is, are** nocturnal birds.
16. Of all parrots, only the kakapos **is, are** entirely flightless.
17. Measuring only three inches long, the pygmy parrots of New Guinea **represents, represent** the smallest parrots in the world.
18. Macaws with their brilliant plumage **is, are** distinguished by their pointed wings and exceptionally long tails.
Lesson 46
Agreement: Linking Verbs

A predicate nominative that is different in number from the subject can be confusing. Only the subject affects the linking verb.

The first act was jugglers. (The singular verb, was, agrees with the singular subject, act. The verb is not affected by the predicate nominative, jugglers.)

Cookies were Mike’s favorite dessert. (The plural verb, were, agrees with the plural subject, cookies. The verb is not affected by the predicate nominative, dessert.)

Exercise 1 Underline the verb in parentheses that best completes the sentence.

Notes (is, are) an excellent way to remember lesson material.

1. The biggest attraction in town (remains, remain) the antique shops.
2. The team members (is, are) a pleasure to coach.
3. The mint in the Lascombe Gardens (smells, smell) good, even from two blocks away.
4. The Ramirez family (is, are) a sponsor for the event.
5. Encyclopedias (stands, stand) a ready resource for writing term papers.
6. Gold pens (was, were) the women’s prize.
7. When I am trying to concentrate, a dripping faucet (becomes, become) a nuisance.
8. A truce (means, mean) no aggression for a specific time period.
9. The twins (turns, turn) sixteen in three weeks.
10. Comic strip characters (was, were) the theme at the banquet.
11. Rawhide bones (is, are) candy to my dog, Beethoven.
12. The first topic (was, were) accidents in the home.
13. Berries (is, are) a mainstay in the diets of many birds.
14. The book (was, were) a collection of short stories.
15. The captains (is, are) the leaders of the volleyball team.
16. Her entire investment (was, were) fifty dollars.
17. The clouds (appears, appear) a threat to our baseball game.
18. Parties (is, are) a good opportunity to get to know people.
19. Sophomores (has, have) twice been student council secretary.
20. The girls (shows, show) great effort even though they are far behind.
21. The consequences (is, are) worth the risk.

22. Dances (remains, remain) our favorite social activity.

23. The juniors (feels, feel) their choice for class president was a good one.

24. Pets (becomes, become) a member of the family.

25. Compliments (is, are) a gift that anyone can give.

26. Oak trees (has, have) become a symbol for strength.

27. Concrete lions (stands, stand) guardian over the library entrance.

28. Mr. Jefferson (thinks, think) these assignments are simple.

29. Apologies (seems, seem) like bitter medicine, but the results are gratifying.

30. It (appears, appear) pot-bellied pigs are gaining popularity as pets.

31. The rhythms of the percussion section (was, were) the highlight of the concert.

32. Holidays (means, mean) exciting sights and sounds.

33. Lien’s favorite Sunday breakfast (is, are) scrambled eggs.

34. Her songs (remains, remain) a hit week after week.

35. The majority of people (feels, feel) a rain shower ruins their day.

36. Hikers (is, are) the largest category of park visitors.

37. Rainbows (was, were) a spectacular sight after the thunderstorm.

38. In Japan, railroads (has, have) become the standard for mass transit.

39. Precautions (is, are) an indispensable part of safe operation.

40. Sonya (seems, seem) miles above the rest of the class.

**Writing Link** Write three or four sentences describing the person you most admire. Use examples of subject-verb agreement with linking verbs and predicate nominatives in at least two of your sentences.
Lesson 47
Agreement: Inverted Sentences

An inverted sentence is one in which the subject follows the verb. Take care to locate the subject accurately, making sure that the verb agrees with it. Because an inverted sentence often begins with a prepositional phrase, the object of the preposition can be easily mistaken for the subject. Remember that the subject follows the verb in an inverted sentence.

Singular: Under the bush sits a rabbit. (The verb, sits, must agree with the subject, rabbit.)
Plural: Under the bush sit three rabbits. (The verb, sit, must agree with the subject, rabbits.)

Inverted sentences often begin with the word there or here. These words are almost never the subject of a sentence.

Singular: There is a shadow across the page. Here comes my brother.
Plural: There are cracks in the foundation. Here are five examples.

The subject in an interrogative sentence may follow an auxiliary verb. In this event, the subject will appear between the auxiliary verb and the main verb.

Singular: Does the price include tax?
Plural: Do our privileges include free admission?

Exercise 1 Draw one line under each simple subject and two lines under the correct verb or helping verb in parentheses.

Beneath the water (was, were) two very hungry sharks.

1. (Is, Are) the doctor attending the sessions?
2. Under the tree (lurks, lurk) the hungry cats.
3. (Is, Are) electric vehicles becoming more popular?
4. There (goes, go) Oko’s sisters.
5. (Does, Do) he live in the mountains?
6. Inside that house (was, were) the object of my affections.
7. (Was,Were) Jamal helping with the pamphlets?
8. Beside the fence (grows, grow) black raspberries.
9. Except for Tamiko, (has, have) all the others paid the fee?
10. Here (comes, come) one of the prettiest floats in the parade.
11. (Was, Were) the basket full of apples?
12. There (is, are) only fifty tickets left.
13. (Does, Do) that dish contain peanuts?
14. On top of the car (was, were) perched three pigeons.
15. (Was, Were) the three of them excused for the day?
16. In these humble surroundings (was, were) born our sixteenth president.
17. For the boat’s deck (has, have) Benny used treated boards?
18. There (sits, sit) his forgotten papers.
19. Here (comes, come) your favorite part.
20. (Does, Do) the Joneses like golf?

Exercise 2  Place a check (✔) next to each sentence in which the subject and verb agree.

✔  Are there any leftovers from yesterday?
  1. Around the corner speeds the little terrier.
  2. There walks a proud woman.
  3. Is the teachers glad for the holiday break?
  4. Into the yard flies the hungry birds in search of a meal.
  5. Here is three copies of today’s Times.
  6. Does Enrico have enough money for lunch?
  7. Above the staircase was the secret passageway.
  8. There is the misplaced textbook.
  9. Has any other activities generated this much enthusiasm?
 10. Were all of them in the car?
 11. Near the pond grows a weeping willow.
 12. There goes the dog in search of her missing puppy.
 13. Was the views spectacular from the bridge?
 14. On the fence post hangs several pieces of twine.
 15. Here comes the best musicians in the world.
 16. Do the players provide their own shoes?
 17. Around the city speeds the delivery trucks.
 18. There are many sources for the information you need.
Lesson 48
Agreement: Special Subjects

A collective noun names a group. It is considered singular when it refers to a group as a whole. It is plural when it refers to each member individually.

**SINGULAR**
- The flock is ready to be sheared.
- Our team is the best.

**PLURAL**
- The flock are sheared one at a time.
- Our team are all seniors.

Some nouns that end in -s are singular and take singular verbs.

**Mumps** is a painful childhood disease.

Other singular nouns ending in -s take plural verbs.

**The scissors are** on the shelf.

Many nouns ending in -ics may be singular or plural depending on their meaning.

Singular: **Politics is** a challenging field. (one type of field)
Plural: Her **politics are** confusing to many people. (more than one political standpoint)

Nouns of amount are singular when they refer to a total that is considered one unit. They are plural when they refer to a number of individual units.

Singular: Nine **dollars is** the price. (one unit)
Plural: Nine **dollars were found** under the bleachers. (nine individual units)

A title is always singular, even if it contains plural words.

*Travels with Charley* is an engrossing book.  "Cycles" is my latest poem.

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**Exercise 1** Underline the verb in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

The faculty (is, are) required to return their keys on the last day of school.

1. The herd (passes, pass) through the orchard on the way to the pasture.
2. Mumps sometimes (requires, require) quarantine.
3. Eight dollars (is, are) too much to pay for that hat.
4. Statistics (is, are) a branch of mathematics.
5. The flock (is, are) preening their feathers.
6. Mark’s favorite pants (is, are) faded blue denim.
7. Several hours (was, were) wasted while we waited for Tasha.
8. The economics of South Africa (is, are) closely tied to the diamond industry.
9. The team (wins, win) frequently.
10. The scissors (needs, need) sharpening.
11. Three months (is, are) the waiting period for a license.
12. Women’s gymnastics (has, have) been dominated by adolescents for several years.
13. The class (is, are) finishing their assignments.
14. Measles (is, are) still a dangerous disease in many parts of the world.
15. Ten yards (is, are) the minimum distance for a first down.
16. Optics (deals, deal) with the changes and properties of light.
17. To keep communication lines open, the faculty (meets, meet) every week.
18. Checkers (is, are) her favorite board game.
19. Three weeks of concerts (has, have) been booked.
20. The acoustics (makes, make) this theater superior to the others.
21. Because of boredom, the audience (is, are) leaving a few at a time.
22. These binoculars (magnifies, magnify) by fifty times.
23. Six inches (makes, make) a big difference in a hemline.
24. Of all his educational pursuits, genetics (was, were) his favorite.
25. The readership of the Times (leans, lean) toward conservatism.
26. The United States (has, have) two major political parties.
27. Thirty days at hard labor (was, were) his sentence.
28. His tactics (proves, prove) he is an honorable man.
29. Canterbury Tales (describes, describe) life during the time of the Black Death.
30. Maria’s glasses (contains, contain) bifocal lenses.
31. The Toronto Maple Leaf (is, are) the name of a National Hockey League.
32. Several species (was, were) on the endangered list.
33. Most of the national news (is, are) on the front page.
34. The remains of the collapsed buildings (was, were) buried.
35. Twenty-eight days (is, are) the average gestation period for a rabbit.
36. Mathematics (requires, require) an understanding of formulas.
37. Our squadron (practices, practice) flight patterns daily.
38. The committee (has, have) signed their names on the contract.
39. The Chicago Bulls (reworks, rework) their strategy daily.
40. The Corps of Engineers (builds, build) dams and bridges.
Lesson 49
Agreement: Compound Subjects

A compound subject that is joined by and or both ... and is plural except when the joined words make a single unit or when they both refer to the same person or thing.

Singular: Cheese and crackers is a favorite snack. (compound subject as a single unit)
Her friend and mentor believes she will win the election. (friend and mentor are the same person)

Plural: The man and the woman are co-chairpersons.
Both Ali and Eduardo enjoy soccer.

When a compound subject is joined by or (or by either...or) or nor (or by neither... nor), the verb always agrees with the subject nearer the verb.

Singular: Either the coach or a player is commenting.
Singular: Neither the players nor the coach is commenting.

Plural: Neither the coach nor the players are commenting.

When many a, each, or every precedes a compound subject, the subject is singular.

Singular: Many a dog and cat has passed through the shelter.
Each boy and girl has a locker.
Every worker and supervisor is united on this issue.

Exercise 1 Complete each sentence by writing the correct present-tense form of the verb indicated.

Both Anya and Kareem like the new teacher. (like)

1. Horses, cattle, and sheep thrive on the lush pastures. (thrive)
2. My brother or my sister chooses the menus tonight. (choose)
3. Every plate and cup has a chip in it. (have)
4. Either the Hopkins family or the Ferreras watch our house when we are away. (watch)
5. Many a friend and traveler has passed this way. (have)
6. Neither Kathy nor her sisters knows about the schedule change. (know)
7. Both Dad and Mom want peace and quiet on the weekends. (want)
8. Neither Mr. Watkins nor my neighbor plants squash. (plant)
9. After the meeting, Antonio and Jalisa are riding home with me. (be)
10. Alberto or the twins are using the encyclopedia. (be)
11. Every gesture and movement means something specific. (mean)
12. Either flowers or candy makes a nice gift. (make)
13. Many a man, woman, and child feels hunger every day. (feel)
14. Neither the steers nor the cow has wandered far. (have)
15. Both robins and blue jays frequent my backyard. (frequent)
16. Neither my sister nor my brothers are willing to lend me five dollars. (be)
17. My friend and teacher accompanies me on the piano. (accompany)
18. A Nintendo or a CD player tops his Christmas list. (top)
19. Though I get very nervous on stage, every smile and nod gives me confidence. (give)
20. Either a broken string or a faulty tuning peg unnerves a violinist. (unnerve)
21. Many a teacher and student passes through these halls every day. (pass)
22. Neither Blake nor I want to lose her as a friend. (want)
23. Both the newspaper and the radio station are plugging our spring concert. (be)
24. Neither Cooper nor Longfellow is the author of *The Scarlet Letter*. (be)
25. Before the commencement, the chorus and the orchestra perform the national anthem. (perform)
26. Spaghetti or lasagna ranks first on my list of favorites. (rank)
27. Regardless of the cost, every letter and postcard is being answered. (be)
28. Either rain or snow causes a slowdown on the freeway. (cause)
29. After the performance, each boy and girl receives an autographed picture. (receive)
30. Neither Charlene nor Mia feels well today. (feel)
31. Both pork and beef have high levels of fat. (have)
32. Neither the store nor the restaurant opens until nine o’clock. (open)
33. Ham and eggs is a regular breakfast at our house. (be)
34. Mr. Caron or the boys are cleaning the garage. (be)
35. Every man and woman shares your concerns. (share)
36. Either my sister or my parents are picking us up after the ballgame. (be)
37. Each player and cheerleader hopes for a victory tonight. (hope)
38. Before each performance, both the actors and the stagehands check the props carefully. (check)
Lesson 50
Agreement: Intervening Expressions

Expressions such as accompanied by, as well as, in addition to, plus, and together with have a meaning similar to and but do not form a compound subject. They are a part of a phrase that modifies the subject but does not change its number.

Max, accompanied by An-Li, is on his way to the fair.
The governor, as well as his press secretary, is flying to Washington.

Exercise 1 Underline the verb in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

Stamp collecting, enjoyed by teenagers as well as adults, (is, are) a popular hobby.

1. Oko, together with Toby and Cara, (enjoys, enjoy) the hobby of stamp collecting.
2. They, plus other members of their families, (spends, spend) a lot of time on their hobby.
3. Oko, along with her parents, (collects, collect) only Japanese stamps.
4. The beauty of stamps, plus the large variety, (is, are) the reason that Toby prefers a general collection.
5. Cara, as a horse-lover, (likes, like) to collect stamps depicting horses.
6. Cara, together with her two friends, (wants, want) to join a local philatelic society.
7. Philately, as most collectors know, (is, are) another name for stamp collecting.
8. Dabblers, along with serious collectors, (meets, meet) monthly to share their hobby with others who have similar interests.
9. The president, plus nine other members, (collects, collect) only stamps with unusual cancellations.
10. One member, along with his son, (has, have) a collection of nearly 50,000 stamps.
11. Locating sources for new stamps, along with trading or selling duplicates, (ranks, rank) as a practical benefit of membership.
12. Annually the society, together with local stamp clubs, (sponsors, sponsor) an exhibition of the members’ collections.
13. Cara, along with Oko and Toby, (hopes, hope) to attend the show this year.
14. Every Saturday, Oko, accompanied by Toby, (visits, visit) the local stamp store.
15. The shop, besides stocking supplies and accessories, (carries, carry) a large selection of stamps.
16. A set of six stamps from Zimbabwe, along with a single issue from Brazil, (has, have) captured Toby’s attention.

17. The set, plus some new display mounts, (costs, cost) about fifteen dollars.

18. A 1967 Japanese stamp, as well as a 1988 air mail stamp, (catches, catch) Oko’s eye.

19. Many of Toby’s friends, including Consuelo, (is, are) now asking for help in starting a collection.

20. The great variety of subjects, together with the hobby’s adaptability to individual interests, (provides, provide) a lifelong pastime.

**Exercise 2** Complete each sentence by writing the correct present-tense form of the verb indicated.

Many other things, in addition to stamps, _________ fun to collect. (be)

1. Young children, as well as older children, often _________ collecting leaves or rocks. (like)

2. Having fun, plus putting things into categories, _________ children to learn. (help)

3. Many serious collectors, together with not-so-serious collectors, _________ things they have a special interest in. (collect)

4. An interest in sports, accompanied by a love of baseball, _________ baseball card collectors. (drive)

5. Ball caps, in addition to T-shirts, _________ the interest of other sports enthusiasts. (draw)

6. Animal figures, as well as stuffed animals, _________ the interest of some collectors. (draw)

7. Many a stuffed rabbit, together with stuffed bears and pigs, _________ become part of a collection. (have)

8. Something a person likes to do, such as riding horses or listening to music, often _________ interest in collecting. (spark)

9. Many people who like music, in addition to going to concerts, _________ autographs. (collect)

10. A special poster, together with old photos, _________ interesting to someone who likes old movies. (be)

11. Much of the excitement, as well as the fun, _________ from the discovery of a new item. (come)

12. Something rare, plus something unusual, _________ most collectors. (excite)
Lesson 51
Agreement: Indefinite Pronouns as Subjects

When an indefinite pronoun is used as a subject, its verb must agree with it in number. Indefinite pronouns can be grouped into three categories.

**INDEFINITE PRONOUNS**

- **ALWAYS SINGULAR:** each, anything, nothing, everything, one, something, everyone, either, someone, anyone, no one, nobody, everybody, neither, somebody, anybody
  
  Examples: After the inspection, **everything was** in its place.

- **ALWAYS PLURAL:** several, many, few, both
  
  Examples: **Few are** ready for the examination.

- **SINGULAR OR PLURAL:** some, most, all, none, any
  
  Examples: **Most of the team is** healthy. (Most refers to team, which is singular.) **Most of the sophomores attend** the class meeting. (Most refers to sophomores, which is plural.)

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**Exercise 1** Complete each sentence by writing the correct present-tense form of the verb indicated.

A few of my friends __________ like anchovies. (like)

1. Some of the puppies __________ constantly. (whine)
2. Everybody in the two towns __________ about the rivalry. (know)
3. Somebody in the bleachers __________ constantly. (scream)
4. Neither of the boys __________ the key to the house. (have)
5. Most of the band __________ regularly. (practice)
6. Everybody in the auditorium __________ patiently for the opening curtain. (wait)
7. Several of my friends __________ a computer with ease. (operate)
8. During a test, nobody __________ the room. (leave)
9. All of the blackberries __________ picked. (be)
10. No one __________ choosing him as captain. (regret)
11. __________ anyone show signs of fatigue? (do)
12. Someone with very large feet __________ through the flower bed. (walk)
13. Because information is lacking, none of the committee _________ to vote on the issue today. (want)

14. No matter what Chandra thinks, either of the candidates _________ qualified. (be)

15. Everyone for miles around _________ in the Oktoberfest. (participate)

16. Something about that person _________ Tia to be suspicious. (cause)

17. If you need more information, any of the clerks _________ the expertise to help you. (have)

18. One of the cockatiels _________ twice every year. (molt)

19. We should be there on time, if everything _________ well. (go)

20. Since the tornado, many people _________ thunderstorms. (fear)

21. After lunch, all of the class _________ sleepy. (feel)

22. Nothing about the situation _________ a sense of security. (foster)

23. Anything that is broken _________ our sense of security. (need)

24. During the concert, each of the four Garcias _________ a solo. (sing)

25. Most of the neighbors _________ spending time together. (enjoy)

26. Any of the leftover food _________ stored in the refrigerator. (be)

27. Because we are so busy, no one _________ a break. (take)

28. Nobody _________ that kind of treatment. (expect)

29. After the siren sounds, all of the force _________ on alert. (be)

30. Due to all the changes, few of the girls _________ confident about the contest. (feel)

31. None of the class _________ a perfect attendance record. (maintain)

32. Either of those necklaces _________ this outfit. (match)

33. None of the disks _________ formatting. (require)

34. Of the two chapters, neither _________ difficult material. (contain)

35. Once the schedule is set, both of the part-timers _________ to be on time. (try)

36. Few of the players _________ a beard. (wear)

37. Any of the squad _________ fully certified in first aid. (be)

38. Some of the drivers _________ the yellow flashing light. (ignore)

39. Within our class, everyone _________ the new teacher. (like)

40. Several of the musicians _________ in a local band. (play)
Exercise 1  Underline the verb in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

This brick sidewalk (needs, need) repair.

1. Our principal (sings, sing) in a barbershop quartet.
2. April showers (rains, rain) steadily but softly.
3. The waves (crashes, crash) rhythmically against the giant rock close to the beach.
4. (Does, Do) we need to pack that much for a weekend trip?
5. Aunt Carla (writes, write) that she is coming to visit this summer.
6. Jamal and Frank (races, race) every day to the bus stop.
7. The limbs of the old oak tree (sways, sway) in the breeze.
8. Somebody (needs, need) to fix this step before an accident occurs.
9. I hope that our school (wins, win) the big game this year!
10. Smells of hot coals and cooking beef (fills, fill) the backyard.
11. Chocolate candies with fruit fillings (was, were) the dessert of choice for visitors at the chocolate festival.
12. Martin’s binoculars (is, are) what we need.
13. There (is, are) many reasons we need today off.
15. Can members of the flag corps (rides, ride) on the bus with the football team?
16. The first item on Julie’s shopping list (was, were) socks.
17. These scissors (cuts, cut) through every kind of material.
18. Many of this year’s participants (was, were) in last year’s tournament, too.
20. Few (argues, argue) as well as Fred, the president of the Debate Club.
21. In the trunk there (is, are) a spare tire.
22. The street car (is, are) late this morning.
23. Our yard (becomes, become) bigger every time I mow it!
24. The moon (seems, seem) exceptionally bright tonight.
Exercise 1  Draw one line under each compound subject and two lines under each compound predicate. Write C in the blank if the conjunction in parentheses is a coordinating conjunction. Write S if it is a subordinating conjunction.

C  Jennifer (or) Pedro will bring the refreshments.

1. The dog (and) the cat belong to Mr. Spinoza.
2. Cara will remain happy (as long as) she is treated with respect.
3. Dad and Mom were stranded (because) my brother brought the car home late.
4. The stag shook his antlers (and) pawed the ground.
5. The car looks beautiful (since) it has been waxed.
6. The red shoes were available, (but) the black ones were out of stock.
7. Mr. Jefferson, (though) he wanted to be present, had to decline the invitation.
8. Alice practiced her clarinet (and) watched television.
9. I don’t know if Ken went home (or) if he went to practice.
10. Getting up early (so that) I would be prepared gave me a head start on the others.
11. Angie bought a new notebook (before) she went to class.
12. Sitting on the front porch (and) reading the newspaper took up the whole morning.
13. I usually collapse on the couch (when) I get home from practice.
14. The pup looked at me (as if) it were guilty of something.
15. The neighbors own a Ford (and) a Cadillac.
16. Brown trout will study the bait (before) they eat it.
17. Felipe, (if) he gets the job, will work twelve hours a week and earn five dollars an hour.
18. The sparrows were feeding in the backyard, (but) the blue jay drove them off.
19. I must watch my baby brother (until) my mother returns.
20. The players don’t want sympathy (or) pity.

Exercise 2  Write N in the blank if the clause in italics is used as a noun, adj. if it is used as an adjective, or adv. if it is used as an adverb.

adj.  The shed where I keep my motorbike belongs to my uncle.

1. Alonzo, who is making funny faces, is my little brother.
2. Arriving home, I saw the tree that you told me about.
3. The cat looked as if it had fallen into water.
4. Did the reporter say why the road has been closed?
5. Who was the player that fumbled the ball?
6. Ms. Conrad whispered so that no one else could hear.
7. Jamal can win the race if he concentrates on pacing himself.
8. Ben Franklin first said that a penny saved is a penny earned.
9. Cassandra rested while she was recuperating from a cold.
10. Do you have the manual that came with the television set?
11. Carol gasped when the race car crashed.
12. The medal will be awarded to the runner who finishes first.
13. This is the bracelet that Connie gave me for Christmas.
14. Is this the horse that shies at passing cars?
15. That the water is undrinkable is an established fact.
16. So that I would be surprised, Melinda kept the party a secret.
17. The brook that runs near the woods is on our property.
18. Aunt Rita told us that José got home last night.
19. The snowbank, which was four feet high, stopped all traffic.
20. Orville shouted at me as loud as he could.

Exercise 3 Underline the verb in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

The squadron (is, are) taking their vacations at the same time.
1. The caretaker of the palace grounds (do, does) a splendid job.
2. The pile of leaves (was, were) an eyesore.
3. In the train station (sit, sits) three weary travelers.
4. Phonics (is, are) a method of teaching reading.
5. Seven dollars (is, are) too much to pay for that shirt.
6. Mike’s politics (is, are) rather conservative.
7. Neither the twins nor Alberto (has, have) enough money for lunch.
8. Somebody (get, gets) all the lucky breaks.
9. The mechanics from the garage (charge, charges) reasonable rates.
10. (Do, Does) the Tofts know the score?
11. Most of the team respects the opponents’ skills.

12. The stereo, as well as both radios, needs repair.

13. The Templetons of Barkersville visit us every spring.

14. Spruce trees or oak trees grow best in this type of climate.

15. Nina and An-Li miss the point completely.

16. The first signs of morning are a whistling tea kettle and the smell of bacon frying.

17. Snow or heavy rains are expected tonight.

18. No one in the group keeps track of their expenses.

19. First aid, plus CPR training, tops the agenda for Wednesday.

20. Antlers by the Thousands describes the life cycle of reindeer.

21. Measles is a common childhood disease.

22. This tape and CD belong to Sook.

23. The orchestra was ready for the overture.

24. Neither books nor a magazine is left on the shelf.

25. Some of the clouds have scattered.

26. Both of them are late.

27. Either bike is a good buy.

28. Everybody in the chorus is on time for practice.

29. Most of my cousins live in Boston.

30. Several of the videos are on sale.

31. Many of his jokes are old.

32. Everybody was tired after the run.

33. Few of the flowers look ready to bloom.

34. None of it is useful.

35. There go my two best friends.

36. Both of them arrive late all the time.

37. Either bike pedals equally well.

38. Everybody in the chorus sings well.
Lesson 52
Personal Pronouns: Case

Pronouns that refer to persons or things are called personal pronouns. Personal pronouns have three cases, or forms, called nominative, objective, and possessive. The case of a personal pronoun depends on the pronoun’s function in the sentence.

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Use the nominative case for a personal pronoun in a compound subject.

**Ricardo and she are taking the advanced placement test.**

Use the objective case for a personal pronoun in a compound object.

**The guide handed the questionnaire to Mom and me.**

In formal writing, after a form of the linking verb be, use the nominative case. People often use the objective case, however, in informal writing and speaking.

**The person at the door was he.** **The best player is I.**

Use possessive pronouns to indicate ownership and before gerunds (-ing forms used as nouns). Do not spell possessive pronouns with apostrophes.

**His playing is getting better.** **That canoe is theirs.**

**Exercise 1** Underline the pronoun in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

If your tent is leaking, you can sleep in (our’s, ours).

1. Lina and (she, her) expect to hear from the representative very soon.
2. Dell’s parents are quite pleased about (him, his) attending summer school.
3. Address your complaints to Mr. Bowles and (they, them).
4. Lupe believes that pile of trash is (theirs, their’s).
5. The person on the phone is (he, him).
6. Thomas, Tran, and (I, me) are going to represent the school at the conference.
7. In spite of (it’s, its) injured beak, the seagull was able to feed itself.
8. The heaviest responsibility for the project fell on Sarah and (she, her).
9. Anyone interested in working on the scrap paper drive should contact Gina or (I, me).
10. (Me, My) singing finally put the baby to sleep.
11. The Red Raiders, the Yellow Jackets, and (they, them) are tied for second place in the league.
12. It looks as though the leaders after the first round will be Forrest and (she, her).
13. Frederick Douglass and (him, he) are two well-known African American leaders of the last century.
14. I imagine your parents are happy about (you, your) practicing for the recital.
15. The man standing between my sister and (I, me) is Uncle Drake.
16. Peter and (she, her) will perform a scene from Our Town for the class.
17. Ask Josh about (his, him) joining the Spanish Club.
18. David and Jacob turned the mountain bike on (it’s, its) side to replace the chain.
19. Moira and (he, him) have been researching the Underground Railroad for their presentation.
20. Are you certain that book is (your’s, yours)?
21. The others in the group were getting a little tired of (him, his) joking and teasing.
22. There’s no doubt the championship is (their’s, theirs).
23. Tonya ran to pick up the phone, certain it would be for (she, her).
24. The teachers in charge of the video yearbook are Ms. Ramey and (he, him).
25. Is that prize-winning steer (your’s, yours)?
26. I hope you don’t mind (us, our) laughing so hard at the movie, but it’s awfully funny.
27. What really concerns John and (I, me) is the distance to the cabin.
28. Danielle is convinced the bracelet in the school Lost and Found is (her’s, hers).
29. Michael, Brian, and (we, us) are planning an Open House after the game.
30. The coach tried to encourage (them, their) running to and from school every day.
31. The gloves on the radiator by the art room are (her’s, hers).
32. Do you and (her, she) want to meet us after school by the chemistry lab?
33. The plot of the movie revolved around the wolves and (he, him).
34. That blue truck with the white cap is (ours, our’s).
Lesson 53
Pronouns with and as Appositives; After *Than* and *As*

Use the nominative case for a pronoun that is in apposition to a subject or a predicate nominative.

The representatives, Sherlyn and he, attended the meeting. (*Representatives* is the subject.)
The only other people there were teachers, Mr. Blaine and she. (*Teachers* is the predicate nominative.)

Use the objective case for a pronoun that is in apposition to a direct object, an indirect object, or an object of a preposition.

The audience applauded the stars of the show, Armando and her. (*Stars* is a direct object.)
Aunt Rachel sent her nieces, Sonia and me, the book. (*Nieces* is an indirect object.)
The warning must have been meant for both groups, them and us. (*Groups* is an object of the preposition *for.*)

When a pronoun is followed by an appositive, choose the case of the pronoun that would be correct if the appositive were omitted.

We actors have fun at the Drama Club rehearsals. (*We* instead of *us* is the correct form because *we* is the subject of the sentence.)
Uncle Rex sent the package to us nephews. (*Us* instead of *we* is the correct form because *us* is the object of the preposition *to.*)

In incomplete adverb clauses using *than* and *as*, choose the case of the pronoun that you would use if the missing words were present.

Amanda finished her sundae more quickly than she. (*The nominative pronoun *she* is the subject of the incomplete adverb clause *than she finished her sundae.*)
The comedy amused Robert and Boyd as much as him. (*The objective pronoun *him* is the direct object of the incomplete adverb clause *as much as it amused him.*)

**Exercise 1** Underline the correct pronoun. Identify the case by writing *nom.* (nominative) or *obj.* (objective) in the blank.

**obj.** 1. Pablo saw two people, Anita and (I, me), at the movies.
**obj.** 2. We spoke to the artists, Mr. Santiago and (him, he), about their work.
**obj.** 3. Tell the co-captains, Robin and (she, her), what you learned about the equipment.
**obj.** 4. Hakim did more work for the recycling project than (her, she).
**obj.** 5. (Us, We) Salazar sisters always stick together when things get tough!
6. The two girls, Becca and (she, her), asked if they could give their presentation first.
7. Stand between your friends, David and (him, he).
8. Please call one of the organizers, Sandra or (I, me), if you won’t be able to come to the pizza party.
9. The man’s constant talking during the movie bothered everyone else as much as (me, I).
10. The magazine story was about the young scientists who made the discovery, Marcus Hamilton and (they, them).
11. The winners of the award are the best players on the volleyball team, Nikki and (her, she).
12. The boy cheerleaders lifted the girls, Darlene, Tracey, and (I, me), into the air.
13. Both of the musicians, Yuri and (he, him), received the highest marks at the district competition.
14. The lawyer offered his clients, Ms. Constable and (her, she), some useful advice about their legal problem.
15. The subjects of the book were two great photographers, Matthew Brady and (he, him).
16. At the assembly be sure to sit with (we, us) drama club members.
17. Sandra sent cards to her favorite teachers, Ms. Fukuzawa and (he, him).
18. The gorilla watched the zoo visitors, (we, us), carefully.
19. Club members, Carlos, Jalen, and (he, him) share many of the same interests.
20. Jay’s teasing bothers his friends, Rey and (I, me).
21. The president and vice president of the class for next year will be two of my friends, Shawn and (she, her).
22. The zookeeper’s presentation about carnivores impressed me as much as (them, they).
23. Bring the typists, Brian and (he, him), your manuscript as soon as you can.
24. The detective noticed the strangers, the tall one and (he, him), standing by the door ready to run away.
25. The people standing by the popcorn machine are Michael’s cousins, Lillian, Whitney, and (him, he).
26. The senators from our state, Mr. Ortiz and (her, she), will be appearing together on election night.
Lesson 54
*Who* and *Whom* in Questions and Subordinate Clauses

Use the nominative pronoun *who* for subjects of sentences and clauses.

Who answered the door? (*Who* is the subject.)

Tell me who will give the speech. (*Who* is the subject of the noun clause *who will give the speech.*)

The person who took the cupcake ran out the back door. (*Who* is the subject of the adjective clause *who took the cupcake.*)

Use the objective pronoun *whom* for the direct or indirect object of a verb or verbal or for the object of a preposition.

To whom are you writing? (*Whom* is the object of the preposition *To.*)

Mr. Kim wondered whom we had seen at the library. (*Whom* is the direct object of the verb *had seen* in the noun clause *whom we had seen at the library.*)

Joaquin wondered to whom the letter was addressed. (*Whom* is the object of the preposition *to* in the noun clause *to whom the letter was addressed.*)

**Exercise 1** Complete each sentence by adding *who* or *whom*, whichever is correct.

Do you know anyone who has traveled around the world?

1. ___________ hasn’t dreamed of traveling around the world?

2. Is there anyone to ___________ the life of a traveler doesn’t sound appealing?

3. A woman about ___________ few people have heard made this dream come true.

4. Ida Pfeiffer, ___________ many consider to have been the first female professional traveler, was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1797.

5. The few women of her time ___________ did travel were usually wives of diplomats or missionaries.

6. The thought of an ordinary woman ___________ simply went wherever she wanted to go was preposterous!

7. Ida Pfeiffer, ___________ grew up in a large family with six brothers, was brave and determined from the very beginning.

8. Ida’s father, ___________ had progressive ideas for his time, felt she should receive the same education as her brothers.

9. Ida, to ___________ the long petticoats and skirts that girls wore were a bother, often preferred boys’ trousers.

10. When she was twenty-two, Ida married a man ___________ was much older than she.

11. Her husband, ___________ was a government official, lost his job because of political tensions.
12. Ida and her husband, ____________ moved to a small town, separated in 1835.

13. ____________ could have guessed what lay in store for this amazing woman?

14. Her friends, to ____________ she confided her plans, were shocked.

15. They wondered ____________ she thought she was to harbor such ambitions!

16. Ida, ____________ had conceived a plan to visit the Holy Land, described her trip to friends.

17. Most people ____________ she told agreed that a religious trip was less scandalous for a single woman.

18. However, Ida, ____________ kept quiet about her other plans, was also heading to Egypt.

19. ____________ among her friends didn’t shake their heads when she claimed, “Privation and discomfort had no terrors for me”?

20. Ida, ____________ knew that Egypt was a dangerous place, made out her will before she left.

21. Many travelers ____________ had explored Egypt had never returned.

22. Ida, ____________ spent nine months on her first voyage, did return.

23. Her adventures included an argument with a camel driver ____________ she was certain had cheated her.

24. Friends ____________ read the diary she kept urged her to publish it.

25. When Ida, ____________ sold her book to a publisher in 1846, received money, she embarked on a second trip to Iceland.

26. No one knows from ____________ Ida got her next idea for a trip.

27. Ida, ____________ was now becoming well known as a traveler, set sail for South America in 1846, the first stop on her round-the-world trip.

28. Ida, ____________ carried a pair of pistols for protection, went from South America to China, India, and the Middle East.

29. Those ____________ read her book A Lady’s Voyage Around the World learned of her fearless attitude and unquenchable curiosity.

30. Readers with ____________ she shared her amazing journeys admired her sense of adventure, even if they did not dare duplicate her feats.

► Writing Link  Write a brief paragraph about someone you know who has traveled to another state or country. Use who or whom in at least two of your sentences.

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Lesson 55
Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement: Number and Gender

An antecedent is the word or group of words to which a pronoun refers or that a pronoun replaces. A pronoun must agree with its antecedent in number (singular or plural) and gender (masculine, feminine, or neuter).

Gabriel García Marquéz published his novel Love in the Time of Cholera in 1985. (singular masculine pronoun)
Edna O’Brien and Gabriel García Marquéz have sold many copies of their books in the United States. (plural pronoun)
The old saying about never judging a book by its cover contains a lot of truth! (singular neuter pronoun)

Exercise 1 Complete each sentence by adding a personal pronoun that agrees with the antecedent. Underline the antecedent.

Cats often give birth to _________ kittens in secluded places.
1. Did your grandparents tell you all about _________ trip to Hawaii?
2. A girl on the soccer team has to buy _________ own soccer shoes.
3. The large sugar maple in the park by the school lost one of _________ limbs in the storm last night.
4. Soldiers are expected to obey _________ commanding officer’s orders.
5. My father is going to _________ twenty-fifth high school reunion this Saturday.
6. Beavers and buffalo were hunted for _________ pelts in the last century.
7. A student in Ms. Archibald’s class has to be ready to do _________ best work.
8. My dog Ellie takes very good care of _________ six new puppies.
9. This computer has something wrong with _________ disk drive.
11. Ms. Sunjoo said you could take _________ aerobic exercise class.
12. The members of the Chess Club want to bring _________ own chess boards and pieces.
13. A person who plans to join the military has to make sure _________ grades are good.
14. A police officer must maintain _________ weight at a certain level.
15. Are Jon and Kyle going to give _________ multimedia presentation today?
16. Ask your mother if she’ll let you borrow _________ tennis racquet.

17. Do you think this robot can do _________ job as well as a person?

18. If a singer wants to try out for the choir, _________ name has to be on the sign-up sheet by this afternoon.

19. A professional football player spends much of _________ time in training.

20. Our next-door neighbors asked me to water _________ plants while they are in Chicago.

21. The people who live in that house spend a lot of time working in _________ garden.

22. Did you tell me that Tina had _________ job application accepted?

23. Walnut is a favorite wood, prized for _________ deep brown color.

24. Evergreens don’t lose _________ leaves in the fall the way deciduous trees do.

25. Susan’s father broke _________ arm playing rugby.

26. A professional dancer has to work very hard on _________ flexibility and strength.

27. Don’t let the children lose _________ gloves at the playground.

28. The mother bird returned to _________ nest with a fat worm.

29. Allan and Margaret asked if I had seen _________ paintings in the art show.

30. Janice’s car hit a pothole in the road and lost _________ muffler.

31. My little sister Louisa took _________ first step on my birthday.

32. The race cars revved _________ engines at the starting line.

33. Mr. Lopez and Ms. Tyler take what _________ students say very seriously.

34. We wanted to play soccer on Saturday, but the ball had lost all _________ air.

35. The new blouse that we bought for Cassandra was _________ favorite color.

36. Paula and Jerome were looking for new homes for _________ pets.

37. We enjoyed the movie you recommended, but we had trouble understanding _________ plot.

38. My stepfather likes _________ new job at the branch bank.

39. Australia is famous for _________ beautiful coral reefs and unusual animals.

40. Can you return the jacket and hat to _________ rightful owner?
Lesson 56
Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement: Person

A pronoun must agree in person with its antecedent. When a pronoun has another pronoun as its antecedent, the two pronouns should agree in person. Be sure not to refer to an antecedent in the third person by using the second-person pronoun you. Use either an appropriate third-person pronoun or a suitable noun.

POOR    Sal and Jarrod are going to a lake where you can catch your limit of bass.
BETTER  Sal and Jarrod are going to a lake where they can catch their limit of bass.

Exercise 1  Complete each sentence with the correct personal pronoun.

Dawn carefully hung her new jacket in the closet.

1. Two of the most famous American travelers were Fanny Bullock Workman and _______ husband William Workman.

2. For twenty-five years they traveled together, _______ relationship based on equality.

3. Fanny was born into a well-to-do family in Massachusetts, where _______ father was governor.

4. In 1881 Fanny Bullock met _______ partner for life and married the doctor William Workman.

5. Several years later Dr. Workman decided to give up _______ medical practice because of his poor health.

6. You should hope that _______ health is as “poor” as Dr. Workman’s.

7. He lived for another forty-eight years after _______ retirement!

8. After William and Fanny moved to Germany, _______ soon took up an active outdoor life.

9. The Bullocks spent some of _______ time mountain climbing in Norway and Sweden.

10. Fanny showed off _______ skills when she became one of the first women to climb the Matterhorn in Switzerland.

11. Soon the Workmans were ready to abandon _______ ordinary life.


13. At about this time in _______ life, Fanny became involved in women’s rights issues.

14. Her own life, _______ believed, proved that women were just as capable as men.

15. On their next trip, _______ took their bicycles to India, Burma, Java, Cambodia, and Sri Lanka, then known as Ceylon.
16. In northern India they saw the Himalayan Mountains, with ____________ majestic peaks and inaccessible villages.

17. Setting aside their bicycles, the Workmans decided to take up mountaineering in the Himalayan Range and ____________ companion, the Karakoram Range.

18. Fanny’s desire to accomplish things no woman ever had, led ____________ to climb Mt. Koser Gunge, setting a world record for women mountaineers.

19. Fanny continued to set climbing records throughout ____________ life.

20. William Workman was always supportive of Fanny’s exploits and praised ____________ wife for her “courage, endurance, and enthusiasm.”

Exercise 2  Underline each personal pronoun and its antecedent.

1. I am excited about taking my first trip to New York.

2. Traveling is fun and interesting, but it can also be quite exhausting.

3. When Randall and I visited New York City, we must have walked twenty miles!

4. When Randall packed for the trip, he only put in one pair of shoes.

5. I could have used at least three pairs during my trip!

6. When my parents were in college, they went on backpacking trips.

7. Mom and Dad carried up to fifty pounds in their packs.

8. Many travelers might choose bicycling as one of their favorite methods of transportation.

9. A touring bike has its handlebars twisted low, away from the rider.

10. Handlebars in this shape help a rider use his or her energy more efficiently.

11. The bicycles the Workmans rode across North Africa, however, were very different from their modern counterparts.

12. Where would you like to go on your dream trip?

13. I am interested in seeing China, where my parents were born.

14. When my grandfather retired, he took a trip to Hawaii with a friend.

15. Hawaii, with its warm climate, fascinating culture, and gorgeous scenery, is a favorite tourist destination.

16. I also find that Alaska appeals to me very much.

17. You can make your way up the western coast of Canada on a boat.
Lesson 57
Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement: Indefinite Pronoun Antecedents

In general, use a singular personal pronoun when the antecedent is a singular indefinite pronoun such as anybody, anyone, anything, each, either, everybody, everyone, everything, much, neither, nobody, no one, nothing, one, other, somebody, someone, or something.

Neither of the girls gave her report on Tuesday.

Use a plural personal pronoun when the antecedent is a plural indefinite pronoun like several, both, few, and many.

Both of the boys presented their essays on Friday.

Some indefinite pronouns, such as all, any, enough, more, most, none, plenty, and some, can be singular or plural depending on the sentence.

Most of the tigers in the exhibit had finished their meals. Most of the cornmeal had spilled out of its box.

Exercise 1 Complete each sentence by inserting a personal pronoun that agrees with the antecedent. Underline the indefinite pronoun antecedent.

Each of the tigers looked at ease in its cage.

1. Does anyone in the Computer Club have his or her own computer?
2. All of the players on the college basketball team earned their degrees.
3. Something has left its scent on the tent, and I think it might be a skunk!
4. Someone made a big mistake, and I hope he or she corrects it right away.
5. If there is any of that juice left in the container, could you please drink it?
6. Only a few of the soldiers returned from their attack on the fort.
7. All of the water had leaked out of its container.
8. Neither of the pine trees reached its full height.
9. No one should feel that his or her work is finished until the clean-up is complete.
10. If enough of the citizens cast their votes for her, she will win the election.
11. If everyone keeps his or her composure, I’m sure we can resolve this difficult situation.
12. Most of the people in the community lost their homes in the disastrous flooding.
13. Either of the cars seems to be well worth its price.
14. I hope everybody remembers to take ____________ geometry book to class.

15. Both of the orangutans seem to have recovered from ____________ illness.

16. Several of the students who took the test earned ____________ best grades ever.

17. Everybody on the team agreed to do ____________ best.

18. Each of the attendees at the conference received ____________ copy of the speaker’s book.

19. If anybody would like to help with the homecoming committee, ____________ should contact the chairperson.

20. Neither of the boys brought ____________ calculator to school.

Exercise 2 Place a check (✔) beside each sentence in which the pronoun and antecedent are in agreement.

✔ Everybody needs to bring their softball glove to practice.

1. Several of the play’s cast members have performed their roles before.

2. Judith couldn’t find anyone who would finish their homework early and then go play tennis.

3. One of the churches in the village lost its steeple in the windstorm.

4. Somebody wrote their name on the sign-up sheet without writing a telephone number.

5. Few of the people knew how much they had done to improve the situation.

6. Dad and Mom were sure we had plenty of gas in the car, but we ran out of them near El Paso.

7. Both Paul and Lawrence hoped they would be considered for the role.

8. Nobody should exit a computer file without saving, unless they want to risk losing their work.

9. Neither of the teachers could recall anything so odd ever happening in her class.

10. Much of this newly painted fence has fingerprints on them.

11. There was no one left in the cafeteria to finish their meal.

12. Enough of the cake mix had gotten wet to make it unusable.

13. Every book by that author has a picture of white horses on their cover.

14. Everybody will just have to wait their turn!

15. Would either of the foreign exchange students please raise their hand?

16. Each of the tapirs at the zoo put their nose in the air and sniffed.
Lesson 58
Clear Pronoun Reference

Make sure that the antecedent of a pronoun is clear and that a pronoun cannot possibly refer to more than one antecedent. Do not use the pronouns this, that, which, or it without a clearly stated antecedent.

VAGUE   Todd is a good writer, and that was something that he was proud of.
CLEAR   Todd is a good writer, and his writing ability was something he was proud of.

If a pronoun seems to refer to more than one antecedent, either reword the sentence to make the antecedent clear or eliminate the pronoun.

VAGUE   After the planes unloaded the passengers, they left the terminal.
CLEAR   After they were unloaded from the plane, the passengers left the terminal.

Avoid the indefinite use of the pronouns you and they.

VAGUE   At most zoos, they feed the animals tons of fresh vegetables.
CLEAR   At most zoos, the zookeepers feed the animals tons of fresh vegetables.

Exercise 1 Replace the italicized pronoun in each sentence with a word or phrase that makes the meaning more clear. Answers may vary. Suggestions are given.

1. Joon does sit-ups every day because it is important to her.
   staying healthy

2. When the trees are full of apples, they begin falling to the ground.

3. Indira’s cat had died, and it showed in her expression.

4. When Craig opened the door to the cage, he got away.

5. The Golden Bears met the Yellow Jackets in the first game, and they won easily.

6. He said he was sorry about the accident, but it was too late.
7. She opened the windows and yelled for help, and that made the fire spread.

8. When the sun goes behind the clouds, it gets dark.

9. On the radio they said to leave your home and move to higher ground.

10. Meryl wants to go to college like her sister, because that can help you get a good job.

11. Because of the new law, you can’t construct a building without a permit.

12. If you expect to win, you need to enter before it is over.

13. Both computers had color graphics, and they were state-of-the-art.

14. Amir wants to be a photographer because he likes it.

15. In some restaurants they won’t bring the check unless you ask.

16. Michael was a wonderful person and artist, and this was obvious when you saw his paintings.

17. She wanted to see her favorite musician, but it seemed hopeless.

18. When poachers in Africa hunt elephants, they are slaughtered for their ivory.

19. Kim thought about getting a job because it would help her pay her expenses.

20. When traveling in space, you weigh less because of a lack of gravity.
Exercise 1 Underline the pronoun in parentheses that correctly completes each sentence.

The two best bowlers in my class, Michael and (he, him), tied for the first place trophy.

1. When Alena and (I, me) finished our science project, we had a great feeling of accomplishment.

2. My grandmother is a person for (who, whom) I would do anything.

3. Gymnasts have to spend a lot of time working on (his, their) balance and coordination.

4. While waiting for the bus, I saw your friends, Jamal and (she, her).

5. All of the choir members had to prepare (his, their) audition numbers.

6. Most of the critics felt that the female lead in the play did a better acting job than (he, him).

7. The tomato, because of (its, their) versatility, is found in cuisines from many different parts of the world.

8. The president of the Drama Club reminded everyone to bring (his, their) contribution to the bake sale.

9. In some European countries, (they, students) go to school on Saturday mornings.

10. At summer camp last year, (he, him) and his cabinmates went fishing almost every day.

11. Excuse me, could you tell us (who, whom) to contact about swimming pool memberships?

12. Neither of the puppies would venture far away from (its, their) mother.

13. The poem made a greater impression on Rose than (I, me).

14. Some of the musicians had neglected to learn (her, their) parts by heart.

15. (Who, Whom) is going to be the first to volunteer for the decorations committee?

16. Someone hiking for the first time in the White Mountains has to watch out for (herself, themselves).

17. The assistant principal congratulated (we, us) sophomores on our homecoming float.

18. Sachi and Shannon went to a music store where (you, they) could find the new CD.

19. (Who, Whom) did Thomas say won first prize in the speech contest?

20. The folder lying on the table is (theirs, their’s).

21. Would somebody please raise (her, their) hand and offer to help with the aluminum can drive?

22. Two of the league all-stars are players on our team, Roberto and (he, him).
**Exercise 1** Draw a line under the correct word in parentheses.

The mother was proud of her children, for **(who, whom)** she had sacrificed much.

1. Will you help Addie and **(I, me)**?
2. The highest producers, Rafael and **(he, him)**, were treated to lunch.
3. The president of the school board **(himself, himself)** visited the class.
4. Blame the sophomores rather than **(we, us)**.
5. Anita got **(her, herself)** a new pair of shoes for the party.
6. Mr. Taylor, **(who, whom)** he had trusted, proved to be unreliable.
7. In speech class, the class told about **(its, their)** hobbies.
8. The Millers go to the lake often where **(you, they)** can relax and revitalize themselves.
9. Anyone who wants to participate must have **(his, their)** physical exam by next week.
10. I bought bouquets for Karin and **(she, her)**.
11. Give this to the first-chair flutist, **(she, her)**.
12. Ariel, as well as **(he, him)**, was late for the ball-game.
13. To finance their banquet, the members of the French Club raised two hundred dollars for **(them, themselves)**.
14. Juanita called Kareem, **(who, whom)** is the chairman of the committee.
15. Each member of the volleyball team received **(its, her)** award at the dinner.
16. Because **(you, he)** can wear old clothes all the time, Yoshin loves to go camping.
17. Many of our class **(is, are)** involved in some type of community service program.
18. I can’t tell **(who, whom)** wrote this.
19. The army **(is, are)** an important part of our nation’s defense.
20. Because she is new, Mr. Alvaraz gave Jenny a written copy of **(his, her)** duties.
Exercise 2  Identify the italicized verb. Write *pres.* if the verb is in present tense, *past* if it is in past, *pres. perf.* if it is present perfect, *past perf.* if it is past perfect, *pres. prog.* if it is present progressive, and *past prog.* if it is past progressive.

past  The lion *roared*.

1. The surfer carefully *balanced* herself.
2. The drivers *revved* up their cars’ engines.
3. Our teacher *has assigned* a new lesson.
4. The elephant is *eating* the fresh hay.
5. The king *had passed* the law before he died.
6. Some clouds *have come* out of the west.
7. Paula is *reading* her speech.
8. By what time *had you* finished it?
9. That type of paint *dries* slowly.
10. We *are leaving* for Peru on Tuesday.
11. I *am late* for school!
12. They *have already left* for the lake.
13. She *is going* to the park this afternoon.
14. I *have never read* that book.
15. The kite is *tumbling* out of control.
16. Have you *heard* the latest about the picnic?
17. Coach told us we *had played* well.
18. We *have worked* on this puzzle far too long.
19. Peggy *was getting* the pizza, wasn’t she?
20. Really, I thought you said you *did* it already.
21. I *am watching* television downstairs.
22. The sun is *shining* without a cloud in the sky.
23. We always *sit in* the porch swing on summer evenings.
24. I *love* the way the ocean sounds on the beach.
25. The fossil *was* beautifully delicate and fragile.
Exercise 3 Write the part of speech of each italicized word in the blank. Use these abbreviations: N (noun), V (verb), pro. (pronoun), adj. (adjective), adv. (adverb), prep. (preposition), conj. (conjunction), and int. (interjection).

adj. The antique vase was filled with yellow roses.

1. Pamela searched frantically for the missing diamond ring.
2. Yesterday we learned how to prepare Italian beef sandwiches.
3. The library was filled with dedicated patrons.
4. Three comedians performed at the annual talent show.
5. Sal always places a cherry on top of each ice cream sundae.
6. Wow! This amusement park has amazing rides.
7. Either Tom or Steve will be selected drum major.
8. Every April the trees on our street produce beautiful blossoms.
9. Tamara saw a fascinating play at the local theater.
10. Jay and Ruth are planning another ski trip.
11. Sylvia suggested we try the new Spanish restaurant.
12. Using a more powerful telescope, Curt could see stars he had never seen before.
13. A neighborhood lumberyard is donating materials for our clubhouse.
14. Help! I can’t resist the cherry cheesecake.
15. The player in the blue uniform forgot to bring his white jersey.
16. Mom often asks my opinion of her decorating choices.
17. The novel was long but interesting.
18. Anyone who dislikes pizza has never tried Antonio’s.
19. Hannah had never been to the symphony before.
20. I was shocked to discover a quiet brook behind the wood.
21. Neither Carol nor Jim will be able to go to the hockey game tonight.
22. Dorothy watched the hot-air balloon float up to the sky.
23. Dad examined the used car thoroughly before buying it.
24. Sheep grazed contentedly in the meadow beside the road.
25. Well, what did you expect to happen?
Lesson 59
Modifiers: Three Degrees of Comparison

Most adjectives and adverbs have three degrees or forms: positive, comparative, and superlative. The positive degree of a modifier is the basic form found in the dictionary and is not used to make a comparison. The comparative degree of a modifier is used to show comparison between two things. The superlative degree of a modifier is used to show comparison among three or more things.

For most short (one-syllable and two-syllable) modifiers, add -er to the positive degree to form the comparative and -est to form the superlative. Some words change spelling when -er or -est is added. If the modifier ends in e, drop the final e before adding -er or -est. If the modifier ends in y preceded by a consonant, change the y to an i. Double a final consonant after a vowel that is short in sound.

dark, darker, darkest
angry, angrier, angriest
sure, surer, surest
wet, wetter, wettest

Some short modifiers, all modifiers of three or more syllables, and all adverbs ending in -ly use more and most instead of -er and -est to form the comparative and superlative forms.

often, more often, most often
tasteless, more tasteless, most tasteless
brightly, more brightly, most brightly

Less and least can be used with most modifiers to show negative comparison.
dull, less dull, least dull
obvious, less obvious, least obvious

Exercise 1 Complete each sentence by writing the correct comparative or superlative form of the modifier indicated in parentheses.

English grammar is my ________ easiest subject. (easy)
1. Robert is __________ than I am. (angry)
2. This year is the __________ one on record. (wet)
3. The glass in the bathroom window is __________. (opaque)
4. Volunteering for the teen suicide hotline is one of my __________ experiences. (satisfying)
5. Any of these sweatshirts can be ordered in a __________ size. (large)
6. This house is built on a slab of __________ limestone. (solid)
7. Angela has been very __________ lately. (secretive)
8. The new subway trains travel ________________ than the old ones did. (rapidly)
9. Ethan has the ________________ appetite in the family. (voracious)
10. A ride in Fred’s antique car is ________________ than a drive in our new car. (jerky)
11. I know Mr. Sposoto ________________ than I know Mr. Iozzo. (personally)
12. Gladys gets good grades ________________ this year than last year. (often)
13. Of the five children Deanna behaved the ________________. (politely)
14. After therapy Tazu could move ________________ than before. (easily)
15. These are the ________________ facts I have ever encountered. (unusual)
16. The second suspect was ________________ followed than the first. (closely)
17. Mark appeared ___________ that any other player. (fast)
18. In our house, Mom is always up ________________ of all. (early)
19. Your motives are ________________ than they were before. (transparent)
20. Of the two, Mrs. Strube is our ________________ benefactor. (generous)

**Exercise 2** Complete each sentence by writing the correct form of the modifier indicated in parentheses.

I will try to be ___________ more understanding ___________. (*understanding, comparative*)

1. The Solomons have the ________________ baby. (*cute, superlative*)
2. Andrea’s performance seemed ________________ than life. (*large, comparative*)
3. Computer glitches are so ________________. (*frustrating, positive*)
4. I find some of Kristen’s attitudes ________________. (*puzzling, positive*)
5. Try to cheer ________________ than the others. (*loudly, comparative*)
6. Gerard is becoming ________________ every day. (*polite, comparative*)
7. ________________ I read A Tale of Two Cities. (*recently, superlative*)
8. Our ________________ neighbors moved in yesterday. (*new, superlative*)
9. I feel ________________ today. (*depressed, positive*)
10. Attack the problem ________________. (*vigorously, positive*)
11. Angelica is ________________ than ever. (*attentive, negative comparative*)
12. You are ________________ today than you were yesterday. (*irritating, comparative*)
13. This spring has the ________________ natural water around. (*pure, superlative*)
14. My headaches occur ________________ now than before. (*randomly, comparative*)
Lesson 60
Modifiers: Irregular Comparisons

Some modifiers have irregular comparative and superlative forms.

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**Exercise 1** Complete each sentence by writing the correct form of the modifier indicated in the parentheses.

This is just the ____________ thing that could happen to me. (bad)

1. I have ____________ free time this morning than this afternoon. (little)
2. Can you think of a time that I performed ____________ than I did today? (badly)
3. Mia’s aim is improving. Today she threw ____________ she has ever thrown. (well)
4. How ____________ yards of material do you need for the costumes? (many)
5. Mr. Zimmerman was rather sore after his surgery, but now he is feeling ____________. (well)
6. Give me ____________ ice cream than you gave Jason. (little)
7. ____________ I have traveled by car is from Maine to Florida. (far)
8. Sheila needs time to think ____________ on this issue. (far)
9. Go back ____________ in time to the first thing you can remember. (far)
10. We need ____________ help in the morning than in the afternoon. (much)
11. When it comes to praise for a job well done, Jordan deserves ____________ of all. (much)
12. Karen received a special award for being the one volunteer who contributed _______________ hours this year. (many)
13. That movie was rather _______________. (bad)
14. The ice on the ski slope was _______________ tonight than last night. (bad)
15. Even though Briana was nervous, she did very _______________ on stage. (well)
16. Sean didn’t think _______________ of our tactics. (much)
17. I worked _______________ hours than Sandra this week. (many)
18. Truly, a vacation is _______________ thing from my mind. (far)
19. Don’t go too _______________ with that argument. (far)
20. Concerning this particular topic, Mollie seemed _______________ interested student in the class. (little)

**Exercise 2** Write the indicated form of the modifier.

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Lesson 61
Modifiers: Double and Incomplete Comparisons

Do not make a double comparison by using more or most before modifiers ending in -er or -est.

INCORRECT: Mount Everest is the most tallest mountain in the world.
CORRECT: Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world.

Avoid incomplete or unclear comparisons. Include other or else when comparing one member of a group with another. Compare like things.

UNCLEAR: The fit of hiking boots is more important than the fit of shoes.
CLEAR: The fit of hiking boots is more important than the fit of other shoes.

INCOMPLETE: Climbing mountains is more dangerous than hills.
COMPLETE: Climbing mountains is more dangerous than climbing hills.

► Exercise 1 Edit each sentence. Use the delete symbol (     ) to eliminate double comparisons.

If they had stayed on the peak more longer, their oxygen might have run out.

1. In May 1953, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay were the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest, the most tallest mountain in the world.

2. The top of the mountain is more higher than the clouds.

3. Everest is one of the most coldest places on Earth, with temperatures as low as –40°F, even in the summer.

4. The risks were great, but the two men knew that this would be their bestest chance to reach the summit.

5. Weather at other times of the year would make the ascent more difficulter.

6. Hillary and Tenzing joined an expedition, organized by the British, with fourteen of the world’s most finest climbers.

7. Many people had tried to reach the peak, but Hillary and Tenzing had the most strongest start.

8. While two team members tried unsuccessfully to climb to the top, the remaining men moved the camp more farther up the mountain.

9. They pitched their tents five miles above sea level, more higher than anyone had ever camped before.
10. The higher the final camp, the more likelier the men could reach the summit before their oxygen ran out.
11. The higher one climbs, the lesser oxygen there is in the air.
12. They had more fewer canisters of oxygen than they would have liked.
13. Oxygen tanks are heavy, and the climb is more harder with them than without them.
14. They had the most lightest tanks available.
15. Since the temperature was seventeen degrees Fahrenheit below zero when they left the tent, the two men wore their most warmest clothing.
16. Though they had worked for eight months to get where they were, the two men still faced the most greatest obstacles of the expedition.
17. Their packs grew more heavier with every step.
18. Loose snow made the ridge route more dangerouser than the face route.
19. An even more greater barrier was a giant rock, forty feet high, blocking the ridge.
20. Despite the many challenges, the two men reached the summit of Mount Everest, the most grandest mountain in the world.

**Exercise 2** Edit each sentence to eliminate any incomplete comparison.

Hiking in a group is safer than alone.

1. Backpacking in cold climates is more difficult than temperate climates.
2. It is better to start backpacking in mild weather.
3. Leather hiking boots will last longer than fabric with suede reinforcements.
4. Day hikes are easier to organize than sleeping overnight.
5. On your first hike, don’t try to hike farther than anyone.
6. Sleeping in a tent is better than outdoors.
7. Because you need to carry more equipment when you stay overnight, overnight backpacks are much larger and sturdier than day hikes.
8. Backpacks with flexible internal frames are becoming more popular than external frames.
Lesson 62
Using **Good** and **Well**; **Bad** and **Badly**

**Good** is an adjective. Use *good* to modify nouns or pronouns or to serve as a predicate adjective. *Well* may be used as an adverb of manner to tell how ably something is done or as an adjective meaning “in good health.”

Aaron is a **good** writer. (adjective describing a noun)
All the news seems **good**. (predicate adjective)
Sadie performed **well** in yesterday’s rehearsal. (adverb of manner)
The vet said Kirby is **well** again. (adjective meaning “in good health”)

**Bad** is an adjective. Use *bad* to modify nouns or pronouns or as a predicate adjective. Use **badly** as an adverb to modify an action verb.

Put all the **bad** paper in the recycling bin. (adjective)
Those colors look **bad** together. (predicate adjective)
Ben thinks he ran **badly** in the race. (adverb modifying an action verb)

**Exercise 1** Write *good*, *well*, *bad*, or *badly* in the space provided to complete each sentence correctly

It helps to give a _________ **good** first impression.

1. I have a _________ idea.
2. That fresh bread smells so _________.
3. Steve performs _________ under pressure.
4. Does Agnes feel _________ today?
5. Kate gets very _________ headaches when she is in the bright sunshine.
6. Hold that thought! It’s not half _________!
7. I was angry because he behaved so _________.
8. Garth performed _________, perhaps better than anyone else.
9. Julie has fully recovered and feels _________ now.
10. You are such a _________ friend; I hope we remain friends forever.
11. The editor said my article was written _________ and needed no editing.
12. Does the news seem as _________ as it did when you first heard it?
13. Erin’s voice projects _________, so she probably won’t get a lead in the play.
14. Jeremy feels _________ now, even though he’s had several bouts of the flu.
15. My definition of a _________ job is one that pays well and teaches me something.
16. My little sister behaves so _____________ that we don’t know how to help her anymore.
17. The hiking trails at the park are ________________ for riding bikes.
18. Everything at the restaurant tasted so _________________.
19. You look really ________________ in that color.
20. The news appears ________________, but perhaps everything will look better tomorrow.

Exercise 2 Draw a line under the word in parentheses that correctly completes each sentence.

He promised me a raise if I do my job (good, well).
1. Performing an act of kindness each day helps me feel (good, well) about myself.
2. Nothing can be that (bad, badly).
3. I think that this is a really (bad, badly) idea.
4. Nathan handled the emergency situation very (good, well).
5. The rash on her face looks (bad, badly). Is she (good, well)?
6. People unaccustomed to winter weather often drive (bad, badly) in snow.
7. Eat a (good, well) breakfast every morning.
8. Although she was sick enough to miss three days of school, Maggie is (good, well) today.
9. If we carry the ball (good, well), we will win the game.
10. Ramon is such a (good, well) team player.
11. At first glance your grade appears (bad, badly).
12. (Bad, Badly) weather is expected tonight and tomorrow.
13. The first reports are promising, so your prospects look (good, well).
14. Norma is (good, well) at what she does.
15. The car skidded (bad, badly) before it left the road.
16. Cloie felt (bad, badly) when she realized she might not be able to go to college right away.
17. The good news became (bad, badly) when we heard the details.
18. I have heard that Mr. Eberst is a really (good, well) teacher.
19. This subject is so interesting, I don’t think anyone could present it (bad, badly).
20. Irene does everything (good, well).
Lesson 63
Double Negatives

In general, do not use two negative words in the same clause to convey a negative idea. To correct a double negative, delete one of the negative words. Before deleting a word, decide which word most accurately conveys the intended meaning.

INCORRECT: Henry says he never did nothing wrong.
CORRECT: Henry says he never did anything wrong.
CORRECT: Henry says he did nothing wrong.

Exercise 1 Correct each sentence by eliminating the double negative. Most sentences can be corrected in more than one way.

No one at the dinner ordered no dessert.

1. Sometimes it seems Barbra can’t do no wrong.
2. I hardly never see Jeremy any more.
3. The Johnsons say they don’t need no help from us.
4. Zoli says he doesn’t have no homework tonight.
5. Really, I didn’t do nothing wrong.
6. Don’t use no double negatives.
7. Nothing couldn’t make me do that!
8. Nobody said nothing after Lydia dropped that bombshell.
9. No one here never heard of Mr. Talltree.
10. I couldn’t hardly see through the driving rain.
11. Mom said I can’t go nowhere until my homework is done.
12. Really, Mom, I wouldn’t never take the car out without your permission.
13. Zach told his little sisters that they shouldn’t never tell a lie.
14. No one never learned that lesson better than Benjamin.
15. Couldn’t no one pick me up after school on Thursday?
16. Penelope scarcely never thinks before she opens her mouth to speak.

17. John hadn’t barely started his morning jog when the heavy rain started.

18. I won’t never take this ring off my finger.

19. Never tell no one the combination to your locker.

20. Denise hadn’t scarcely settled into her chair when the phone rang.

► Exercise 2  Draw a line under the word that completes the sentence without creating a double negative.

   I couldn’t get (anybody, nobody) to help.

1. Doesn’t that sound bother (anybody, nobody) but me?

2. Can’t you find (somebody, nobody) who can help you with the play?

3. I can’t go (anywhere, nowhere) until my mom gets home from work.

4. Shannon has grown so much this year, that none of these clothes fit her (anymore, no more).

5. Nothing (ever, never) startled me quite that much.

6. Don’t (ever, never) take his word for it.

7. I (can, can’t) hardly believe my own ears!

8. None of my friends (ever, never) let me down.

9. I know (anywhere, nowhere) better to go when I need help.

10. You must believe me when I say that I have not done (anything, nothing) wrong.

11. There is no way that they will let us in without (any, no) tickets.

12. Scarcely (anything, nothing) fazes Georgina anymore.

13. Since I hadn’t seen Uncle Michael in ten years, I (could, couldn’t) hardly recognize him.

14. Mrs. Sullivan didn’t like (any, none) of my topics for my term paper.

15. Can’t you (ever, never) think positively?

16. Though he spent time looking for it, Justin could find the report (anywhere, nowhere).

17. The sign said they did not allow (any, no) pets.

18. No one (ever, never) believes anything I say.

19. Do not eat (nothing, anything) before you swim your laps.

20. I didn’t go (anywhere, nowhere) after school.
Lesson 64
Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers

Modifiers should be placed as close as possible to the words they modify. Misplaced modifiers are modifiers (words, phrases, or clauses) that cause confusion because they modify the wrong word or seem to modify more than one word in a sentence. To make the meaning of the sentence clear, move the modifier as close as possible to the word it modifies.

MISPLACED: Interested in a compromise, the mediator’s suggestions appealed to both parties.
CLEAR: The mediator’s suggestions appealed to both parties interested in a compromise.

Dangling modifiers are modifiers that do not logically modify any word in the sentence. A sentence with a dangling modifier often can be rewritten correctly by supplying the words that are implied.

DANGLING: After trying for many years to locate my birth mother, she lives in Tucson.
CLEAR: After trying for many years to locate my birth mother, I found her living in Tucson.

In most cases, place the adverb only before the word or group of words it modifies. The meaning of a sentence may be unclear if only is positioned incorrectly.

UNCLEAR: Only Nickie wears gloves in the dead of winter. (Nickie is the only person who wears gloves.)
UNCLEAR: Nickie wears only gloves in the dead of winter. (Nickie is probably rather chilly because she isn’t wearing anything but gloves.)
CLEAR: Nickie wears gloves only in the dead of winter. (Nickie doesn’t wear gloves in warm weather.)

Exercise 1 Above the italicized word or group of words write M for a misplaced modifier, D for a dangling modifier, or C for a modifier that is correctly placed.

Trying to get to practice on time, the coach started without me.

1. Taxiing on the runway, the radio tower was in contact with the pilot.
2. Carefully choosing the words to use, it was time to make my speech.
3. Without much hope of success, Adam struggled to learn the vocabulary before the test.
4. Studying all weekend, the television never was on.
5. Particularly interested in history, the development of American industry seemed an attractive topic to me.
6. The model sashayed down the runway with the red and white mini skirt.

7. There was faint hope that the journey would be over soon after it began.

8. I want to sing with the symphony in the worst way.

9. Missing my family, the dormitory seemed like a lonely place.

10. The water was too rough for surfing with its high waves.

11. The driveway, covered with a thin coat of ice and a foot of snow, proved to be very treacherous.

12. Watching in horror as the building burned, Pedro and I were busy caring for the stunned survivors.

13. Standing at the top of the Sears Tower, the city of Chicago looked like a picture postcard.

14. The computer program crashed with all of my data and forced me to stop work for the day.

15. While eating breakfast, the diner car lurched forward and spilled my food.

16. The bookshelves swayed with the weight of their load.

17. The Shillings, destroyed by fire, built a new home within a year.

18. Feeling anxious, holding still was difficult.

19. Listening attentively, only Paul was able to follow the complicated story line.

20. Cooperating with each other, Jane and Trevi were able to finish the project in record time.

Exercise 2  Draw a line under the dangling or misplaced modifier in each sentence.

Taking my time, we arrived late to the party.

1. Giggling, the movie obviously pleased the two girls.

2. Before leaving for school, breakfast is a good thing.

3. Carefully watering the garden, the plants bloomed profusely.

4. After it scored the winning touchdown, the crowd cheered the home team.

5. Watching from the river bank, the rafters floated through the white water and past us.

6. Slipping on the ice, the sidewalk had no traction.

7. Horatius, a Roman soldier, defended the Wooden Bridge, courageous and defiant.

8. He opened the door, mustering all of his courage.

9. Swimming in our very best form, the trophy was richly deserved.

10. Driving for hours, the trip was almost at an end.
11. Roasting meat and baking bread, the smells coming from the kitchen were most enticing.
12. Jerome’s team, with a broken rudder, manned the winning boat.
13. Finishing first in the race, the Olympic Committee presented her with a medal.
14. After working in the yard all afternoon, the tall glass of lemonade was very refreshing.
15. When peeling onions, my eyes water profusely.
16. The United States uses 30 percent of the world’s energy with only 5 percent of the world’s population.
17. Dark and threatening, the artist studied the stormy sky.
18. Singing all morning, the muscles of my mouth were rather sore.
19. The gurgle of the creek almost invites waders with its clear, cool water.
20. Film critics did not seem to enjoy the movie unlike the general public.
21. The darkest night can be made as bright as the day with electricity.
22. Including the Matterhorn and Mount Blanc, Lucy Walker climbed almost one hundred high mountains.
23. Relaxing with nothing to do, the sunny afternoon made me sleepy.
24. Working long hours for low pay, the job defeated Janine.
25. A fine athletic talent, Pedro’s name is well known in the league.

**Exercise 3** Draw an arrow from **only** to the word or words it modifies.

Stephen reads only one weekly magazine.

1. In our family only Harold lived in San Francisco.
2. Maude likes only pistachio ice cream.
3. I have trouble seeing, but only at night.
4. Jerry shoveled the driveway only.
5. I only bought food for dinner tonight.
6. Ryan played only football in high school.
7. Send only one request per envelope.
8. The newspaper is delivered only to the front door.
9. That box fits only in that particular space.

10. The feel of the winter uniform annoys only me.

11. Sheila watches only television comedies.

12. Henry studies only the languages that interest him.

13. I told only Sook that we’d be late.

14. Mr. Tibbs, our cat, will eat only one brand of cat food.

15. Teresa Vitale is the only author whom I know personally.

16. Only I had the courage to walk into Mr. Henderson’s office.

17. Lee knew that only Gary and Abby were coming to his birthday party.

18. Miles backpacks only in the spring and fall.

19. Surely the only form of transportation slower than a bicycle is walking.

20. The only review of the new musical published in this morning’s paper is the least favorable of them all.

21. Only the caterer seemed only worried about the weather.

22. Coreen served only one hitch in the army.

**Writing Link** Write a paragraph that contains dangling and misplaced modifiers. Exchange papers with a classmate and edit each other’s paragraph.
Unit 9 Review

Exercise 1 Edit each sentence to make it correct. Each sentence contains one error in the use of modifiers.

I only have one chance in ten of getting the part.

1. We must address this issue most aggressively than we have in the past.
2. In order to join the expedition, Miguel traveled further than Simon.
3. Uncle Bert, this dinner looks so well it makes my mouth water!
4. Doesn’t nobody care enough to ask what happened last night?
5. With vivid imaginations, the movie frightened the children.
6. We saw a bear driving in Yellowstone Park.
7. Read this chapter good, and be ready for a discussion tomorrow.
8. Since his tape player needs repair, Matt only buys compact discs now.
9. This down comforter is more warmer than the other comforter.
10. Driving carefully on city streets is just as important as highways.
11. Tonight was your bestest performance ever.
12. Of all my extracurricular activities, I’ve enjoyed being in the musicals more than anything.
13. Does the weather appear that badly?
14. Have you ever read an article that was more duller?
15. The height of Mt. Everest is greater than Mt. Hood.
16. David, I was embarrassed that you behaved so bad today.
17. Nobody got no tickets for the game, and now there are no more.
18. I did good on my math exam.
Exercise 1  Identify the type of phrase italicized in each sentence. Write prep. for prepositional, part. for participial, G for gerund, and I for infinitive above each phrase.

Fishing alone is my dad’s favorite pastime.

1. Exploring the possibilities, I found three scholarships for which I qualify.
2. She dreams of a better life.
3. Avoiding the conflict rarely solves the problem.
4. We must design the sets this week if we want to finish on time.
5. Helping other people was their goal.
6. Deeply sleeping, he was oblivious to the activity in the room.
7. Go past the barber shop, and turn right.
8. Kitty wants to pass her driving test.
9. Trying my best, I was able to place fourth in the competition.
10. Balancing too many containers, Nelson spilled a quart of orange juice.
11. Choosing a college will be an important decision in your life.
12. George no longer plans to work after ten on school nights.
13. Sharing some time with children, Jason found a sense of worth.
14. Fully one fourth of the school was absent during the flu epidemic.
15. The creaking in the board on the third step annoys Gertrude.
16. Exercising regularly is essential if you want to be healthy.
17. Amy has succeeded beyond her wildest expectations.
18. Dealing with uncertainty is a challenge for most high school seniors.
19. Try to eliminate all careless errors.
20. If I knew how to stabilize the vertical boards, the project would be almost complete.

Exercise 2  Identify each sentence as simple, compound, complex, or compound-complex.

simple  Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States, was elected first in 1860 and again in 1864.

1. Canoeing has been an Olympic event since 1936.
2. Strategy is crucial, but patience is important also.
3. My dad served in the navy when it was an all-male institution.

4. Study French if you like, but I plan to take four years of Latin.

5. Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, initiated the concept of advanced placement credit for high school studies.

6. Almost half of the oil pumped each year is used to fuel the world’s motor vehicles.

7. Would you rather come with me, or should I go alone?

8. Frank Lloyd Wright actually designed and built a home in western Pennsylvania over a small waterfall.

9. Now I like to be called Martha, but when I was younger everyone called me Marty.

10. When the phone rang, I answered it.

11. Omelets can be high in calories and cholesterol but are good sources of protein and iron.

12. Choose a topic, and begin to write.

13. We can begin by agreeing on a topic, or we can each choose one independently.

14. You can practice with me on Friday, or you can just appear at the audition on Saturday morning if you want.

15. Pride and Prejudice is a book that I recommend for serious students of British literature.

16. The CD-ROM demands a surprising amount of memory even when it is not engaged.

17. Nick traveled whenever he wanted, but he was always home for the holidays.

18. Tropical cyclones are usually born in the summer or fall.

19. Paris is known as “the City of Lights,” but Rome is called “the Eternal City.”

20. Norton works three evenings a week, and he volunteers at the art center whenever he can.

Exercise 3  Edit each sentence to make it correct. Some sentences contain errors in the use of modifiers.

Reluctantly, the house that had been our home for ten years was left behind.

1. I only have eyes for you!
2. In all their majestic snow-capped splendor, my visitors spent time enjoying the Rockies.

3. Located on Fifth Avenue at 34th Street, the Empire State Building used to be taller than any building in the city.

4. We organized the hall closet since there wasn’t no more room for coats.

5. Without any fear of heights, the mountains were still somewhat daunting.

6. Ever since he made varsity soccer, Bradley feels well about himself.

7. I like American History more better than I imagined I would.

8. Adriana answered the questions more intelligently of all.

9. In your opinion, which is the most interesting country, France or China?

10. Mark only wears a blue striped suit and a paisley tie on Sunday.

11. Choose the better of the lot, and throw the rest away.

12. Are the trends in women’s fashion more fickle than men’s clothing?

13. Do your job good, and you will achieve a sense of satisfaction.

14. Just try more harder the next time, and perhaps you will succeed.

15. I can’t hardly stand all the tension in this room!

16. Everyone in the cast agrees Simone looks more foolish in that role.

17. Out of control, the radio tower guided the damaged plane to a safe landing.

18. Looking away for just an instant, the accident occurred at that time.

19. Julia only put away the silverware.

20. The population of Los Angeles is greater than St. Louis.
Lesson 65

Usage: a to altogether

Words that are similar are sometimes misused.

**a, an** Use a before words that begin with a consonant and before words that begin with a “yew” sound. Use an before words that begin with a vowel or an unsounded h.

- *a basketball, a heart, a unit, an article, an hour, an umbrella*

**a lot** A lot means “a large amount” and is always two words. It is best to avoid this expression. When possible, replace it with much, many, or a specific number.

He brought a lot of movies to the party. He brought eight movies to the party.

**a while, awhile** The expression a while is formed by the article a and the noun while. It is used after a preposition. Awhile is one word and is an adverb.

We went to the arcade for a while. We played awhile before we went to the movie.

**accept, except** Accept is a verb that means “to receive” or “to agree to.” Except is usually a preposition and means “but” or “other than.”

Will he accept the assignment? Everything is finished except the paperwork.

**affect, effect** Affect is a verb that means “to cause a change in; to influence.” Effect is usually a noun and means “a result; that which has been brought about.” Less often, effect can be a verb meaning “to bring about or accomplish.”

The referee’s call will affect the score.
The referee’s call has an effect on the score.
The referee’s call will effect a change in the score.

**ain’t** Avoid this expression unless it is part of a direct quote.

Exercise 1 Underline the word or words in parentheses that best complete each sentence.

All of us (except, accept) Alex are going out for pizza.

1. My little brother rode (a, an) elephant at the zoo.
2. We ate (alot, a lot) of candy.
3. Let me rest (a while, awhile) before we walk farther.
4. Please (accept, except) charges for the phone call.
5. Did yesterday’s rain (affect, effect) the traffic?
6. Pedro (isn’t, ain’t) going to attend the orientation.
7. Janice will probably attend (a, an) university in her home state.
8. I finished my science report (except, accept) for the bibliography.
9. The (affect, effect) of the rain was to erode our garden.
10. We’ll have lunch after (a while, awhile).

**Usage**

**all ready, already** As two words, all ready means “completely ready.” As one word, already is an adverb meaning “before or by this time.”

We are all ready for the class party. Spring has already arrived.

**all right** All right is always two words.

My teacher said it would be all right to hand in my report tomorrow.

**all the farther, all the faster** These are informal expressions. Instead, use as far as and as fast as.

I’ve gone as far as I can. She drives as fast as she can.

**all together, altogether** All together means “in a group.” Altogether is an adverb meaning “completely” or “on the whole.”

We put the tools all together. Altogether, it was an interesting day.

**Exercise 2** Correct the word or words in italics. If the sentence is correct, write C in the blank.

already He has all ready been accepted for the training program.

1. Please file the computer chips altogether.
2. Kai was so excited about the trip that she was already by ten o’clock.
3. Alfonso jogged two miles, but that was all the farther he could go.
4. The speech was altogether too long.
5. My audition went alright, but I don’t know if I’ll get a part.
6. Julie walked as fast as she could around the track.
7. The hedge clippers we bought were all together useless.
8. Is it all right to feed a cat ice cream?
9. The choir members were all ready in their robes when the director arrived.
10. The basketball team rode altogether on one bus.
Lesson 66

Usage: amount to could of

amount, number Both words refer to quantity, but number refers to nouns that can be counted and amount refers to nouns that cannot be counted.

A small amount of rain fell yesterday.
A number of raindrops dotted the patio.

being as, being that Avoid these expressions in formal writing and speaking. Replace them with because or since.

We were late to the concert because we had a flat tire.
Since Mark made the team, we seldom see him.

beside, besides Beside is a preposition meaning “located at the side of.” Besides is usually an adverb meaning “in addition to.”

We spent several days beside the ocean.
Besides the two pencils, you will need a pen.

between, among Between shows the relationship of one person or thing to another. Among shows the relationship of more than two persons or things.

A friendship developed between Buzz and William. Friendship among team members usually improves performance.

Exercise 1 Underline the word or words that best complete each sentence.

(Being that, Because) we were late, we missed the train.

1. There was little difference (between, among) the ten proposals submitted.
2. The (amount, number) of fat in your diet can be important to your health.
3. (Being as, Since) the movie started at three o’clock, we decided not to go.
4. There are four years (between, among) Marcus and his younger brother.
5. Did you buy anything (beside, besides) a new shirt?
6. A large (number, amount) of people enrolled in the new computer course.
7. The body builder ate five chicken breasts for dinner (being that, because) he had a competition the next day.
8. Gina put her new sweater (besides, beside) the skirt to see if they would match.
9. No (amount, number) of encouragement would convince me to sing a solo!
10. The staff of our school paper took a poll (between, among) the students to learn how many would prefer changing the school’s hours.
bring, take  Bring means “to carry from a distant place to a closer one.” Take means “to carry from a nearby place to a more distant one.”

Please bring potato salad to our picnic.
Joe will take his car when he visits his aunt.

can, may  Can implies the ability to do something. May implies permission to do it. May also means “might.”

How many pounds can you lift?
May I go with you to the gym?
I may go tonight.

can’t hardly, can’t scarcely  These terms are double negatives since hardly and scarcely are negatives by themselves. Use can hardly and can scarcely.

I can hardly remember that old movie.
I can scarcely get to my neighbor’s house in time to pick up the paper.

could of, might of, must of, should of, would of  In these expressions, the helping verb have should follow could, might, must, should, and would.

I should have remembered you were leaving early this morning.

Exercise 2  Correct the word or words in italics. If the sentence is correct, write C in the blank.

_____ 1. I can’t hardly believe you didn’t do well on the test.
_____ 2. Please take all your records when you come to your appointment after school.
_____ 3. The delivery person must of misplaced the address.
_____ 4. I can do twenty push-ups if I try really hard.
_____ 5. Kenji, will you bring the trash out to the garage?
_____ 6. Moira would of watched the basketball play-offs, but she had an exam the next day.
_____ 7. Zinc may be combined with other metals to form alloys such as brass or bronze.
_____ 8. The Drama Club should have put up posters in the community to advertise the school play.
_____ 9. I can’t scarcely believe that the American eagle is an endangered species!
_____ 10. Can I go to the restroom, Mrs. Moore?
Lesson 67
Usage: different from to regardless

different from, different than  Different from is preferable to different than.

Whales are very different from fish.

doesn’t, don’t  Doesn’t is a contraction of does not and is used with all singular nouns and the pronouns he, she, and it. Don’t is a contraction of do not and is used with all plural nouns and the pronouns I, you, we, and they.

I don’t believe I’ve met your cousin. Doesn’t Mother have an appointment?

emigrate, immigrate  Emigrate means “to move from one country to another.” Immigrate means “to enter a country in order to live there.”

Sanjay emigrated from India three years ago. He immigrated to the United States.

farther, further  Farther refers to physical distance. Further refers to degree or time.

Miami is farther than Orlando. There was a further development in the detective’s case.

fewer, less  Fewer usually refers to things that can be counted, while less refers to things that cannot be counted. Less is sometimes used with figures that express single amounts or quantities.

There are fewer people and less air on Mars than on Earth.

hanged, hung  Use hung unless the meaning is “to put to death by hanging.”

Outlaws were hanged for their evil deeds. She hung the coats in the closet.

in, into  In indicates a location “inside” or “within” a place. Into indicates movement or direction from outside to inside.

Kevin had a role in the movie. Victor dived into the pool.

irregardless, regardless  Regardless is the correct term. The suffix -less and the prefix ir- both indicate negatives, so the word irregardless is really a double negative.

Please enter through the door on the right, regardless of the sign.

Exercise 1  Correct the word in parentheses. If the word is correct, write C in the blank.

different from  Ernest Hemingway’s novels were (different than) other novels of his time.

1. Hemingway was born in 1899 (into) Oak Park, Illinois.

2. Hemingway began his career as a journalist (in) Kansas City at the Star.
3. (Regardless) of his budding career, he went to Italy and worked as an ambulance driver in World War I.

4. Due to his wartime experiences, his writings delved (farther) into themes of violence and the need for courage.

5. Hemingway went to Paris where he met American authors such as F. Scott Fitzgerald and Gertrude Stein who were not so (different than) himself.

6. They (hanged) around together and encouraged each other to write.

7. One of his most famous novels, The Sun Also Rises, was about a group of disillusioned Americans, not (different from) those he met while in Paris.

8. A Farewell to Arms, while set in World War I Italy, was (less) a war story than a love story.

9. For Whom the Bell Tolls (don't) take place in Italy, but in Spain during the Spanish Civil War.

10. During the 1950s Hemingway wrote (less) books.

11. He did, however, (further) his career with the successful 1952 novel, The Old Man and the Sea.

12. Developing an interest in fishing, he wrote (less) novels but created characters who seem to live.

13. For example, the reader (doesn’t) forget Santiago from The Old Man and the Sea.

14. Santiago is an aged Cuban fisherman who takes his boat into the ocean (further) than is safe.

15. Although he was once a respected fisherman, Santiago's long streak of bad luck means people (don’t) have faith in him.

16. He wants to hook the marlin and bring it in (irregardless) of what happens to himself.

17. He spends (less) days following the fish to catch it than he does to bring it back.

18. By the time Santiago beaches the marlin (into) the village, the sharks have eaten everything but the skeleton.

19. Most of Hemingway's stories (hung) on the outdoors and heavily masculine themes.

20. (Irregardless) of personal and physical problems, he was the personification of courage, which he defined in one of his books as "grace under pressure."
Lesson 68

Usage: *this kind to reason is because*

**this kind, these kinds** This kind is singular and is used with singular words. These kinds is plural and is used with plural words.

*This kind* of drama is my favorite.  
*These kinds* of papers are hard to read.

**lay, lie** Lay means “to place” or “to put” and always takes a direct object. Lie means “to recline” or “to be positioned” and does not take an object. The principal parts of the verbs are as follows: *Lay*—laying, laid, laid; *Lie*—lying, lay, lain.

Will you *lay* the book on her desk?  
I like to *lie* in the sun.

**learn, teach** Learn means “to gain knowledge.” Teach means “to instruct” or “to give knowledge to.”

I like to *learn* new things.  
Who will *teach* eighth grade next year?

**leave, let** Leave means “to go away; to depart.” Let means “to allow; to permit.”

We’ll need to *leave* home at six o’clock.  
Will your mother *let* you go to the concert?

**like, as** Like is a preposition and introduces a prepositional phrase. As is a subordinating conjunction and introduces a subordinate clause.

The kite flew *like* a bird.  
The kite flew freely *as* it should.

**Exercise 1** Underline the word or words in parentheses that best complete each sentence.

Juan asked his dad to *(teach, learn)* him how to play racquetball.

1. Few persons know as much about American history *(like, as)* Dr. Deever does.
2. *(This kind, These kinds)* of report is not usually based on fact.
3. I hope you will *(leave, let)* the bulletin board display as it is for another week.
4. My dog loves to *(lay, lie)* in front of the fireplace.
5. Ted, a sophomore, will *(learn, teach)* how to drive this summer.
6. *(This kind, These kinds)* of flowers do well in the shade.
7. Jonas had to *(leave, let)* for his baby-sitting job at seven o’clock.
8. Please *(lay, lie)* my tennis trophy on the mantel.
9. My little sister has a dress just *(like, as)* her doll’s dress.
10. Last Saturday morning I *(laid, lay)* in bed until noon.
**loose, lose**  
*Loose* is an adjective meaning “free,” or “not fitting tightly.”  
*Lose* is a verb meaning “to have no longer, to misplace; to fail to win.”

The old chair leg is **loose**.  
If I **lose** my key, I can’t get into my house.

**passed, past**  
Use **passed** only as the past tense of the verb **pass**. **Past** can be a noun, an adjective, a preposition, or an adverb.

The boy **passed** the library.  
It is **past** time for extra reading.  
The Wild West is in the **past**.  
The guard goes **past** once an hour.

**precede, proceed**  
**Precede** means “to go or come before.” **Proceed** means “to continue” or “to move along.”

The band will **precede** the floats in the parade.  
The parade will **proceed** down Main Street.

**raise, rise**  
The transitive verb **raise** means “to cause to move up.”  
**Rise** is an intransitive verb meaning “to get up” or “to move up.”

Raise the flag on the Fourth of July.  
When the president appears, we will **rise**.

**reason is because**  
Use either **reason is that** or **because**.

The **reason** Grandma called is **that** today is Micah’s birthday.  
Grandma called **because** today is Micah’s birthday.

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**Exercise 2**  
Correct the word in italics. If the word is correct, write **C** in the blank.

If you know the answer, **rise** your hand.

1. When I get home from school, I let the dog **lose** so it can get some exercise.
2. Helen’s dad hoped his boss would **raise** his salary.
3. I’m certainly glad that our argument is in the **passed**.
4. If you’re driving in the snow, you must **precede** with caution.
5. Enrique **past** through the grocery store on his way home from school.
6. The **reason** we recycle paper is **because** we want to save the trees.
7. The information boxes **proceed** the exercises in this workbook.
8. Did my candidate **lose** the election?
9. My mom **rises** early each day to go to the gym before work.
10. Amed and Héroko are working together to fix the **lose** knob on the stereo.
Lesson 69
Usage: respectfully to where at

respectfully, respectively  Respectfully means “with respect.” Respectively means “in the order named.”

Dishya always speaks respectfully.
Please mark the three drawers “oils,” “chalk,” and “watercolors,” respectively.

says, said  Says is the third person singular of the verb say. Said is the past tense of say.
He says the trip will be an interesting one.
Yesterday he said only five people had signed up.

sit, set  Sit means “to be seated.” Set means “to put” or “to place.”
I like to sit in that chair.
Set the bowl on the shelf.

than, then  Than is a conjunction used in comparisons. Then is an adverb used to refer to time.
I am taller than my brother.
The bell clanged and then was silent.

this here, that there  Avoid using here and there after this and that.
This bowl is for the fresh fruit.
That towel needs washing.

where at  Avoid using at after where.
Where are the test papers?

Exercise 1  Underline the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

After standing at my after-school job, I need to (set, sit) for a while.

1. Carlos, Pete, and Hillman are eight, ten, and fourteen, (respectfully, respectively).
2. You can do better (than, then) that!
3. (This here, This) coat is my favorite.
4. Yesterday, my teacher (says, said) I could make up the test.
5. Please (sit, set) quietly while the speaker is introduced.
6. If you must point out his errors, please do it (respectfully, respectively).
7. (Where at, Where) are the maps we will need for our trip?
8. (That there, That) constellation can be seen only in the Southern Hemisphere.
9. Everyone (says, said) this has been the best year yet.
10. (Sit, Set) the procedure and follow it each time to prevent confusion.
11. Yesterday the art teacher (say, said) “Who would like to exhibit a project at the public library?”

12. Endangered species, such as the California condor, are more (than, then) just threatened.

13. In 1940 tensions rose between the United States and Japan, and (than, then) on December 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor.

14. Do you know (where, where at) the original Constitution of the United States is kept?

15. Claudio (respectfully, respectively) asked his grandma if he could have another piece of her homemade apple pie.

**Exercise 2** Correct the word in italics. If the word is correct, write C in the blank.

1. Jennifer’s dog is more obedient _then_ Jason’s dog.

2. Do you know _where_ the posters are _at_?

3. _That_ there salad looks delicious.

4. The financial report was _respectfully_ submitted by the club’s treasurer.

5. _Sit_ the vase of flowers on the dining room table.

6. Then Keisha _said_ that we should add milk to the dry mixture.

7. _First_ Jerome rode his horse across the field; _then_ he guided it back to the stable.

8. Last week a reporter _says_ the dam was ready to burst.

9. _This here_ plan is the best of the architect’s designs.

10. The girl in the red sweater and the one in the blue dress are Jan and Jean, _respectively_.

11. Would you like to _set_ beside the window, or would you prefer an aisle seat?

12. Tonight’s dinner is less spicy _than_ last night’s dinner.

13. _Where_ are the musical videos _at_?

14. At the moment Glenda _said_ the plans are still in progress.

15. Is _this_ the right amount of glue to hold the boards together?

16. This plastic sheet is as pliable _as_, or more pliable _then_, that hard rubber one.

17. Gary Lee _sat_ up the folding chairs and then sat in one.

18. Stuart _says_ to thank you for sending him a get-well card.
Unit 10 Review

Exercise 1  Correct the word or words in italics. If the sentence is correct, write C in the blank.

Since Being as I was feeling sick, the nurse sent me home.

1. Marcy eats alot of popcorn when she goes to the movies.
2. The sun shone and the affect on our spirits was amazing.
3. I ate altogether too much for lunch.
4. I was pleased to have my father walk besides me.
5. Share the book among the three of you.
6. Would you bring a copy of my book report when you go to class?
7. Can you play the piano?
8. I could of taken geometry, but I decided to wait until next year.
9. Brian can’t hardly reach the top shelf in the closet.
10. Aerobics is different than anything I’ve ever done.
11. It is difficult to tell the difference among the twins.
12. The farmhouse you see across the valley is further than the main highway.
13. Did your mother say you can go along with us?
14. I volunteer less hours at the hospital this year than last.
15. You should of told me you didn’t want to see this movie.
16. Do you like this here museum as much as I do?
17. Set here beside me so we can look at the recipes together.
18. Irregardless of your decision, we want you to know how much we appreciate your friendship.
19. This kind of exercise is good for the heart.
20. The cloth laid on the picnic table in a wrinkled mess.
21. Will you leave Maureen go to the party with me?
22. You are fortunate to learn another language so easily.
Exercise 1 Identify the part of speech of each italicized word: N (noun), pro. (pronoun), V (verb), adj. (adjective), or adv. (adverb).

adj. The lovely vase was filled with lilies and ferns.

1. Who do you suppose the winner of the sportsmanship award will be?

2. Sue avidly studied the report to learn as much as she could.

3. Beyond the white, sandy beach lay beautiful dunes.

4. This is the song I was telling you about.

5. As soon as we walked into the building, the lights went out.

6. Yani turned quickly when he heard the footsteps behind him.

7. Please take the empty seat beside me.

8. Yesterday I spent several hours with my friend.

9. What kind of shortening does the recipe call for?

10. Has anyone registered for the karate class?

11. Five people stood up when the principal entered the classroom.

12. The rain fell in torrents causing our basement to flood.

13. Please let Uncle Joe and Aunt Marie use my apartment.

14. The senator took excellent notes at the environmental meeting.

15. Mechanical toys were the predecessors of robots.

16. Our family loves to vacation in the mountains.

17. The jazz band gave no concerts last week.

18. Of course you may borrow my compass!

19. Is this your locker for the semester?

20. The park attendant will help us find a picnic table.

21. The picnickers waited impatiently for the rain to stop.

22. The young joggers splashed happily through the mud puddles in their path.

23. The voyagers who survived the shipwreck tell a thrilling story.

24. Does anyone know where I left my scissors?

25. In the doorway appeared a long, bent shadow.
Exercise 2 Write the correct form (comparative or superlative) of the modifier in parentheses.

This movie is the **most/least interesting** one I have seen all year. (interesting)

1. The third contestant sounded the ____________ as far as I was concerned. (truthful)
2. Garth arrived for the marathon ____________ than his brother Logan. (early)
3. I know the route to Chicago ____________ than the one to Dallas. (well)
4. You can develop that idea ____________ than you have done so far. (far)
5. Five inches of snow is the ____________ we ever get in this part of the country. (much)
6. She is the ____________ dancer I have ever seen. (graceful)
7. In our family, artistic ability is _______ esteemed than in many other families. (highly)
8. The crowd cheered that star ____________. (loudly)
9. Charles caught the ____________ fish that had ever been caught in his village. (large)
10. We made the requested changes ____________ than she expected. (cheerfully)
11. The department store manager was ____________ to help us than her employee was. (eager)
12. That was the ____________ service we have had in a long time. (good)
13. As a doctor, Aaron was ____________ than his brother. (successful)
14. Of all the neighbors, he speaks ____________ with Mrs. Andrews. (often)
15. The path was winding and ____________ toward the top of the hill. (narrow)
16. I have never experienced anything ____________ than the riverbank that morning. (peaceful)
17. Catherine said she was ____________ that day than she had ever been before. (angry)
18. Of all the campers, Jack approached the animal ____________. (cautiously)
19. There was ________ preparation for the party than we expected. (little)
20. The fog is ____________ today than yesterday. (dense)
21. Manny has been elected class treasurer ____________ than anyone else in the school’s history. (times)
22. I can run ____________ than my older sister Alta. (fast)
23. After breaking a statuette, the clerk handled the china ____________. (careful)
24. I’m the ____________ person in my family. (impatient)
25. Surely the only form of transportation ____________ than a bicycle is walking. (slow)
Exercise 3  Underline the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

Don’t forget to take (a, an) umbrella with you.

1. There were not as many people at the game (like, as) we expected.
2. On the way home from school, we go (passed, past) the library.
3. It’s a good idea to (precede, proceed) each speech with a few deep breaths.
4. I would rather walk in the woods (than, then) play ball.
5. I didn’t mind waiting, but I certainly got tired of (sitting, setting) still.
6. I’m afraid I’ll (loose, lose) the combination for the lock.
7. The director waited (a while, awhile) before asking the orchestra to tune their instruments.
8. I received the invitation, but I must (respectfully, respectively) decline.
9. All the flowers were in bloom (accept, except) the dahlias.
10. Please excuse the interruption and (precede, proceed) with what you were doing.
11. I dropped the cassette tape, but it was (all right, alright).
12. Maia wants to form a writer’s group whenever we (can, may) get together.
13. He (doesn’t, don’t) believe the car can be repaired.
14. We rowed the canoe (farther, further) upriver than we had ever gone before.
15. We’ll do our homework and (than, then) we’ll go to the park.
16. Would everyone please move (in, into) the study hall?
17. The warm weather will (affect, effect) the candy we are planning to make.
18. Even though he’s very young, Roger has (all ready, already) become a good cook.
19. Father had the porch repaired because the railing was (loose, lose).
20. Juan is the best person to (raise, rise) the issue.
21. Too full from the main course, I (passed, past) on having dessert.
22. (Precede, Proceed) with caution.
23. Oscar’s, Justin’s, and Gary’s favorite activities, (respectfully, respectively), are riding horses, playing volleyball on the beach, and lying in a hammock at the end of the day.
24. Pick some vegetables from the garden, and (than, then) fix a salad for lunch.
25. Dad, (can, may) I carve another pumpkin for the front steps?
26. I know I’ve lost weight; my jeans are too (loose, lose).
Lesson 70
Capitalization of Sentences

Capitalize the first word of a sentence.

The movie we saw was a classic.

Capitalize the first word of a direct quotation that is a complete sentence.

John F. Kennedy said, “Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.”

Do not capitalize the first word of a quotation that cannot stand as a complete sentence.

The reporter characterized the scene as one of “complete, absolute chaos.”

Capitalize the first word of a complete sentence that stands by itself in parentheses. Do not capitalize a sentence in parentheses if it is within another sentence.

(The experiment should take five minutes.)
Set out your lab equipment (the experiment should take five minutes) and work with your partner.

Exercise 1 Draw three lines under each lowercase letter that should be capitalized.

training a dog can be a difficult job.

1. monica said, “there is no reason we cannot finish the project today.”
2. the recipe calls for butter. (margarine may also be used.)
3. principal Steadman described the test scores as “encouraging.”
4. Send your entry in before the deadline. (the address is listed at the bottom.)
5. Thomas Paine wrote, “these are the times that try men’s souls.”
6. sign up to participate in the band concert (if you haven’t already).
7. our youth group is selling magazines (they are for a good cause) this month..
8. Swimming class is held Monday through Thursday (fridays are optional.)
9. mr. Johnson said, “the resources you’ll need are available in the library.”
10. she earns money by baby-sitting on the weekends.
11. the firefighters gave helpful suggestions. (for example, it is a good idea to have home fire drills.)
12. we usually have pizza on Friday nights.
13. “you are all invited to join the Physics Club,” Mrs. McCann said.

14. sharon was a bridesmaid in her sister’s wedding.

15. new inventions were on display at the fair.

16. the presidential candidate said that reducing the national deficit was “of primary concern.”

17. Arturo whispered the instructions to me. (talking loudly is not permitted in study hall.)

18. The photographer said, “please move to your left.”

19. the flu epidemic reduced class attendance last week.

20. jazz music is Danielle’s favorite. (her father is a jazz musician.)

**Exercise 2** Draw three lines under each lowercase letter that should be capitalized. Draw a slash (/) through each capitalized letter that should be lowercase.

antibiotics (Usually derived from bacteria or molds) can be used to treat many diseases.

1. the speaker encouraged us to “Treat everyone with equal respect.”

2. The rules say You should not leave the school grounds for lunch.

3. several members of the basketball team intend to play basketball in college.

4. the children (Especially the younger ones) were restless during the program.

5. City law states That it is illegal to park in that area.

6. “my friend is waiting for me,” Janet said, “But I can spare a few minutes.”

7. her paintings (Including the mural in the lobby) have brought Mika much recognition.

8. jerod bought himself a new computer game with the money he earned.

9. we walked to the library to do research for our English papers.

10. It was January (Not February) when we last saw our cousin.

11. “did you remember to feed the fish?” asked Mom.

12. Carlos said that He needed a ride to the game.

13. jim forgot his notebook. (later he realized he had left it in his locker.)

14. the school newspaper ran an article on recycling.

15. Experiments (We performed one today) are important in scientific investigation.

16. The choir director said, “rise slowly together and exit to the right.”

17. astronaut Neil Armstrong said, “that’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

18. Water skiing (Along with swimming and bike riding) is our favorite summer activity.
Proper nouns should be capitalized. A proper noun names a specific person, place, or thing. In proper nouns composed of several words, do not capitalize articles, coordinating conjunctions, or prepositions of fewer than five letters unless they are the first or last word of a title.

Aunt Nancy
Harvard Law School
the South
Christmas
Spain
the Big Dipper
General Colin Powell
Biology 101
“America the Beautiful”
Lake Ontario
Middle East
Steinway piano

In general, capitalize a title that describes a relative only when it is used with or in place of a proper name. Do not capitalize a title that follows an article or a possessive.

Ask Mom to call me. My mom has to work today.

**Exercise 1** Draw three lines under each lowercase letter that should be capitalized.

William shakespeare was born in stratford, england, in 1564.

1. william shakespeare authored some of the world’s best-known plays, sonnets, and poems.
2. Many of his memorable plays were tragedies, such as julius caesar, hamlet, and othello.
3. shakespeare also wrote many comedies.
4. the merchant of venice is one of the most popular Shakespearean comedies.
5. It was based on a story by Italian writer giovanni fiorentino.
6. It deals with the predicament faced by antonio, a merchant in debt.
7. The play takes place in italy and has a theme of mercy over malice.
8. Shakespeare deals with a complicated series of plots in a midsummer night’s dream.
9. This story shows shakespeare’s talent for interweaving plots and characters.
10. The comedy much ado about nothing is similar in some ways.
11. It describes the relationship between two persons, benedick and beatrice.
12. In the comedy as you like it, shakespeare lets audiences choose their own meaning for the play.
13. In this play, rightful ruler duke senior is banished by duke frederick.
14. duke senior is sent to the forest of arden, a place apart from the realities of the world.
15. twelfth night deals with classic twists and turns in romance.
16. Characters viola and sebastian find love.
17. Through the power of their love for each other, characters Olivia and Orsino rid themselves of self-love.

18. Many of Shakespeare’s plays are built around historic figures such as Julius Caesar.

19. Several of them focus on the kings of England.

20. William Shakespeare is considered one of the most famous writers of the Renaissance.

Exercise 2  Draw three lines under each lowercase letter that should be capitalized. If the capitalization is correct, write C in the blank.

_____ Shakespeare’s writing took place during a period in literature known as the Elizabethan Age.

_____ 1. This was the name given to the time during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

_____ 2. The Elizabethan movement in literature took place from the mid-1500s to the early 1600s.

_____ 3. It has been regarded as one of the greatest periods in the history of England.

_____ 4. During the Elizabethan Age, there was a sharing of old and new ideas.

_____ 5. Along with Shakespeare, poets such as Edmund Spenser produced Elizabethan poetry.


_____ 7. Romantic literature showed an appreciation of the romances of the Middle Ages.

_____ 8. Two of the most famous poets of the period were William Wordsworth and John Keats.

_____ 9. Percy B. Shelley also wrote poems in this period, such as Ode to the West Wind and To a Skylark.

_____ 10. The Victorian period in literature is named for the reign of Queen Victoria.

_____ 11. The Victorian period lasted from the 1830s to the 1860s.


_____ 13. Famous novelists of this era included Charles Dickens and Charlotte Brontë.

_____ 14. Dickens wrote such classics as The Pickwick Papers, Oliver Twist, A Tale of Two Cities, and Great Expectations.

_____ 15. Charlotte Brontë’s Jane Eyre describes a woman’s struggle for independence and love.
Lesson 72  
Capitalization of Proper Adjectives

Capitalize proper adjectives (adjectives formed from proper nouns). These include persons’ names, place names, and names of national, ethnic, and religious groups used as adjectives.

Members of the Clinton administration attended the dinner.  
Terry read a book on how to do Japanese origami.

Exercise 1  Draw three lines under each lowercase letter that should be capitalized.

Inali is an alaskan native who spent many years in the canadian Rockies before moving here.

1. For breakfast I had canadian bacon on an english muffin.
2. We always try to attend the annual italian festival.
3. There are many legends in native american folklore.
4. Our family gets a christmas tree on christmas eve.
5. The art museum downtown has a renoir exhibit.
6. In the algerian Revolution, Muslim Algerians fought against french rule.
7. Jason has an english sheep dog and an irish setter.
8. The Yamaguchis live in the victorian house on the corner.
9. We learned much about american history on our easter vacation.
10. My friend Maryam teaches me all about islamic customs.
11. Rachel enjoys elizabethan poetry.
12. We studied french culture and history.
13. The american dollar is accepted in many foreign countries.
14. There are many wild animals living in the african jungles.
15. Moby Dick is a classic american novel about the sea.
16. Cody wants to play for the miami Dolphins someday.
17. The building on the corner was formerly a jewish synagogue.
18. Ancient egyptian persons developed elaborate and colossal structures.
19. My mother’s prized possession is a grecian urn that she found at a local auction.
20. The president of the United States lives on pennsylvania avenue.
21. Lena and I are going to a halloween party.
22. In ancient Rome, Pompey the Great and Julius Caesar fought for power in the roman republic.
23. The cathedral in Paris called Notre-Dame is an example of gothic architecture.
24. The weather forecaster predicted stormy weather for the great plains region of the country.
25. The hispanic population of the United States has grown considerably.
26. Our english class spent two weeks discussing greek mythology.
27. Chad’s father works in the north american office of a worldwide corporation.
28. Li-Ching is the only other asian girl in my class besides me.
29. parisian fashions often set trends for the rest of the world.
30. Appalachia is a region that gets its name from the appalachian Mountains that run through it.
31. Although Teresa enjoys indian food, she prefers chinese food.
32. While visiting Austria, we quickly adapted to austrian customs.
33. My great-grandfather fought in many german battles.
34. The spanish quiz was a difficult one.
35. Aunt Pauline has a west highland white terrier.
36. My jewish friends have learned to speak the hebrew language.
37. My uncle explored the australian outback many years ago.
38. Sonia is proud of her puerto rican heritage.
39. The leaders were concerned with middle eastern politics.
40. Our favorite game is chinese checkers.
41. The class paused for a long time at the monet exhibit.
42. One freudian concept is the influence of the unconscious mind on conscious thoughts.
43. During the sacred observance of Ramadan, many muslim persons fast.
44. american auto makers often compete for sales with japanese auto makers.
45. The alaskan pipeline runs from the Arctic Ocean to a port on the Gulf of Alaska.
Unit 11 Review

Exercise 1  Draw three lines under each lowercase letter that should be capitalized.

the geometry tests were easy. (the final exam was much more difficult.)

1. When my uncle met aunt carol, he knew he would marry her one day.
2. Ricardo volunteered to help the democrats with their campaign.
3. tara enjoys listening to contemporary music.
4. On our trip to washington, d.c., we visited the jefferson memorial.
5. The minards take their annual vacation in july.
6. In the spring the drama club will perform cheaper by the dozen.
7. Our teacher explained that newtonian physics deals with principles formulated by sir isaac newton.
8. “choose any puppy you wish,” said uncle paul. “there are plenty.”
9. On a clear night david can see cassiopeia with his telescope.
10. The advanced biology class will be dissecting this week. (supplies are in the lab.)
11. general norman schwarzkopf was the commander of u.s. forces in the persian gulf war.
12. All of the neighbors (including the martins) were having a barbecue.
13. Mrs. danbury, the principal, said she would speak to superintendent wilson about funding.
14. We attended the ceremony when cousin meg graduated from penn state.
15. traditional african art consists of many religious masks, figures, and decorative objects.
16. our grandparents came to this country from italy.
17. the building on the corner of lake street and green avenue is called the columbus environmental center.
18. We traveled west (it’s our first family vacation) to yellowstone national park.
19. For mother’s day, we got mom tickets to see the boston symphony orchestra.
20. The california condor is one of the rarest north american birds.
Cumulative Review: Units 1–11

Exercise 1  Write *col.* above each collective noun, *con.* above each concrete noun, and *abst.* above each abstract noun. Draw two lines under the verb in each sentence.

1. The choir is often winning awards for excellence.
2. The old car was making strange noises.
3. Adolescence is a difficult time for many kids.
4. Without my glasses, the chalkboard is hard to see.
5. Cindy’s necklace looks expensive.

Exercise 2  Underline each adjective, including possessives and articles, and circle each adverb.

1. Rolonda never misses afternoon practice.
2. When Erica finally received her college degree, she was very happy.
3. Because she’s a fast runner, individuals constantly tell Andrea to audition for the track team.
4. Jane did extremely well on the driving test.
5. Kenji chose a complex topic for his term paper.

Exercise 3  Draw a vertical line between the subject and predicate in each sentence.

1. Many of the students wore the school colors on Friday.
2. The flood waters were held back by sandbags.
3. Rhode Island is the smallest state in the United States.
4. Coach Jackson and his assistant led the team to victory.
5. The bus stalled several times before starting.
6. Barbecued ribs and corn on the cob were served at the picnic.
7. Florida has many family vacation spots.
8. The dinosaur exhibit was interesting for adults as well as children.
9. Several inches of snow fell within an hour.
10. The chemical explosion caused damage to many buildings.

Exercise 4 Underline each prepositional phrase and circle each appositive phrase.

Craig, my best friend, dove off the diving board and hit the water with a splash.

1. Sarah is at Community Hospital, the city’s finest cardiac care facility.
2. The Big Dipper, a group of seven stars, is part of the constellation Ursa Major.
3. Keiko had a cast on her arm as a result of her fall.
4. The dance marathon, an event held to raise money for charity, was a big success.
5. Behind the curtain the cast waited to bow for the audience.
6. Brad looked under the hood to see what was wrong with the car.
7. Laurie poured the solution into the beaker.
8. The Astrodome, an indoor stadium, is where the Houston Astros play.
9. Marilyn, Cathy’s sister, is a camp counselor.
10. The letter from Kimiko made Jenny happy for the rest of the day.

Exercise 5 Label each italicized phrase ger. for gerund, part. for participial, or inf. for infinitive.

Smiling at the clown, the little boy accepted the balloon.

1. Daily practicing improved Joel’s backstroke.
2. Miguel likes to take pictures at athletic events.
3. The general wore a uniform decorated with many medals.
4. Dad set the timer to turn on the lights at sundown.
5. We saw one stingray swimming among the fish.

Exercise 6 Label each italicized clause adj. for adjective, N for noun, or adv. for adverb.

We returned to our seats after we got some popcorn.

1. What I couldn’t understand was the concept of geometric theorems.
2. The students who play in the band were excused early.
3. Because she studies hard, Beatriz gets good grades.
4. Beth would not tell who won the contest.
5. Hiroko, whose parents speak little English, is adjusting well to the United States.

**Exercise 7** Write in the blank the tense of each italicized verb: present, past, future, past perf., present perf., or future perf.

- **future perf.**
  
  After I finish Dad’s car, I *will have washed* three cars.

- present perf.
  
  1. The Booster Club *supports* the football team.

- past perf.
  
  2. Roberto *had learned* about go-cart racing from his uncle.

- future
  
  3. The drama coach *will give* us a pep talk before the performance.

- present
  
  4. Andre *earns* money by delivering newspapers.

- present perf.
  
  5. I *have performed* with my dance troupe every year.

- future perf.
  
  6. Derek *attends* soccer camp every summer.

- past
  
  7. An ankle injury *had kept* Austin from playing hockey.

- present perf.
  
  8. He *has collected* model trains since he was a child.

- present perf.
  
  9. Chad and Rafael *joined* us for a game of tennis.

- future perf.
  
  10. By tomorrow, we *will have missed* three days of school due to snowy weather.

**Exercise 8** Draw three lines under each lowercase letter that should be capitalized.

- A picture of Elvis Presley appeared on a U.S. postage stamp.

- My dad made Mexican food for dinner.

- Mrs. Aviles asked, “Does everyone have a pencil for the aptitude test?”

- The invitation was for a party on Saturday. (A map to the house was included.)

- The fireworks (usually held on the fourth of July) were postponed due to rain.

- “Caroline is waiting for you,” mother called from the stairs.

- Dr. Williams reminded us to “eat well and take vitamins.”

- The site near our house was evaluated by the environmental protection agency.

- The United States fought Great Britain in the War of 1812.

- Grandfather’s new truck was made by the Ford Motor Company.

- The president of the United States flew in from China on Air Force One.
Lesson 73
End-of-Sentence Punctuation

Use a period at the end of a declarative sentence and at the end of a polite command.

The trees are swaying in the wind. (declarative sentence)
Please pass the pepper. (polite command)

Use an exclamation point to show strong feeling and to indicate a forceful command.

What a beautiful shawl this is! (exclamation)
Listen to me! (strong imperative)

Use a question mark to indicate a direction question.

How do bishops move in chess?

Do not place a question mark after a declarative sentence that contains an indirect question.

Brian asked how bishops move in chess.

Exercise 1 Add a period, question mark, or exclamation point at the end of each sentence.

Do you know who Andrew Johnson was?

1. Andrew Johnson became president after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln
2. Like Lincoln he had grown up in a poor family
3. Johnson started out his adult life as a tailor, but he had a talent for public speaking and soon got involved in politics
4. He became governor, congressman, and senator in Tennessee, his home state
5. Johnson was a Democrat and a slave owner
6. Are you wondering what side he took in the Civil War
7. Although Tennessee seceded with the other Southern states, Johnson (a senator at the time) remained loyal to the Union
8. During the war, Lincoln made him military governor of Tennessee
9. Before the war ended, Lincoln, a Republican, asked him to be his vice president
10. Although Johnson was a Democrat, Lincoln believed he could help bring the North and South together again

11. Johnson had shown great courage as military governor, a post that often put him in danger

12. What other traits did he have

13. He was extremely stubborn and uncompromising

14. Many questioned these traits, saying he would be a poor leader during Reconstruction

15. Right after the war Johnson created the Freedmen’s Bureau

16. The bureau offered food, clothing, and shelter and began opening schools for former slaves

17. At the same time, however, leaders in the Southern states passed laws that discriminated against African Americans

18. They also did nothing to stop outbreaks of violence against former slaves

19. What outrage this caused among the leaders of Congress

20. These leaders, known as Radical Republicans, passed a Civil Rights Act to guarantee the rights of African Americans in the South

21. What did Johnson do that illustrated he did not believe in equality

22. He vetoed the civil rights law, but Congress was able to override his veto

23. Congress also passed the Fourteenth Amendment, which said no state could take away any person’s rights

24. How Johnson hated the powerful radicals

25. His hatred for his political enemies made him very unpopular

26. By refusing to bend on the issue of states, rights, he alienated Northerners, African Americans in both the South and the North, and moderate Southerners

27. Senator Thaddeus Stevens, the leader of the Radical Republicans, and many citizens believed that Johnson had betrayed the Union

28. Many cried, “Impeach him ”

29. If two thirds of the Senate vote to convict a president, the president can be removed from office

30. At Johnson’s impeachment trial the Senate failed to convict the president by only one vote

31. Was Johnson really tried for “high crimes” as the Constitution allows

32. Many historians believe he was actually tried because of his ideas and opinions
Lesson 74
Colons

Use a colon to introduce a list, especially after a statement that uses words such as **these**, **the following**, or **as follows**.

The new parents considered **these** three names for their baby daughter: Penelope, Priscilla, and Patricia.

Do not use a colon to introduce a list if the list immediately follows a verb or a preposition.

The meal **includes** salad, soup, a main course, and dessert.
I went to the movie with Carmen, Celeste, and Carol.

Use a colon to introduce material that illustrates, explains, or restates the preceding material. The complete sentence after the colon is generally lowercased.

Marvin had mixed feelings about the event: it made him feel sad and happy at the same time.

Use a colon to introduce a long or formal quotation. A formal quotation is often preceded by words such as **this**, **these**, **the following**, or **as follows**.

Arman’s speech ended with **this** quotation from Chief Joseph of the Nez Percé: “Hear me my chiefs! I am tired; my heart is sick and sad. From where the sun now stands I will fight no more forever.”

Use a colon between the hour and the minute of the precise time, between the chapter and the verse in biblical references, and after the salutation of a business letter.

3:32 A.M.  
Genesis 1:1–31  
Dear Ms. Elanko:

**Exercise 1**  Insert a colon where necessary. If the sentence is correct, write **C** in the blank.

______  Assemble these materials: newspaper, marking pens, and masking tape.

______  1. You can pick up the package between 800 and 830.

______  2. “To every thing there is a season” is a quotation from Ecclesiastes 3:1.

______  3. So you see my predicament: if I say yes, I will feel selfish, and if I say no, I will feel I have missed an opportunity.

______  4. Marissa greatly admires the work of the following modern artists Henry Moore, Louise Nevelson, and Willem de Kooning.

______  5. Many enlistment posters for World War I had this caption: “Uncle Sam wants you!”
6. In order, the first three presidents of the United States were George Washington, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson.

7. Abyssinia’s national costume consisted of a plum-colored silk shirt, a gray flannel skirt, and a handwoven wool vest.

8. Before you cross a railroad track, always do this: stop, look both ways, and listen.

9. To begin the sermon, the minister read Mark 4:14–25.

10. Last summer Keshia read these works by Mark Twain: Life on the Mississippi, Huckleberry Finn, The Prince and the Pauper, and Tom Sawyer.

11. After class is over, I would like to meet with Pam, Erin, and Rosa.

12. The mournful tune began with this line: “Yesterday is but a sweet memory.”

13. At the Chinese restaurant we ordered these appetizers: steamed dumplings, fried wonton, and egg rolls.

14. Three clues suggested that the thief was in a hurry: the open window, the muddy footprints on the rug, and a broken vase next to the table.

15. The main characters in Louisa May Alcott’s novel Little Women are four sisters: Amy, Beth, Meg, and Jo.

16. Every morning I try to do the following chores: (1) make my bed, (2) pick up my clothes, and (3) rinse my breakfast dishes.

17. I have to get up early tomorrow to catch the 7:00 A.M. bus.

18. When a thunderstorm is coming, follow these steps to avoid damage to your personal computer: (1) turn off the computer, (2) turn off the surge protector, and (3) unplug the system at the wall.

19. The following items can be picked up in the lost-and-found-room: a red umbrella, a pair of gray mittens, and a leather key case.

20. The words echoed in my mind: “Do not hurry. Do take a rest.”

21. Imamu’s list of places to visit in New York City included Ellis Island, the Museum of Modern Art, and the New York Stock Exchange.

22. Alan began his letter with “Dear Sir or Madam:” because he didn’t know if the president of the company was a man or a woman.
Lesson 75
Semicolons

Use a semicolon to separate main clauses that are not joined by a coordinating conjunction (and, but, or, nor, yet, or for).

Evelyn is the youngest daughter, and Elizabeth is the oldest. 
Evelyn is the youngest daughter; Elizabeth is the oldest.

Use a semicolon to separate main clauses joined by a conjunctive adverb (such as however, therefore, nevertheless, moreover, furthermore, and consequently) or by an expression such as for example or that is. Usually, a conjunctive adverb or an expression such as for example is followed by a comma.

Ohio has produced several presidents; for example, Harrison, Grant, Hayes, McKinley, Taft, and Harding were all from Ohio.

Use a semicolon to separate the items in a series when the items contain commas.

This picture shows Sheryl, my best friend, in the front row; Sam, the class president, in the second row; and Evita, the exchange student, standing behind Sam.

Use a semicolon to separate two main clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction when such clauses already contain several commas.

Many people who come to the library, including Effie, leave with a bag full of books; but just as many people leave with videos and CDs, which have become very popular since the audiovisual department expanded.

Exercise 1 Write C in the blank if the sentence is correctly punctuated.

C One of my favorite actors is Tom Hanks; I especially liked his performance in the movie Forrest Gump.

1. Jim isn’t here now, and he hasn’t been here all day.

2. We stepped into the dark theater; then we waited a moment for our eyes to adjust before looking for a seat.

3. Arthur Ashe had outstanding leadership qualities and a special talent for playing tennis; his talents have made him a role model among young people.

4. Many pets; for example, my cat Nellie, are treated like members of the family.

5. Kareem loves to play ice hockey, however, he does not own his own equipment.

6. Among the works of T.S. Eliot are The Wasteland, a long poem published as a book; Murder in the Cathedral, a play; and Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats, a children’s book that later became the inspiration for the musical Cats.

7. The old house badly needed a coat of paint; furthermore, the gutters were sagging and the porch railing was broken.
8. When you pack for the trip to England, be sure to include a plastic rain parka because it rains frequently there and you should also pack a warm sweater because the weather can be chilly.

9. It sprinkled on and off at the picnic; nevertheless, we still had a good time.

10. Hakeem attended the soccer game; but his brother did not.

11. Thomas Edison was a gifted inventor; and he also improved on the inventions of others.

12. Angela came in first in the cross-country race; Rayann came in second.

13. I have a marching band rehearsal on Saturday morning however, I’ll be free by 11:00.

14. The crowd included people from Columbus, Georgia, Columbus, Indiana, and Columbus, Ohio.

15. This CD-ROM encyclopedia includes short video sequences; for example, if you click on this line, you can view the crash of the Hindenburg, an early airship.

16. Anna plays the oboe, an instrument I like; but I decided to take up the flute because, as many people will tell you, it has such a beautiful sound.

17. Several branches of the old tree were rubbing against the telephone wires, therefore, the telephone company sent someone to trim the branches.

18. At the mall Enrique bought a pair of shoes, and Fred bought a tropical fish.

19. Miguel’s pirate costume, complete with an eye patch, a long dark moustache, and a large black hat, was wonderful; he had even trained his pet parrot to ride on his shoulder.

20. I can’t go to the concert because I have to baby-sit; moreover, I don’t have any extra money right now.

21. Many species of worms are marine, that is, they live in the oceans.

22. Allow me to introduce my grandmother, Mrs. Dice; my mother, Mrs. Morgan; and my sister, Lorraine Morgan.

**Writing Link** Write a brief paragraph describing your favorite type of music and your favorite musical performers. Use semicolons in at least half of your sentences.
Lesson 76
Commas: Compound Sentences

Use commas between the main clauses in a compound sentence. Place a comma before a coordinating conjunction (and, but, or, nor, yet, or for) that joins two main clauses.

Today we visited the battlefield at Gettysburg, and tomorrow we will drive to Antietam.

You may omit the comma between very short main clauses that are connected by a coordinating conjunction, unless the comma is needed to avoid confusion.

Tomaka opened the window and a bird flew in. (clear)
Hank petted the dog and the cat meowed. (confusing)
Hank petted the dog, and the cat meowed. (clear)

Exercise 1 Add commas where needed. Write C in the blank if the sentence uses commas correctly.

Susan’s school performed *Tom Sawyer*, and she played Becky Thatcher.

1. The much-admired writer Mark Twain was born in a small frontier settlement in Missouri and he grew up in Hannibal, Missouri.
2. Hannibal was a quiet town on the banks of the Mississippi, but the town became lively when a riverboat appeared.
3. Like many young boys, Twain admired the riverboat pilots and longed to become one someday.
4. The pilot always had to be aware of the depth of the water for riverboats could get stuck in shallow water.
5. Twain’s real name was Samuel Clemens, but he is best known by his pen name.
6. Riverboat workers called out “mark twain” when the water was two fathoms (12 feet) deep and a pilot hearing this call knew that the water was safe to cross.
7. Twain had several jobs but he started out as an apprentice to a printer, his older brother.
8. Twain didn’t always get along with his brother but he did learn the printing trade.
9. Twain then took a series of printing jobs in different parts of the country, and he also began to write humorous stories.
10. In 1857 he began an apprenticeship as a riverboat pilot, and his experiences on the river led him to write a series of sketches called *Life on the Mississippi*. 

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11. Twain tried to become a silver prospector in Nevada and there he experienced the “wild” West.

12. He did not strike it rich as a prospector, yet he did find rich subject matter for his novel Roughing It.

13. Next he headed for San Francisco, and there he took a job as a newspaper reporter and met other western writers.

14. One of Twain’s most famous stories was written there in 1865; it is about a jumping frog.

15. Twain’s stories made people laugh but the stories often had a serious point.

16. He might satirize the excesses of the very rich or he might point out human cruelty and injustice.

17. Mark Twain and writer Charles Dudley Warner both thought the emphasis on making money after the Civil War was causing people to neglect democratic ideals, and they named these years the “Gilded Age.”

18. The novel Huckleberry Finn is an adventure story about how a boy and a runaway slave search for freedom but it is also a story about friendship.

19. Tom Sawyer is a book that many readers enjoy, for it paints a charming picture of the simple pleasures of boyhood in a Mississippi river town.

20. Twain had a wide experience of America and Americans, and this experience is reflected in his novels.

21. Twain also had an ear for dialects and he was the first great writer to use this everyday speech of Americans in novels and stories.

22. In his later life, Twain took a very dark view of human nature and his pessimism is reflected in works such as The Mysterious Stranger.

23. Mark Twain was born in a year in which Halley’s comet was visible from Earth, and he predicted that his death would coincide with the comet’s return.

24. Halley’s comet returns to Earth about every seventy-six years and it did so in 1910, the year of Mark Twain’s death.

25. I have not yet read Twain’s Tom Sawyer nor have I read A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court.
Lesson 77
Commas: Series and Coordinate Adjectives

Use commas to separate three or more words, phrases, or clauses in a series.

Snakes, lizards, and crocodiles are all reptiles.
The snake crawled over the log, through the grass, and into the stream.

No commas are necessary when all of the items are connected by conjunctions.

Celia has a boa constrictor and an iguana and a chameleon.

Nouns that are used in pairs (salt and pepper, thunder and lightning, red beans and rice) are usually considered single units and should not be separated by commas. If such pairs appear with other nouns or groups of nouns in a series, they must be set off from the other items in the series.

Will you have ranch dressing, Italian dressing, or oil and vinegar on your salad?

Place a comma between coordinate adjectives that precede a noun. Coordinate adjectives modify a noun equally. To tell whether adjectives are coordinate, try to reverse their order or put the word and between them. If the sentence still sounds right, the adjectives are coordinate.

The short, dark-haired, handsome hero saved the day.
I tore off a piece of fragrant, crusty French bread.
The children played with a large red rubber ball.

Exercise 1  Add commas where necessary. Cross out incorrect commas using the delete symbol ( Delete ).

Students, teachers, and staff attended the special Environmental Day ceremonies.

1. Allegra gathered old newspapers, magazines and catalogs to take to the recycling center.
2. We spread the picnic blanket under a large, silver, beech tree.
3. Shawn has received letters for basketball, soccer and track.
4. For breakfast Lek ate fresh grapefruit, ham, and eggs, and whole wheat toast.
5. Eliza got into bed, set the alarm, and turned out the light.
6. The roses in my grandmother’s garden are pink, and yellow and red.
7. Kuniko wore a lovely, pink and green Japanese kimono to the tea ceremony.
8. On the table was a small tray of condiments including salt and pepper, relish and packets of sugar.
9. Soto raked the leaves onto the old sheet, gathered up the corners and swung the big bundle over his shoulder.
10. Like most summer camps, this one offers swimming, canoeing, and hiking.

11. The airplane stopped in Atlanta, refueled, and then flew to Luxembourg, Belgium.

12. Ahmed looked for his notebook at home, at school, and on the bus.

13. In his speech, the president spoke about health care, the federal budget, and trade with Mexico and Japan.

14. Monday was a cold, and damp, and dreary day.

15. In the North American habitat at the zoo, the class saw mountain lions, wolves, coyotes, and badgers.

16. As Jeanette walked down the block, she passed the shoe repair, the laundromat, and the bakery.

17. Snow, and sleet, and fog delayed us on our drive through New York state.

18. Leah, Seth, and Tom are collaborating on a mural depicting the lives of African Americans just after the Civil War.

19. The crazy cat raced around the room, out the front door, and up a tree.

20. Chet didn’t know who the lady was, what she wanted, or where she lived.

21. Matt opened his backpack and took out a tiny lantern, a cook kit, and a waterproof container of matches.

22. Heat the skillet over moderate heat, add the hamburger patties, and cook them for five minutes on each side.

23. The editorial said that the 200-year-old trees are valuable, irreplaceable, natural resources.

24. On Saturday morning, I need to mow the lawn, pull the weeds, and sweep the front porch.

25. My brother is training for a triathlon that includes swimming, bicycling, and running.

26. Yvonne enjoyed the movie because it starred her favorite actor, it was set in a small town like her own, and it accurately portrayed high school life.

27. When we went on the owl walk, we took a flashlight, a tape recorder, and a notebook.

28. Tess shrieked when she saw the long, coiled, hissing snake.

29. This summer, Inez plans to spend time reading mysteries, playing tennis, and helping her father build a canoe.

30. At the flea market, Reggie found an old, wooden bucket, and a tattered, faded, red and white quilt.
Lesson 78
Commas: Nonessential Elements

Use commas to set off participles, infinitives, and their phrases if they are not essential to the meaning of the sentence. Nonessential elements can be removed without changing the meaning of the sentence.

Garrett, wearing a necktie for the occasion, accepted the award. (nonessential participle)
The player wearing the number 20 is the one to watch. (essential participle)
Number 20 is worth watching, to be sure. (nonessential infinitive)
The player to watch is number 20. (essential infinitive)

Use commas to set off a nonessential adjective clause.

Zora Neal Hurston, who was born around 1901, is a well-known writer of the Harlem Renaissance. (nonessential clause)
The writer who has made the greatest impression on me is Ernest Hemingway. (essential clause)

Use commas to set off an appositive if it is not essential to the meaning of a sentence.

I read an essay by the writer Virginia Woolf. (essential appositive)
John Steinbeck, a writer I admire, wrote The Grapes of Wrath. (nonessential appositive)

Exercise 1 Write C in the blank if the sentence uses commas correctly.

C

Land and earth art, an especially interesting form of modern art, stresses landscape or the earth itself.

1. Land and earth artists are those, who work with rock, soil, turf, and other natural elements.

2. These artists generally do not create a traditional art object, something you can see in an art gallery.

3. Their works are often impermanent, existing for only a few days or a few weeks.

4. Christo, who uses only his first name, is probably the best-known land artist.


6. The fence, which was 18 feet high and 24 miles long, stretched across two hilly counties in northern California.

7. Christo said he wanted to present something that people had never seen before.

8. This “something” to quote him exactly would be “not an image but a real thing like the pyramids in Egypt or the Great Wall of China.”

9. The nylon fence, billowing in the wind like a long, taut sail, was a striking sight as it snaked across the rolling countryside.
10. For the artist Christo the mechanics of setting up the fence and the impact on the landscape and its human neighbors were also important parts of the art work.

11. Richard Long another land artist works with the land in a different way.

12. Long, who was born in 1945, takes long and difficult journeys on foot in different parts of the world.

13. In lonely locations, such as a plain in Tibet, he makes some mark, to show his presence.

14. For example, he might walk back and forth continuously over the ground to create a line on the ground or heap nearby stones into a neat pile.

15. The artist takes a photograph of each mark or construction to document the work.

16. Richard Long’s works, which may or may not be long-lasting, have an air of mystery.

17. Their mystery is something like that, associated with prehistoric sites, such as Stonehenge.

18. Long’s works seem to get people thinking about human permanence and impermanence on Earth.

19. Robert Smithson’s most famous work, Spiral Jetty, was created in the Great Salt Lake in Utah.

20. A jetty is a structure that projects into a body of water, to protect a harbor or influence water flow.

21. Smithson’s construction, which does not have a practical purpose, was created by bulldozers.

22. The jetty measuring over 1,500 feet and resembling a coiled question mark is made of black basalt, limestone, earth and native red algae.

23. You would need to fly over the desolate Great Salt Lake, to get a good view of this work of art.

24. The spiral jetty soon began to decay.

► Writing Link  Write a paragraph about an artist you admire. Use at least one nonessential participle, clause, and appositive.

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Lesson 79
Commas: Interjections, Parenthetical Expressions, and Conjunctive Adverbs

Use commas to set off interjections (such as oh and well), parenthetical expressions (such as on the contrary, on the other hand, in fact, by the way, to be exact, and after all), and conjunctive adverbs (such as however, moreover, and consequently).

Yes, I’d like to try riding a camel.
This train depot, by the way, was built in 1888.
Joshua loves snow skiing; however, he has never tried water skiing.

Exercise 1  Insert commas where necessary. Some sentences may be correct.

So, you want to go to college.

1. The living world might seem to be made up of only plants and animals; however there are at least five major groups of living things.

2. To be more exact biologists divide living things into different groups, called kingdoms.

3. Yes I have heard of these five basic kingdoms: plants, animals, bacteria, fungi, and protists.

4. Protists by the way are single-celled organisms, such as amoebas.

5. Indeed the protist kingdom is a sort of “catch-all” group for organisms that do not clearly fit into the other kingdoms.

6. Some biologists put protists into the kingdom protocists; therefore you may come across this name in your reading.

7. In fact, there are some single-celled organisms in the other major kingdoms.

8. A yeast is a single-celled animal of course, and some species of algae are single-celled.

9. Bacteria exist in huge numbers in many habitats; indeed, many kinds of bacteria live in the human body.

10. E. coli is normally found in the human digestive tract in fact.

11. Some bacteria are harmful and cause disease; nevertheless many other kinds of bacteria are useful.

12. Many fungi grow out of the earth; consequently they are often discussed in books about plants.

13. Fungi however are an entirely separate group.
14. They have a very different life cycle from plants; moreover their internal structure is nothing like that of plants.

15. Besides fungi do not use sunlight to make their own food as plants do.

16. Instead they make food from the remains of plants and animals, or they live as parasites on living plants or animals.

17. Some fungi, on the other hand, prey on live animals; one type of fungi lives in pond mud and traps amoebae.

18. Also some fungi form close and mutually beneficial associations with living plants.

19. These fungi often grow on the roots of plants; as a result the fungi channel nutrients to the plants, and the plants supply the fungi with sugar for energy.

20. Sym means “together” and bio means “life”; therefore, *symbiosis* is an appropriate word for this kind of association between plant and fungus.

21. All members of the plant kingdom have complex cells; moreover they all produce sugar, as food, with the help of sunlight.

22. This kingdom, however, can be divided into vascular and nonvascular plants.

23. Many plants do not have internal structures for carrying water and nutrients from one part of the plant to another; therefore they are called nonvascular plants.

24. Seaweeds do not have vascular structures; likewise mosses and liverworts lack these structures.

25. Yes nonvascular plants grow only where it is wet.

**Writing Link**  Write a paragraph about how something in your house, such as an appliance, works. Use interjections, parenthetical expressions, and conjunctive adverbs in your sentences.
Lesson 80
Commas: Introductory Phrases, Adverb Clauses, and Antithetical Phrases

Use a comma after a short introductory prepositional phrase only if the sentence would be misread without it.

Before the election, results of the primaries were discussed in the news.

Use a comma after a long prepositional phrase or after the final phrase in a series of phrases. Do not use a comma if the phrase is immediately followed by a verb.

On the crest of the ridge to the left of the lookout tower, we could see fire.
On the mantel between the two pewter candlesticks sat an unusual figurine.

Use a comma to set off introductory participles and participial phrases.

Grinning, Lamont handed me a letter.
Steering to the left, Georgia guided the boat close to the pier.

Use a comma to set off an introductory adverb clause. Use commas to set off internal adverb clauses that interrupt the flow of the sentence. In general, do not set off an ending adverb clause unless the clause is parenthetical.

Because we are identical twins, people frequently confuse our names.
The house, even though it is more than two hundred years old, is in good condition.
Jerry will wash his car unless it rains.
Young children can be trying sometimes, if you know what I mean. (parenthetical)

Use commas to set off an antithetical phrase. In an antithetical phrase, a word such as not or unlike qualifies what comes before it.

Austria, unlike many European nations, is a landlocked country.

Exercise 1 Write C in the blank if the sentence is correctly punctuated.

C In the first leg of the four-hundred-meter relay, Kelley ran a little slowly.

1. On top of the bookshelf in my room, you’ll find my Spanish dictionary.
2. Although Marvin loves to fish he seldom gets the chance.
3. On Friday before the big game, I had trouble concentrating on my school work.
4. Although you can skip a day every now and then it’s best to floss your teeth every day.
5. On our trip to the Badlands of South Dakota, we frequently saw jackrabbits.
6. This field unlike all the others is planted in sunflowers.
7. Over the summer Atepa plans to visit her grandmother in Taos, New Mexico.
8. Using sign language, Nora related her vacation experiences.

9. On Friday night I’d like to ride with you to the basketball game.

10. Wearing a wool cap with earflaps and a big muffler Hank protected his face from the biting wind.

11. This book, although it’s long, can be read quickly.

12. Analyzing the neat rows of holes in the tree, Reba guessed that a sapsucker had been there.

13. Among the video games, was one that simulates a cattle drive in the Old West.

14. In the upper stands at the baseball game was a large group wearing blue caps and waving Yankee pennants.

15. Roberto, even though he’s only fifteen is a skilled horseman.

16. After the opening notes, Nguyen recognized the piece as Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony.

17. In the dim light houses that were white appeared gray.

18. At the art museum the class viewed paintings by Monet and other Impressionists.

19. Before you get into the boat, be sure to put on your life jacket.

20. At the beginning of the novel, the boy is lonely because he lives on a remote ranch, in the outback of Australia.

21. In my opinion the meeting, unlike the lecture, was a waste of time.

22. Sealed tightly with some sort of wax, the box was impossible to open.

23. Taking a deep breath Monique began to tell the story of how she had come to the United States.

24. After thirty push-ups, Kyle’s arms were quivering.

25. The Cape of Good Hope is at the tip of Africa, not South America.

26. In the middle of the summer here it doesn’t get completely dark until about 9:00.

27. On a bike tour through southern Wisconsin Rick saw countless black and white cows.

28. Rushing to the net, the tennis player surprised his opponent with a delicate drop shot.
Lesson 81

Commas: Titles, Addresses, and Numbers

Use commas to set off titles when they follow a person’s name.

Carlos Ramirez, M.D.
Christine Whitman, governor of New Jersey
Roberta Shipley, R.N., will demonstrate how to take a blood sample.

Use commas to separate the various parts of an address, a geographical term, or a date.

The Millers’ farm is at 11699 Pleasant Valley Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio.
The new summer camp in Greenwich, Connecticut, opens on Monday, June 6, 1996.

In a letter use commas as follows:

142 Logan Avenue
Stanford, KY 40484
May 3, 1995

Do not use commas if only the month and day or only the month and year are given.

November 20          October 1987

Use commas to set off the parts of a reference that direct the reader to the exact source.

The quotation is from Herman Melville’s *Moby-Dick*, page 1.
Act II, scene iii, of the play opens with a busy street scene.

▶ Exercise 1 Add commas where necessary. Cross out commas used incorrectly by using the delete symbol (  ). Some sentences may be correct.

Mark’s brother is attending college in Beloit, Wisconsin.

1. The package is addressed to Roger Moore, 453 Crystal Circle, Salinas CA, 93901.
2. Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on April 14, 1865, just five days after the Civil War ended.
3. Walt Whitman’s poem *When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom’d*, stanza 6, describes how Americans mourned President Lincoln’s death.
4. Do you know why December 7, 1941, is an important date in the history of the United States?
5. This story about Crispus Attucks is from Virginia Hamilton’s *Many Thousand Gone* pages 20–22.
6. My dental appointment is on Thursday, March 17.
7. I wrote to the publisher at 2460 Kerper Boulevard Dubuque IA 52001.
8. The Greensboro, North Carolina company produces modular computer furniture.
9. Summer vacation begins this year on June, 10.

10. Dr. Cesar Jimenez, M.D. gave expert testimony at the trial.

11. Annela is a foreign exchange student from Helsinki Finland.

12. In April, 1917 the United States entered World War I.

13. According to the application, January 26, 1980, is Jenny’s date of birth.

14. The article was written by Marian Otting Ph.D. an expert on the Jewish religion.

15. Angie read aloud the opening lines of act I, scene ii, of Shakespeare’s *Julius Caesar*.

16. Ted Kennedy, senator from Massachusetts, was a sponsor of the bill.

17. This catalog just arrived from a video game company in Rochester New York.

18. Garrett won’t be eligible to take his driver’s test until May, 1996.

19. At the rehearsal tonight our drama teacher wants us to read through Act Two, of *Our Town*.

20. Our route takes us from Biloxi, Mississippi to Chattanooga, Tennessee.


22. Send your postcards with the correct answer to Geo Quiz, 346 First Street, Denver, CO 80217.

23. The deadline for the writing contest is September 26 1994.

24. Holmes County Ohio, has the largest Amish population outside Pennsylvania.

25. You must register for the painting and drawing classes at the cultural arts center by January 5 1995.

26. The sporting goods company has moved to 7676 Carondelet Avenue St. Louis MO, 63105.

27. At the Winter Festival in Montreal, Canada, you can see huge snow sculptures.

28. This year Emily will be attending cheerleading camp from July 28 to August 2.

29. Currently Jenny Farmer is, mayor of Two Forks, Tennessee.


31. The footnote cited *Guide to Owl Watching in North America* page 35, as the source for the map of owl territories.

32. The news reporter gave her report live from Tokyo, Japan.
Lesson 82
Commases: Direct Address, Tag Questions, and Letters

Use commas to set off words or names used in direct address.

Will you be able to pick me up on Thursday, Danielle?
Have a seat, Felicia, and I’ll be right with you.
Ladies and gentlemen, may I present Maestro Santini.

Use commas to set off a tag question. A tag question (such as do you? or can I?) emphasizes an implied answer to the statement preceding it.

You’ve never played golf before, have you?
He does know the curfew is ten o’clock, doesn’t he?

Place a comma after the salutation of an informal letter and after the closing of all letters.

Dear Marianne,
Yours truly,

Exercise 1 Add commas where necessary. Write C in the blank if the sentence is correct as written.

Denise, could you call me tonight to discuss our biology project?

1. So, Fredericka you’ve decided to go out for track.
2. He does know how to get here, doesn’t he?
3. Dear Julie
4. Good evening ladies and gentlemen.
5. Cranberry juice tastes better than grape juice don’t you think?
6. Listen to me, Mickey.
7. You won’t give away my secret, will you?
8. This is Mr. Freeman’s office isn’t it?
9. You will read one of your poems for us won’t you?
10. Excuse me ma’am.
11. With best wishes, Manuel
12. Tell me my good friend, how do you intend to reach your goal?
13. Way to go Michelle!
14. Dear Amber and Elaine
15. I couldn’t very well leave him there at the bus stop could I?
16. Tom, you’ll find the plates and bowls in the cupboard over the sink.
17. Come on, team! Defense!
18. This is flight 663 to Los Angeles, isn’t it?
20. You did remember the tickets, didn’t you?
21. Dear Mother and Father,
22. He doesn’t have a spare key, does he?
23. This is not funny, Vanida!
24. Yes, Mrs. Lorenzo. I’ll drop off your groceries by three o’clock.
25. Rover, come and get your squeeze toy.
26. Yes, Mr. President, all the cabinet members are present.
27. Good evening, folks; I’m running for county commissioner.
28. You know, Sunnee. I’m not sure I’m good enough to make the football team.
29. Certainly, sir. I have three recommendations from people I’ve worked for.
30. Cordially yours,
31. Company, halt!
32. Mrs. Suzuki. I’d like you to meet Amy and John Locke.
33. Those are your muddy boots on the back porch, aren’t they?
34. I hope, Mom. That you’ll be able to come to our concert.
35. We did a fine job, didn’t we?

► Writing Link Write a short conversation you might have with a friend. Use direct address and tag questions.
Lesson 83
Commas in Review

Exercise 1  Add commas where necessary. Delete commas used incorrectly using the delete symbol (✓).

To make matters worse, the snow had turned to freezing rain.

1. Holding the puppy inside her coat Virginia waited to surprise her young cousins.

2. During deer-hunting season, each hunter in our state is allowed to take two deer.

3. Philip Yaeger Ph.D. is a civil engineer who specializes in constructing earthquake-resistant buildings and bridges.

4. Martin washed the car and I watched him.

5. Kirsty wearing a black skirt and purple tights that matched her beret sang several French songs at the talent show.

6. The knights mounted their horses, grabbed their lances and prepared for the joust.

7. After reading this chapter on the Middle Ages, I can tell you the meaning of fief, and vassal, and fealty.

8. I don’t want to spend all morning painting the living room nor do I want to spend all afternoon washing windows.

9. No we will not be dissecting frogs in this class, but we will dissect a worm.

10. Many tourists visit Italy in late summer and fall but few people go there in the winter.

11. Last night about an hour after sunset Dan heard the haunting call of a screech owl from the woods across the field.

12. The bus carrying the basketball team was delayed by a snowstorm; consequently the game was canceled.

13. Our snack was simple fare: fruit, bread and butter and cheese.

14. Hazard County Kentucky has a long history of coal-mining.

15. Unlike most owls the small saw-whet owl is quite tame.

16. Charlemagne, the first Holy Roman Emperor, encouraged scholarship; however he himself never learned to write.

17. Your mother volunteers at the homeless shelter doesn’t she?
18. To always tell the truth, is a good rule to live by.
19. This morning Ezio watched a man carve a fabulous outdoor, ice sculpture.
20. Mario on the other hand does not share his father’s love for woodworking.
21. Hey could you give me a hand with this?
23. During his job interview at the supermarket Ross asked if his hours would be flexible.
24. This house by the way was a stop on the Underground Railroad before the Civil War.
25. To tell you the truth I never learned how to ride a bicycle.
26. The small, red, pickup truck had an extended bed and new tires.
27. Kanya baked the bread and the cookies were made by Henry.
28. That was a great shot Nathaniel.
29. Mrs. Drum who is a skilled photographer is giving a slide show of Greek and Roman ruins today.
30. At the workshop, Paul and Sumalee learned to make natural dyes from plants.
31. Attention all passengers for flight 1102, we are now boarding at gate B-1.
32. Leonardo da Vinci one of the greatest figures of the Renaissance was not only a master painter but an innovative scientific thinker.
33. Among the inventions, that he sketched in his notebooks, were a flying machine, a horseless carriage, and a parachute.
34. At the all-day picnic, we threw horseshoes, played badminton and had a tug-of-war.
35. The choir had rehearsed their music diligently and the director beamed with pride at their performance on Saturday night.
36. Marissa is eager to learn how to spin but she doesn’t own a spinning wheel.
37. The Hambrechts’ forwarding address was stamped on the envelope: 181 Clinton Heights, Milwaukee, WI, 53201.
38. The varied scenery included rocky cliffs lush forests and gently rolling fields.
Lesson 84
Dashes to Signal Change and to Emphasize

Use a dash to indicate an abrupt break or change in thought within a sentence.

I was happy—no, I was ecstatic—about being selected to work on an actual television show.

Use a dash to set off and emphasize supplemental information or parenthetical comments.

The thin dog—as thin as a sliver he was—nosed around in the garbage for a scrap of food.

I’m saving for a really warm coat—you know, one that’s filled with goose down and comes down below the knees.

Exercise 1 Insert a dash or dashes where necessary.

I just heard a strange noise—shush, there it is again.

1. The poster offered a huge reward I think it was $500 for finding the lost show horse.

2. My father has typical middle-class values he believes in hard work, family life, education, and property ownership although he was born very poor.

3. It was either 1990 or 1991 I can’t remember exactly when I first set eyes on the Pacific Ocean.

4. Grab a handful of those marbles say, about fifteen or twenty of them.

5. To top it off you won’t believe this he said he had actually spoken to Michael Jordan!

6. We have more than a thousand envelopes to address not all in one day, of course.

7. The girl I met at summer camp I think her name is Darla is in my homeroom at school.

8. Elena shares whatever she has she’s just that kind of person.

9. When it comes to strength and endurance, too Sachel is an incredible athlete.

10. Nora’s last name something like Schultz or Schmidt is frequently misspelled by others.

11. The main character in the story knew he must have always known that he was descended from an African prince.

12. I think Cody’s behavior if you’ll allow me to be frank was extremely selfish.

13. The hikers’ next task and this was critical was to find some sort of shelter from the cold, driving rain.

14. There was nothing in the barren Arctic landscape just pure emptiness.
15. I am telling the truth—cross my heart.
16. Time after time even in near darkness Maggie’s arrow struck the bull’s-eye of the target.
17. It takes a keen eye actually it takes two to be a good archer.
18. Hear what I have to say just a few words if you please.
19. At her new school in Germany, Dale is taking Latin, German, English, math, physics, and biology; and if you can believe it! she plays soccer and takes oboe lessons!
20. They all agreed every one of them.
21. Lucy squandered much of her time too much of it, probably trying to guess what the future would bring.
22. I got a letter it was ten pages long! from my sister in Taiwan!
23. There’s just one more thing something I’ve never told anyone before.
24. Beyond that log on the trail, it looks like no, it can’t be a timber rattler!
25. The new student about the same age as Leo but a foot taller had a good chance of making the basketball team.
26. The raft was made of six-inch timbers lashed together with stout rope a very solid craft.
27. Bonita had nothing to say nothing at all.
28. He was a good friend more like a brother than a friend and I will miss him very much.
29. The trainer held the white rabbit in his hand, and then with the turn of his head it was gone!
30. Walk this way mind your head on that low door to the castle dungeon.
31. Nicki everyone else calls her Nicole is the first person I’ve ever met who speaks two languages fluently.
32. I intend to graduate from high school or should I say I hope to do so? with a B average.
33. If I know William and I think I do he’ll be the first one to volunteer for the clean-up project.
34. Jackie broke the school record in the long jump and she did it not once, but twice.
35. A beautiful cat its fur thick and shiny was lying on my pink bedspread!
Lesson 85
Parentheses

Use parentheses to set off supplemental material that is not intended to be a part of the main statement.

An amoeba (the plural is amoebae) is a single-celled organism without a fixed shape.

If a complete sentence in parentheses is contained within another sentence, it is not capitalized and needs no period. If a complete sentence stands by itself within parentheses, both a capital letter and a period are needed.

Only one president, Andrew Johnson, has ever been impeached (for more information on impeachment, see page 184). The Constitution allows Congress to impeach, or bring to trial, federal officials accused of “treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.” (The impeachment process is borrowed from the English system of government.)

Place a comma, semicolon, or colon after the closing parenthesis if it is needed in the sentence.

Roughly a third of registered voters (35 percent), and even less in our state, turned out to vote in the last congressional election.

Place a question mark or an exclamation point inside the parentheses if it is part of the parenthetical expression.

Barely decipherable on the old gravestone was the name Moses (or was it Moser?).

Exercise 1  Add parentheses or a single parenthesis where necessary. Underline three times (≡) each letter that should be capitalized. Draw a slash (/) through each letter that should be lowercased.

After the Civil War, longhorn cattle (a tough breed named for their long horns) were abundant on the Texas plains.

1. These longhorns they were descended from cattle brought to America by Columbus and the Spaniards ran loose on the range.

2. Beef was in great demand in the East (And demanded high prices).

3. A man named Jesse Chisholm who was half Cherokee and half Scot drove a herd of cattle from Texas north to Abilene, Kansas.

4. Chisholm made a map of his route. This was important because the route had to have grass and water so the cattle would fatten on the journey.
5. In Abilene a businessman named Joe McCoy then shipped the longhorns east to Chicago on the Kansas Pacific Railroad. (in 1867 this was one of the southernmost of the major western railroads.)

6. Chisholm could buy a longhorn for about $5 in Texas, and McCoy paid $40 A great deal of money in those days per head for cattle.

7. Both the cattle owner and the cattle buyer could make a substantial profit, and McCoy who may be the source for the expression “the real McCoy” became both rich and famous.

8. Most of the cattle were shipped to Chicago, which became the meatpacking center of the country. (the invention of the refrigerated railroad car made this possible.)

9. For twenty years cowboys they were paid $90 or less for the two- or three-month journey drove cattle north on the Chisholm Trail.

10. The cowboys had to contend with many dangers and hardships: blistering heat, blizzards, cattle rustlers, and stampedes the most common danger.

11. Ever watchful over their wandering “dogies” Cowboy slang for stray or motherless calves, cowboys worked long, hard days.

12. About a dozen cowboys looked after a large herd Two or three thousand cattle in one herd was quite common.

13. Cowboys were white, Mexican, and African American Nat Love, known as the great cowboy Deadwood Dick, was an African American from Tennessee); some were part Native American, and some were women.

14. Elizabeth E. Johnson she was a former schoolteacher! bought a herd in Texas and drove it up the Chisholm Trail in 1879.

15. Did you know that many cowboy terms (rodeo, ranch, and lariat are three examples) come from Spanish words?

16. Many articles of cowboy clothing their leather chaps, open vests, and broad-brimmed hats also reflect a Spanish influence.

17. Think about the cowboy’s lonely life. Can you imagine seeing nothing else for three months but cattle, open prairie, and a few fellow cowhands?

18. Think about the physical hardship and the boredom no wonder cowboys sang songs and told tall tales to liven things up.
Lesson 86
Quotation Marks for Direct Quotations

Use quotation marks to enclose a direct quotation. Set off introductory or explanatory remarks from the quotation with a comma. Do not use a comma after a quotation that ends with an exclamation point or a question mark.

The Fourteenth Amendment states in part, “No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.”
“Just what is freedom?” the teacher asked the class.

When a quotation is interrupted by explanatory words such as he said, use two sets of quotation marks.
“This train,” said the ticket taker, “stops at 125th Street and 42nd Street.”

Do not use quotation marks in an indirect quotation.
“Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes,” said Henry David Thoreau.
Thoreau said we should be wary of enterprises that require new clothes.

Use single quotation marks around a quotation within a quotation.
Mary said, “I heard the conductor say, ‘Next stop, Greenwich.’”

Exercise 1 Write C in the blank next to each sentence that is punctuated correctly.

C After the Civil War, most legislators opposed female suffrage; as one legislator put it, “Woman can’t engage in politics without losing her virtue.”

1. Even the well-known abolitionist newspaperman Horace Greeley commented, “The best women I know do not want to vote.

2. Some women did declare that they were against female suffrage.

3. A leader of the United Daughters of the Confederacy said that “woman’s suffrage comes from women who do not believe in states’ rights and who want to see black women using the ballot.”

4. In 1869 no law anywhere said that women had the right to vote.

5. A Wyoming woman named Esther Morris met with William H. Bright, a candidate for the state senate, and asked him to promise to support female suffrage if he was elected.

6. Bright said “I will,” and after his election he introduced a bill to give Wyoming women the vote.

7. The bill passed, although one newspaper reporter wrote of woman’s suffrage, “It’s a kind of wild train on a single track, and we’ve got to keep our eyes peeled or we’ll get into the ditch.”
When it appeared that woman's suffrage might keep Wyoming from becoming a state, Wyoming men said “they would rather stay out of the Union than join without the women.”

Susan B. Anthony continued to campaign for the right to vote; “Men their rights and nothing more; women their rights and nothing less!”, she demanded.

Anthony, like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone, and Sojourner Truth, had worked tirelessly to abolish slavery; these women argued that women’s rights and abolition were two sides of the same coin.

At a women’s rights convention in Akron, Ohio, Sojourner Truth declared, I have ploughed, and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me. And ain’t I a woman?

“The right of the citizens of the United States to vote,” the Fifth Amendment states, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.”

Before it was passed, Anthony and Stanton urged Congress to change the wording of the amendment to read race, color, sex, or previous condition of servitude.”

Sympathetic congressmen “explained that this wording would make the amendment even more difficult to pass,” but the amendment did become law in 1870.

The law stated that all citizens could vote; so Susan B. Anthony asked “Is a woman a citizen?”

After all, women were taxed as citizens, and “the founders had declared, no taxation without representation.”

Anthony and fifteen other women said that they would test the issue by voting in the 1872 election.

Anthony was arrested; the warrant said she had violated an act of Congress.

Bypassing the jury in what was an unfair trial, the judge declared “Anthony guilty, although she was never required to pay her fine or go to jail.”

In 1776 John Adams said that talk about political representation would continue for years to come, and he predicted, “New claims will arise; women will demand a vote.”

Referring to the Constitution, Anthony asserted, “‘We, the people’ does not mean ‘We, the male citizens.’”

Susan B. Anthony had made a claim for women, but it would be another fifty years before the nation said “yes to woman’s suffrage.”
Lesson 87
Quotation Marks with Titles of Short Works, Unusual Expressions, and with Other Marks of Punctuation

Use quotation marks to enclose titles of short works, such as stories, poems, essays, newspaper and magazine articles, book chapters, and songs.

“Concord Hymn” (poem)  “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” (short story)

Use quotation marks to enclose unfamiliar slang terms and unusual expressions.

An old nickname for the Missouri River is “Big Muddy.”

Place a comma or a period inside closing quotation marks. Place a colon or semicolon outside closing quotation marks.

Our group is studying Walt Whitman’s poem “Song of Myself”; in fact, we’d like to perform it as a readers’ theater for the class.

Place a question mark or an exclamation point inside the closing quotation marks when it is part of the quotation. Place a question mark or an exclamation point outside the closing quotation marks when it is not a part of the quotation.

Are you sure she said, “The note will be on the back door”? Lindsay asked me, “Is your mom feeling better?”

Exercise 1  Add or delete quotation marks and punctuation where necessary. Some sentences may be correct.

In the 1870s the Central Plains began to produce so much wheat that the region was called the nation’s “bread basket.”

1. Did you know that “Ring-Around-the-Rosie,” the familiar children’s rhyme, originated during the Middle Ages?

2. For tomorrow, please read chapter 11, The Renaissance in Northern Europe.

3. Susan B. Anthony sometimes spoke of the hateful oligarchy of sex”; she was saying half of the people (men) ruled the other half (women).

4. Have you ever heard this familiar saying: “All the world’s a stage”

5. Everyone stood as they played The Star Spangled Banner.

6. Yesterday Natalie read The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County, a very funny short story by Mark Twain.

7. It was first published in a California newspaper under the title Jim Smiley and His Jumping Frog.
8. The song “Home on the Range” began as a poem written by a Pennsylvania doctor who became a homesteader in Kansas; the title of his poem was “The Western Home.”

9. The farmer explained that in a flock of sheep the male parent of a lamb is called the sire and the female parent is the dam.

10. Before I read the essay “How to Look at Modern Art,” I was puzzled by abstract paintings and sculptures.

11. Do you know the first line of Robert Frost’s poem “The Road Not Taken”? 

12. The Basenji is sometimes called the “barkless dog”; although it growls and whines like other dogs, its bark has a hoarse, hollow sound.

13. Did you see the article “Who’s Middle Class?” in today’s paper?

14. During the English Civil War in the mid-1600s, Puritan supporters of parliamentary government were nicknamed Roundheads because of their close-cropped hair.

15. Erma Bombeck writes a humor column called “At Wit’s End.”

16. Do you know how to say “How much does this cost” in French?

17. The first line in the article about attending college asked the question, “Why is college important?”

18. Have you read Joyce Kilmer’s poem “Trees”?

19. The Audience, by C. Walter Hoges, is a story that recreates Columbus’s appearance before the king and queen of Spain.

20. My British cousin uses the word bumberoot when she is referring to an umbrella.

21. My little brother loves to recite “Humpty Dumpty, Jack and Jill,” and “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”

22. My first article as an environmental reporter was entitled “Recycled Products Save Landfill Space.”

► Writing Link  Write a paragraph for an adult explaining the meaning of at least three slang words that you use. Use quotation marks correctly.
Lesson 88
Italics (Underlining)

Italic type slants upward and to the right. (This is printed in italics.) In typing or in handwriting, indicate italics by underlining. (This is underlined.)

Italicize (underline) titles of books, lengthy poems, plays, films and television series, paintings and sculptures, and long musical compositions. Also italicize (underline) the names of newspapers and magazines, ships, trains, airplanes, and spacecraft. Italicize (underline) and capitalize articles (a, an, the) at the beginning of a title only when they are part of the title itself. Do not italicize (underline) the article preceding the title of a newspaper or magazine.

The Secret Garden (book) the Chicago Tribune (newspaper)
Sports Illustrated (magazine) King Lear (play)
Star Trek (television series) Dances with Wolves (film)
The Odyssey (long poem) Nighthawks (painting)
Spirit of St. Louis (airplane) Queen Elizabeth (ship)

Italicize (underline) foreign words and expressions that are not used frequently in English. Do not italicize (underline) words or phrases commonly used in English.

The poem captures the decade’s zeitgeist, or spirit of the times.
With a heavy heart, we say aloha to the beautiful island of Hawaii.

Italicize (underline) words, letters, and numerals used to represent themselves.

It’s annoying that this typewriter doesn’t have a 4 or an h.
I like how the poet uses the word prepare instead of fix.

Exercise 1 Underline each word or phrase that should be italicized. If the sentence is correct, write C in the blank.

_____ The president waved to reporters as he boarded Air Force One on the runway.

_____ 1. For many readers, Middlemarch, by George Eliot, is the greatest novel ever written in English.

_____ 2. George Eliot is a nom de plume, or pen name, for a woman named Mary Anne Evans who lived from 1819 to 1880.

_____ 3. Mary Anne Evans grew up in rural England, the daughter of a farm manager.

_____ 4. Her first literary work was the translation of a German work on religion, Das Leben Jesu.

_____ 5. Mary Anne moved to London and became assistant editor of the Westminster Review, a magazine devoted to literature and the arts.

_____ 6. Another translation, Ethics, by the seventeenth-century Dutch philosopher Baruch Spinoza, and book reviews took up much of her time after her move to London.
7. After falling in love with George Henry Lewes, a writer and historian, Mary Anne Evans turned to writing fiction.

8. Her first book, published in Blackwood’s magazine in 1857, was Scenes of Clerical Life.


10. Adam Bede is also a novel that portrays rural and small town life in provincial England.

11. The Mill on the Floss, along with its heroine Maggie Tulliver, contains much that is autobiographical.

12. Many critics consider this novel to be a bildungsroman, a German term for a novel about a young person’s development and education.

13. Some readers feel that the flood of the river Floss that forms the climax of the book is unrealistic and improbable.

14. Such a plot device, called a deus ex machina, Latin for “god from a machine,” comes from a tradition in ancient Greek drama in which a god suddenly appears and solves all the characters’ problems.

15. Still, the book’s portrayal of what the author called “old-fashioned family life on the banks of the Floss” has given it lasting popularity.

16. After this book George Eliot wrote Silas Marner, the tale of a lonely weaver who adopts a baby girl.

17. In this novel she was much influenced by the poet William Wordsworth, whose short poems “Simon Lee” and “Goody Blake and Harry Gill” describe rural life.

18. George Eliot also completed a long narrative poem called The Spanish Gypsy.

19. George Eliot’s early novels offer a smorgasbord of delights to those who want to learn more about the human heart and mind.

20. Her greatest work, however, which is often compared with Tolstoy’s War and Peace, was yet to come.

21. This masterpiece, Middlemarch: A Study of Provincial Life, contains many complex characters.

22. Her last novel, Daniel Deronda, offered a warm portrait of its heroine, Gwendolen Harleth.
Lesson 89
The Apostrophe

Use an apostrophe and -s for the possessive of a singular indefinite pronoun.

one’s coat  but  his sleeping bag

Use an apostrophe and -s to form the possessive of a singular noun, even one that ends in -s.

The dress’s fabric  Charles Addams’s cartoons  the dog’s collar

Use an apostrophe alone to form the possessive of a plural noun that ends in -s.

the girls’ meeting  the hats’ sizes  the bats’ habits

Use an apostrophe and -s to form the possessive of a plural noun that does not end in -s.

the women’s department  the sheep’s pasture  the children’s hour

Put only the last word of a compound noun in the possessive form.

her father-in-law’s car  the attorney general’s office

If two or more persons possess something jointly, use the possessive form for the last person named. If two or more persons (or companies) possess an item individually, put each one’s name in the possessive form.

Uncle Dan and Aunt Susan’s house  Procter and Gamble’s soaps
Bach’s and Handel’s music  Tom Cruise’s and Julia Roberts’s films

Use an apostrophe in place of letters omitted in contractions (words formed from two words that have been combined by omitting one or more letters).

I + am = I’m  could + not = couldn’t  Linda + is = Linda’s

Use an apostrophe in place of the omitted numerals of a particular year.

the Super Bowl of ’94  the rebellion of ’98  the winter of ’77

Use an apostrophe and -s to form the plural of letters, numerals, symbols, and words used to represent themselves.

9’s  7’s  @’s  &’s

Exercise 1 Add apostrophes where needed. Cross out apostrophes used incorrectly using the delete (✓) symbol. If the sentence is correct, write C in the blank.

_____ Aunt Elizabeth’s dog had to have it’s broken leg set by a veterinarian.

_____ 1. Perhaps’s youve marveled at the incredible gymnastic ability of various primate’s.

_____ 2. Their abilities’ are on display in zoos, animal parks, and, for a few lucky people, in the animals natural habitats.
3. Primates include lemurs, monkeys, and apes.
4. Consider, for example, the graceful gibbons, which live in southeast Asia.
5. With it’s long, muscular arms and legs, a gibbon has no trouble spending two hours a day swinging through the tree’s.
6. Using a method of movement known to zoologist’s as brachiation, the gibbon swings first with one arm and then the other.
7. A gibbon’s ability to stand upright is second only to that of humans.
8. These beautiful creature’s have a distinctive ring of white fur around their faces.
9. Some lemur’s, a group of about 23 species that live on the African island of Madagascar, hop quickly along the ground with their’ arms’ waving.
10. Their peculiar movement makes them look like little ballet dancer’s.
11. Most lemurs are very skilled at leaping great distances from tree to tree.
12. The sportive lemur jumps from tree trunk to tree trunk with it’s body vertical.
13. Perhaps the most gymnastic primates, however, are the South American monkeys, whose athletic feats are legendary.
14. Large monkeys such as the spider monkeys and woolly monkeys possess one great advantage over other primate specie’s.
15. These monkeys tails are prehensile, which means they are able to grasp limbs and branches.

**Exercise 2** Write in the blank the form of the word or phrase indicated.

Sharon (possessive) **Sharon’s**
1. anyone (possessive) _______________
2. you are (contraction) _______________
3. son-in-law (possessive) _______________
4. 8 (plural) _______________
5. oxen (possessive) _______________
6. she is (contraction) _______________
7. does not (contraction) _______________
8. Twentieth Century-Fox (possessive) _______________
9. will not (contraction) _______________
10. snakes (possessive) _______________
11. secretary of defense (possessive) _______________
12. Barnum and Bailey (possessive) _______________
13. I am (contraction) _______________
14. it (possessive) _______________
15. gorillas (possessive) _______________
Lesson 90
The Hyphen

Use a hyphen after any prefix joined to a proper noun or proper adjective. Use a hyphen after the prefixes all-, ex-, and self- joined to any noun or adjective. Use a hyphen after the prefix anti- when it joins a word beginning with i. Also use a hyphen after the prefix vice-, except in vice president.

anti-British all-state ex-senator self-employed anti-inflationary vice-principal

Use a hyphen in a compound adjective that precedes a noun, but not when it follows a noun.

a fifteen-year-old dog the dog was fifteen years old
a well-written article the article was well written

Use a hyphen to avoid confusion between words beginning with re- that look alike but are different in meaning and pronunciation.

re-lay the carpet relay the message

Do not hyphenate an expression made up of an adverb ending in -ly and an adjective.

a surprisingly good movie an oddly beautiful song

Hyphenate any spelled-out cardinal or ordinal numbers up to ninety-nine or ninety-ninth. Hyphenate a fraction used as an adjective (but not one used as a noun).

sixty-seven thirty-second two-thirds vote two thirds of the voters

Divide a word at the end of a line between syllables or pronounceable parts. In general, if a word contains two consonants occurring between two vowels or if it contains a double consonant, divide the word between the two consonants. If a suffix has been added to a complete word that ends in two consonants, divide the word after the two consonants.

sig-nificant rep-re-sent statis-tic stall-ing grand-est

Exercise 1 Add hyphens where needed. If the sentence is correct, write C in the blank.

_____ 1. To ensure a reply, Juan sent a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
C  2. Virginia is remarkably well traveled for a fourteen year old girl.
C  3. The theme of the professor’s talk was that the country is currently experiencing an antiintellectual period.
C  4. PreColumbian refers to the time period before Columbus arrived in the Americas.
C  5. Rogan’s mother came in fifty first out of ninety nine runners in her age class in the marathon last week.
6. Mr. Gillespie has a well trained golden retriever that can jump up and put letters in the mailbox.

7. The election was a tie, so we had to recount the votes.

8. If the bill passes, a two thirds majority will be needed to raise taxes in this state.

9. Queen Victoria, perhaps Britain’s greatest monarch, ruled for sixty four years, from 1837–1901.

10. The Chos’ new car is mostly red with a tan interior and, white racing stripe on the side.

11. One half of a liter is about the same amount as one half quart.

12. The judge’s far reaching decision was likely to affect thousands of people in many parts of the country.

13. In government class, we studied the beginnings of the antipoverty programs of President Lyndon Johnson in the 1960s.

14. Sarah’s eighty five year old great-grandmother was happily married to her husband for sixty one years.

15. Be sure to include a well written letter with your job application.

16. Because the waiter dropped the tray with our dinners, he was forced to re serve the entire meal!

17. Jessica’s dad and step-mom are thirty two and thirty four.

18. Nicole was surprised at how tiny a two week old baby is.

19. The news show offered a wide ranging review of the week’s important stories.

20. Because he suffers from hay fever and other allergies, my uncle has to take antihistamines often.

Exercise 2  Indicate where each word would be divided at the end of a line.

richest  washable  rustic  rapper

1. strolling
2. darkness
3. flimsy
4. teacher
5. rampage
6. vulture
7. scolding
8. hurting
9. contest
10. member
Lesson 91
Abbreviations

Use only one period if an abbreviation occurs at the end of a sentence. If an abbreviation occurs at the end of a sentence that ends with a question mark or an exclamation point, use the period and the second mark of punctuation.

The scheduled speaker was Marissa Long, Ph. D.
Did Jorge say to meet him at 7:00 p.m. or at 7:00 a.m.?

Capitalized abbreviations of proper nouns and abbreviations related to historical dates. Words that refer to streets, such as Boulevard, Lane, Court, and Road, can be abbreviated on envelopes, but they should be spelled out elsewhere.

John F. Kennedy 105 B.C. A.D. 319 112 Main St.

Use all capital letters and no periods for abbreviations that are pronounced letter by letter or as words. Exceptions are U.S. and Washington, D.C., which do use periods.

NAACP NATO PIN NCAA ACT YMCA UN NBA

When addressing mail, use the United States Post Office abbreviations (two capital letters, no periods).

AZ (Arizona) IL (Illinois) NV (Nevada) TN (Tennessee) VT (Vermont)

Use abbreviations for some personal titles.


Abbreviate units of measure used with numerals in technical or scientific writing, but not in ordinary prose. These abbreviations stand for plural as well as singular units.

lb. pound kg kilogram m meter gal. gallon tsp. teaspoon
kg kilogram ft. foot mm millimeter qt. quart l liter
oz ounce in. inch

Exercise 1 Underline the word or symbol in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

The blacksnake Dad found on our camping trip was almost two (ft., feet) long.

1. Why do you think Sharon called the meeting for 6:30 (a.m., A.M.)?
2. Raoul’s new apartment, 642 Burton (Court, Ct.), is in our old neighborhood.
3. To make hot chocolate, just add six (ounces, oz.) of boiling water to the contents of the package.
4. Hallie’s aunt and uncle live in northern (Minnesota, MN) near the Canadian border.
5. Pravat opened the door and entered the offices of (General, Gen.) Williams.
6. LeShaun’s bought four (gals., gallons) of gasoline for his moped.
7. Our class watched video about (N.A.T.O., NATO) peacekeeping forces around the world.
8. The president who officially ended reconstruction in the South after the Civil War was Rutherford (B, B.) Hayes.
9. Claudius was emperor of Rome from (41–54 a.d., A.D. 41–54.)
10. From my grandparents’ farm, it is about eighty-five (kilometers, km) to downtown Cleveland.
11. Write this address on the envelope: Contest, P.O. Box 678, Anaheim, (CA, CA.) 92815.
12. May I borrow two (tsp., teaspoons) of ground ginger?
13. When Josh and I visited his mom in Phoenix, she took us to an (N.B.A., NBA) game.
14. Our 4-H Club was addressed by (Senator, Sen.) Sandra Walters. (Senator is also correct)
15. The ribbon for the bookmark should be seven (inches, in) long.
16. Randy couldn’t remember his (P.I.N., PIN), when we got to the bank.
17. A football field is forty-nine (meters, m) wide.
18. The Fourth of July fireworks display was scheduled to start at 10:00 (p.m., P.M.)
19. The computer store Amad was looking for was supposed to be at 5467 Sheridan (Ave., Avenue.)
20. Maya is moving to Evanston, (IL, Illinois), in September.

Exercise 2 If the abbreviation is given, write the word or words the abbreviation stands for. If words are given, write the abbreviation.

- NHL National Hockey League
- pound lb.
- tsp.
- NV Nevada
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People NAACP
- millimeter mm
- before Christ B.C.
- Gov. Governor
- ft. foot or feet
- AZ Arizona
- Professor
Lesson 92

Numbers and Numerals

In general, spell out cardinal and ordinal numbers that can be written in one or two words. Spell out any number that occurs at the beginning of a sentence.

The National Football League has thirty teams.

Four hundred eighty-three people attended the concert last night.

In general, use numerals (numbers expressed in figures) to express numbers that would be written in more than two words. Extremely high numbers are often expressed as a numeral followed by the words million or billion.

The famous opera singer received more than 150,000 letters during her career.
The cost of the new bridges over the Missouri River is estimated at $18 million.

If one number in a sentence is in numerals, related numbers in the same sentence should also be in numerals.

Of the 9,463 spectators at the match, only 95 paid full price.

Use numerals to express decimals, percentages, and amounts of money involving both dollars and cents. Write out amounts of money that can be written in one or two words.

2.2 pounds $23.89 fifty-nine cents
13 percent twenty-five thousand dollars

Use numerals to express the year and day in a date and to express the precise time with the abbreviations A.M. and P.M. Spell out expressions of time that are approximate or that do not use the abbreviations A.M. or P.M.

The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776.

Around ten o’clock I’m going to the beach.

To express a century or when the word century is used, spell out the number. When a century or a decade is expressed as a single unit, use numerals followed by -s.

Rock and roll, which began in the fifties, is a twentieth-century development.
The 1790s were known as a decade of revolution in Europe.

Use numerals for streets and avenues numbered above ten and for all house, apartment, and room numbers. Spell out numbered streets and avenues with numbers of ten or under.

Apartment 4B 789 East 119th Street 16 North Third Avenue

Use roman numerals to express line, act, and scene numbers in plays.

Macbeth sees a bloody dagger in Act II, Scene i.
Exercise 1 Place a check (✔) beside each sentence that uses numbers and numerals correctly.

Tonya was very happy with her 2nd-place finish in the hurdles.

1. The CD player that Gustavo wants to buy has a list price of $119.95.
2. Kimane’s great-grandfather was born on June first, 1899.
3. The nineteen-thirties are known as the period of the Great Depression.
4. My brother and his wife live at 433 East 72nd Street in New York City.
5. The newly planted maple tree near the gate of the park is only 6 feet tall.
6. The astronauts were greeted by 1,000s of people during the celebration of their return from space.
7. Today at play practice we’ll be rehearsing Act I, Scene iii.
8. The woman was upset because she received a bill from the electric company for 6 cents.
9. 9,890 excited fans attended the basketball game last Saturday night.
10. Felipe’s baby sister weighed six pounds, eleven ounces when she was born.
11. 1 of you will have to hit a basket if we are going to win this game.
12. The company built a new corporate headquarters next to the freeway for thirty-two million dollars.
13. Two hundred sixty-five representatives voted in favor of the bill.
14. My grandparents’ farmhouse was built sometime in the middle of the 19th century.
15. The address of the new firehouse is 1989 West 5th Avenue.
16. I was the twenty-eighth person to try out for the school musical.
17. The school Recycling Club collected two hundred twenty-five pounds of aluminum cans.
18. Please read steps 7 and 8 to me on how to connect the VCR again.
19. We gasped when the runner’s time of ten point two five seconds was announced.
20. More than sixty percent of the voters approved of the referendum in the last election.
21. The U.S. Senate has 2 members from each state.
22. The detective asked each suspect where he or she was at exactly nine P.M. on December 20, 1995.
23. You can purchase a license for your dog in Room Twenty-Two on the second floor.
24. Do you prefer the music of the 1960s or the 1990s?
25. Five thousand two hundred eighty feet make up a mile.
Unit 12 Review

Exercise 1  Add all necessary punctuation marks. Cross out incorrect punctuation, abbreviations, and numbers using the delete (    ) symbol. Write the correct form above the line.

One of Tom Clancy’s most popular novels is The Hunt for Red October.

1. For our outing on Thursday, bring the following binoculars a notebook a pen or pencil and a sack lunch.

2. “Nature,” my father’s favorite television show, begins at seven o’clock on Sunday and he is very disappointed if he misses it.

3. Barging through the crowd the king’s herald shouted, Make way for the king!

4. Farm workers in that country make up about seventy-five percent of the population, or one hundred ten million people.

5. Act Two scene Two of the play is set in the main hall of a musty old French castle.

6. Fanning the embers Carrie tried to start a fire while Ericka who had planned the cookout took the hot dogs out of the cooler.

7. Juan’s sister-in-law’s car had a flat tire near Fifty-Eighth Street.

8. Oh I never told you I was from Canada; in fact I lived above the Arctic Circle for a short time.

9. Jara said, Robert Frost’s poem Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening has a very quiet feeling.

10. Ms. Cathy Kepple will give her talk on the Perseid meteor showers at the planetarium not the observatory.

11. Two-thirds of the people present at the meeting approved of Mrs Hernandez’s motion that the club spend $3,950.

12. Carter you will be going to the awards banquet won’t you.

13. The soldier died in June, 1945, but the letter was dated January 4, 1946.

14. After the beautifully-prepared dinner we sang Happy Birthday to my mom.

15. The Ohio River flows from Pittsburgh Pennsylvania about 981 miles 1,578 km to the Mississippi River at Cairo Illinois.
Exercise 1  Underline the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

Akira has my Smashing Pumpkins CD; I loaned it (to, two) her yesterday.

1. I happily (accepted, excepted) the valentine card.
2. Lonnie has (all ready, already) gathered enough firewood for the night.
3. If we agree (all together, altogether) on this, then let’s get the ball rolling.
4. Trent’s bike is (beside, besides) the garage.
5. With a good deal of patience, Robin and Charley resolved the problem (between, among) them.
6. You can (choose, chose) between the sweater and the jacket.
7. Put this garbage bag (in, into) the dumpster.
8. (Its, It’s) hard to imagine Lilly in a dress.
9. Karen decided to (lay, lie) down for a while before the rehearsal began.
10. I would like to (learn, teach) German so that Helmut and I can correspond in his native language.
11. (Leave, Let) the books on the shelf.
12. Don’t (loose, lose) that ring.
13. (Raise, Rise) the TV antenna a little higher.
14. I want to (set, sit) by Trina at the assembly.
15. Is a chickadee smaller (than, then) a robin?
16. We heard that (their, they’re) moving away.
17. Hercules was always (to, too) strong for the bad guys.
18. (Who’s, Whose) jacket is this?
19. Where is (its, it’s) boxtop?
20. Mr. White Feather told us the test will cover everything (accept, except) chapter six.

Exercise 2  Draw a line under each prepositional phrase and write in the blank whether it is used as an adjective or adverb. Insert a comma if the sentence requires it.

From inside the doorway, I heard the phone ringing.

1. All of my friends enjoyed the trip yesterday.
2. The house on the corner has been sold.
3. In front of the school, the choir is singing.
4. The song of whales sounds strangely beautiful.
5. Debra said she had enough of smog.
6. Because of the storm, we stayed inside.
7. The colors of the sunset were deep purple streaked with gold.
8. The kite flew over the electric wires.
9. The lightning crashed into the tree.
10. The dog from next door followed me home.
11. Across the lake I heard Camilla singing happily.
12. Melisa left the house before lunch.
13. The fence beyond the bushes needs painting.
14. Do you see the beautiful oriole among the leaves?
15. On top of the mountains we saw the glittering snow.
16. The big book beneath the boxes looks very old.
17. I heard the baby birds cheeping inside their nest.
18. Jason and the Argonauts searched for the Golden Fleece.
19. You will find the swimming pool past the parking lot.
20. The breeze off the bay is invigorating.

**Exercise 3** Write **C** in the blank if the sentence is compound and **CC** if it is compound-complex.

CC

I saw a blackbird chase a robin, but I’m sure the robin got away, although I didn’t see it.

1. Will it snow tomorrow, or did you hear that it might rain?
2. My cat loves my dog, although that may seem strange to you; but my dog isn’t very friendly to the cat.
3. Lord Byron is my favorite poet because he wrote beautiful, romantic verse; he also lived an exciting life before he died at the age of thirty-seven.
4. I’ve never seen a tornado, nor have I ever experienced a hurricane.
5. A Model T Ford was a great car; I, however, would have bought a Buick had I lived back then.
6. I’ve always wanted to learn ice-skating, but I doubt I have the talent to be very good at the sport.
7. The sunrise is beautiful, but last night’s sunset was fantastic.
8. General Grant is remembered as a great military commander, but he should also be remembered as the president who first appointed a Native American (General Ely Samuel Parker) as head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

9. Rain makes you wet, sunshine makes you glad, and rainbows delight and thrill you.

10. Camilla loves classical music, but I am not so fond of it.

11. We heard the story when we were young, but I never believed it.

12. I painted the picture, and I sold it to Mrs. Smith because she wanted it so badly.

13. The tide went out, and the sailboats were all grounded because there wasn’t enough water under their keels.

14. The old trolleys are fun to watch, but I prefer to ride buses.

Exercise 4 Add punctuation marks where needed. Underline words or phrases that should be in italics.

What is the name of that game you’re playing?

1. The book’s title is The Clay Marble.

2. In January 1966 Montgomery, Alabama, had a record low temperature.

3. The tree house is full of birds this year; I’m surprised you haven’t noticed.

4. My little brother’s favorite television show is Sesame Street.

5. What in the world happened to Mr. Harris’s new car?

6. “Don’t tell me you don’t like Much Ado About Nothing, Lisa said.

7. Mr. Chen said, ‘Raise your hand when you know the answer.’

8. The Wind in the Willows is an interesting book even for older readers.


10. Unlike Helen Jackson likes to swim laps.

11. Jeremy took his brother on the merry-go-round, and Heather tried to break balloons with darts.

12. Her favorite movie as a child was Sleeping Beauty.

13. There will be a total eclipse of the sun on August 11, 1999.

14. The Children’s Hour is a short poem my mom reads often.

15. They drove all the way from Paris, France, to Naples, Italy.

16. Oh, he was so disappointed about his mistakes, she said.

17. Did he really say, ‘What a nice book?’

18. Bertie loves to swim; his sister prefers bike riding.
BUILDING VOCABULARY: LEARNING FROM CONTEXT

Sometimes you can figure out the meaning of a word from its context—the words that surround the word. There are many context clues you can use to help you figure out the meaning of a word. The following chart describes five types of context clues:

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<td>Definition: The meaning of the unfamiliar word is stated in the sentence.</td>
<td>which means, also known as, in other words, or</td>
<td>The anthropologist was interested in <em>ethnology</em>, or a science that deals with the division of humans into races.</td>
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<td>Example: The meaning of the unfamiliar word is explained through examples or other illustrations.</td>
<td>for instance, such as, for example, like</td>
<td>He was a <em>farrier</em>; for example, he replaced shoes on horses.</td>
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<td>Comparison: The unfamiliar word is compared to a similar familiar word or phrase.</td>
<td>likewise, also, similarly, as</td>
<td>There was a public <em>mania</em> for hula hoops; likewise, there was excessive enthusiasm for yo-yos.</td>
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<td>Contrast: The unfamiliar word is the opposite of a familiar word or phrase.</td>
<td>however, but, on the contrary, unlike</td>
<td>We were <em>tenacious</em> about the agenda; however, we were <em>flexible</em> about the meeting place.</td>
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<td>Cause and Effect: The unfamiliar word describes a cause whose effects are familiar, or an effect whose causes are familiar.</td>
<td>therefore, thus, since, because, when, as a result</td>
<td>Their white carpet was <em>immaculate</em>; therefore, we took off our shoes before we stepped on it.</td>
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**Exercise 1** Determine the meaning of the italicized word in each sentence by examining the context. Write the meaning in the blank.

Relations between South Africa’s peoples were based on *apartheid*, or racial segregation.

1. If his full name was to be on his *epitaph*, the tombstone would have to be extra wide.
2. Our neighbor has **epicurean** tastes; for instance, he eats at the best and most expensive restaurant in town at least once a week.

3. The woman is very **capricious**; as a result, we never know what to expect when we see her.

4. Many poets write about the **transience**, or temporary nature, of life.

5. Of the two, the private was the **subordinate**; in other words, he was lower in rank than the sergeant.

6. The couple loved to do the **rumba**; they also liked other Latin dances.

7. The business owners held a **clandestine** meeting because they didn’t want their employees to find out about it.

8. Because the woman was known as a **philanthropist**, the charity group approached her for a donation.

9. Mr. Takashi was a **gregarious** person; however, his wife was painfully shy.

10. The riders on the bus had an instant **rapport**—they got along like long-lost friends.

11. He always **monopolized** the conversation, just as he always took complete control of the channel changer.

12. Her behavior at the board meeting was **obsequious**; for example, she actually offered to wash the company president’s car!

13. I’ve tried a lot of exotic fruits, but I’ve never tasted a **kumquat**.

14. His story was not **credible** at all; no one in our group believed him.

15. No matter where we walked, we could hardly see because the smoke from the fire was **ubiquitous**.

16. Her voice was **mellifluous**, or rich and smooth.

17. We know a man who is a **hypochondriac**; in other words, he thinks he is sick when he really isn’t.

18. The little girl was **sullen** at first, but her face lit up when she saw the candy.

19. Because our mail carrier is such an **affable** person, it is difficult not to like her.

20. The real estate agent **appraised** our house; that is, he told us how much he thought it was worth.
Lesson 94
Building Vocabulary: Word Roots

You can figure out the meaning of a word by analyzing its parts. The main part of a word is its root. A root that is a complete word is called a base word. A root or base word, such as think, is often combined with a prefix (a word part attached to the beginning of the word), a suffix (a word part attached to the end of a word), or another root word to form a different word, such as unthinkable.

The root is the most important clue for finding a word’s meaning. When unsure, think of other words that might share the same root. The meanings of the other words might give you clues to the meaning of the unfamiliar word. The following chart lists some common roots and words that share them:

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<td>water</td>
<td>aquarium</td>
<td>tank of water</td>
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<tr>
<td>astro</td>
<td>stars</td>
<td>astronomer</td>
<td>one who studies stars</td>
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<tr>
<td>bio</td>
<td>life</td>
<td>biography</td>
<td>story of a person’s life</td>
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<td>cent</td>
<td>hundred</td>
<td>century</td>
<td>one hundred years</td>
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<tr>
<td>chron</td>
<td>time</td>
<td>chronological</td>
<td>arranged in order of time</td>
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<td>geo</td>
<td>Earth</td>
<td>geology</td>
<td>study of Earth</td>
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<td>nym</td>
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<td>scrib</td>
<td>write</td>
<td>inscribe</td>
<td>to write or mark on</td>
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<td>viv</td>
<td>live</td>
<td>vivacious</td>
<td>full of life</td>
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Exercise 1 Circle the common root words in each set of three words. Write the meaning of the root word in the blank. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. anthropologist misanthrope anthropomorphic human being
2. thermometer thermal isotherm
3. lithology Lithopolis monolith
4. nautical nautilus astronaut
5. cosmopolitan microcosm cosmonaut
6. literal illiterate literary
7. dynamite dynasty dynamo
8. enumerate number numerous
9. regent regional regimen
10. consequence sequential sequel
11. passport deport portfolio
12. bicycle cyclical cyclone
12. paragraph  graphology  autograph
13. photography  photobiology  photon
14. theology  monotheism  theocracy
15. rotate  rotator  rotary
16. corpulent  corps  corporeal
17. partition  participate  partial
18. durable  obdurate  enduring
19. cartographer  cartoon  carton
20. lunatic  lunar  lunation
21. captain  decapitate  cape
22. sonorous  consonance  dissonant
23. diversity  reverse  versatile
24. solace  console  consolation
25. decathlon  December  decade
26. auditorium  audible  audition
27. mortician  mortify  immortal
28. generate  progeny  gender
29. assimilate  similarity  simulate
30. tenuous  distend  extensive

**Writing Link** Write six sentences using at least ten words from Exercise 1.

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Lesson 95
Building Vocabulary: Prefixes and Suffixes

Prefixes and suffixes change the meaning of the root words to which they are attached. A prefix is a word part that is attached to the beginning of a word. Prefixes are important tools for building new words. Certain prefixes, such as un- and in-, can even reverse the meaning of a root word.

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<td>contra-</td>
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<td>de-</td>
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<td>dis-</td>
<td>“lack of” or “not”</td>
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<td>il-, im-, in-, ir-</td>
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**Exercise 1** Write a word with a prefix that could replace the word or words in italics.

1. The two actresses **starred together** in the television drama.
2. The writers **wrote again** the script five times before they were satisfied.
3. I think the director was **guided wrongly**.
4. The temperature must be **below zero** today!
5. Mrs. Lee was **informed wrongly** about the new laundry room policy.
6. The coach **did not agree** with the call.
7. I **recorded beforehand** the music I needed to present in class.
8. He knew that getting there on time was **not possible**.
9. Tanya and Paula were **workers together**.
10. She didn’t follow directions, so the teacher asked her to do it **again**.
11. The contestants for the game show were **selected beforehand**.
12. Aristotle thought the question was **not appropriate**.
13. The museum director said the broken vase was **not replaceable**.
14. The threads of her sweater were tightly **woven together**.
In English, suffixes are more common than prefixes. A **suffix** is a word part that is attached to the end of a word. Like prefixes, suffixes create new words with new meanings. Many suffixes also change the part of speech of the original word. For example, when the suffix -**able** is added to the verb **forgive**, the new word **forgivable** is an adjective. With certain words, especially those ending in -**e**, the spelling of the original word may change slightly when a suffix is added.

**SUFFIX** | **MEANING**
---|---
-ant, -ent | “one who does an action”
-dom | “state” or “condition”
-en | “to become”
-ful | “full of”
-ize | “to become” or “to make”
-less | “without”
-ly | “in the way or manner mentioned”
-ness | “quality” or “state”
-ous | “full of”

**Exercise 2** Write a word with a suffix that could replace the word or words in italics.

**diligently**

Hector raked the leaves *in a diligent manner.*

1. An airbag could make less the impact of the crash.
2. Some of the sun’s rays are full of harm to the skin.
3. The roads and highways are full of use for commuters.
4. The state of being free should not be taken for granted.
5. The one who applied for the job believed she had a good chance of being chosen for the job.
6. Melissa was full of envy of her sister’s new sweater.
7. The state of being happy is something everyone searches for.
8. The scientist made a theory about life on other planets.
9. The sun glistened on the quality of white of the snow.
10. The missing puzzle piece seemed to become material out of nowhere.
11. The recipe said to let the sauce become thick.
12. The park in the spring is full of beauty.
13. Mitsuyo in a patient manner explained the problem to her younger sister.
14. The birds sang a tune that was full of melody.
Lesson 96
Basic Spelling Rules I

SPELLING IE AND EI

Put i before e except after c, or when sounded like ā, as in neighbor and weigh.

achieve relieve receive deceive sleigh veil

Exceptions to this rule include: seize, leisure, weird, height, either, forfeit, and protein.

SPELLING -CEDE, -CEED, AND -SEDE

Because c and s are often pronounced the same way, confusion arises in spelling words ending in -cede, -ceed, and -sede. Remember that in all words except four, the sēd sound is spelled cede. The only four exceptions are supersede, exceed, proceed, and succeed.

SPELLING UNSTRESSED VOWELS

The dictionary uses the schwa symbol (ə) to indicate an unstressed vowel sound. To help you spell a word with this sound, think of a related word in which the vowel sound is stressed. If you are unsure how to spell final, think of the word finality. Although the a in final is an unstressed vowel sound, the a in finality is not. You can hear the short a sound when you say finality aloud.

Exercise 1 Find the misspelled word in each sentence. Rewrite the word correctly in the blank. Use a dictionary if necessary.

precede

The high school band will precede the fire engines in the holiday parade.

1. The Declaration of Independence expresses the beliefs of many Americans.

2. The hundred-degree heat was nearly intolerable.

3. The fantasy book was so interesting I could hardly put it down.

4. The preschool teacher’s dedication was easily observable.

5. The dietitian showed us how to get enough protein in our meals.

6. Mrs. Robinson’s beagle regularly digs a hole under the fence to escape.

7. Spring has always been an inspiration for persons to begin fitness programs.

8. Outer appearances are sometimes deceiving.

9. The cloudless night sky seems to go on for infinity.

10. My grandfather thoroughly knows the history of our town.

11. Some southern states seceded from the Union before the Civil War.

12. The aorta is not a vein, but an artery.

13. May I have a receipt for the wool suit?
14. The first thing the nurse does is take my height and weight.

15. His poems deal with fantasy rather than reality.

**ADDING PREFIXES**

Always keep the original spelling of the word when you add the prefix. If adding the prefix causes a double letter, keep both letters.

- *mis-* + inform = misinform
- *il-* + logical = illogical

**SUFFIXES AND THE SILENT E**

When adding a suffix that begins with a vowel or y to a word that ends with a silent e, usually drop the e.

- excite + *-able* = excitable
- shine + -y = shiny

However, when adding a suffix that begins with an a or an o to a word that ends with ce or ge, retain the e so the word will keep its soft c or g sound.

- service + *-able* = serviceable
- courage + -ous = courageous

When adding a suffix that begins with a vowel to a word that ends in *ee* or *oe*, keep the e.

- agree + -able = agreeable
- canoe + -ing = canoeing

When adding a suffix that begins with a consonant to a word that ends in silent e, keep the e.

- bare + *-ly* = barely
- place + -ment = placement

**SUFFIXES AND THE FINAL Y**

If a word ends in a consonant +y, change the y to i unless the suffix begins with an i. Keep the y in a word that ends in a vowel +y.

- fry + -ed = fried
- hurry + -ing = hurrying
- stay + -ing = staying
- joy + -ous = joyous

**Exercise 2** Find the misspelled word in each sentence. Rewrite the word correctly in the blank. Use a dictionary if necessary.

- **palatable** I think foods eaten raw, such as sushi, are just not palateable.
- **shoeing** 1. The blacksmith is making horseshoes while the farrier is actually shoing horses.
- **barely** 2. The new parents could barly keep their eyes open after 9:00 P.M.
- **tried** 3. I have tryed several times to go ice-skating, but my ankles keep turning in and out.
- **shiny** 4. The shiney chrome on the classic cars gleamed in the sunlight.
- **surveying** 5. The aggressive pollsters were surveing people as they left the voting booths.
- **changeable** 6. The weather in coastal areas is very changable.
Lesson 97
Basic Spelling Rules II

DOUBLING THE FINAL CONSONANT

Double the final consonant in words that end in a consonant preceded by a single vowel if the word is one syllable, if it has an accent on the last syllable that remains there even after the suffix is added, or if it is a word made up of a prefix and a one-syllable word.

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\begin{align*}
\text{cap} + -ing &= \text{capping} & \text{stop} + -age &= \text{stoppage} & \text{concur} + -ent &= \text{concurrent} \\
\text{compel} + -ing &= \text{compelling} & \text{misstep} + -ed &= \text{misstepped}
\end{align*}
\]

Do not double the final consonant if the accent is not on the last syllable, or if the accent shifts when the suffix is added. Also do not double the final consonant if it is preceded by two vowels or by another consonant. If the word ends in a consonant and the suffix begins with a consonant, do not double the final consonant.

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\begin{align*}
\text{develop} + -ing &= \text{developing} & \text{prefer} + -ence &= \text{preference} & \text{rain} + -ing &= \text{raining} \\
\text{remind} + -ed &= \text{reminded} & \text{faith} + -less &= \text{faithless}
\end{align*}
\]

ADDING -LY AND -NESS

When adding -ly to a word that ends in a single l, keep the l, but when the word ends in a double l, drop one l. When adding -ness to a word that ends in n, keep the n.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{ideal} + -ly &= \text{ideally} & \text{full} + -ly &= \text{fully} & \text{mean} + -ness &= \text{meanness}
\end{align*}
\]

FORMING COMPOUND WORDS

When joining a word that ends in a consonant to a word that begins with a consonant, keep both consonants.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{snow} + \text{fall} &= \text{snowfall} & \text{year} + \text{book} &= \text{yearbook} & \text{hair} + \text{do} &= \text{hairdo}
\end{align*}
\]

Exercise 1 Find the misspelled word in each sentence. Rewrite the word correctly in the blank. Use a dictionary if necessary.

_____ enjoyed Many visitors to the state have enjoied seeing Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

_____ 1. The likenesses of four U.S. presidents are carved into Mount Rushmore’s solid granite.

_____ 2. Carving these figures was a physicaly challenging feat.

_____ 3. A man named Gutzon Borglum began chiping away at the granite in 1927.

_____ 4. He obviously had a keeness for sculpting on a large scale.

_____ 5. Borglum’s creation is considerabley larger than most other sculptures.

_____ 6. This unusually large sculpture was not fullly finished when Borglum died.
7. Borglum’s son put the finishing touches on the sculpture by carving the rest of Theodore Roosevelt’s likeness.

8. South Dakota has many other entertaining places to visit.

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GENERAL RULES FOR FORMING PLURALS

IF A WORD ENDS IN:
rule
EXAMPLE
ch, s, sh, x, z add -es boxes
a consonant + y change y to i and add -es ladies
a vowel + y or o add -s radios
a consonant + o add -es potatoes
for ff add -s reefs
f or ff change f to v and add -es calves
fe change f to v and add -s wives

SPECIAL RULES FOR PLURALS

To form the plural of proper names and one-word compound nouns, follow the general rules for plurals. To form the plural of hyphenated compound nouns or compound nouns of more than one word, make the most important word plural.

Sanchezes newspapers fathers-in-law oil wells attorneys general

Some nouns have unusual plural forms.
woman women mouse mice

Some nouns have the same singular and plural forms.
sheep deer series

Exercise 2 Write the plural form of each word.

church churches
1. shelf __________________________ 10. tomato _________________________
2. rodeo _________________________ 11. symphony ________________________
3. branch _________________________ 12. book report ______________________
4. man ____________________________ 13. passer-by _________________________
5. wallflower ______________________ 14. son-in-law _________________________
6. roller coaster ____________________ 15. bush _____________________________
7. Ramirez _________________________ 16. blackberry _________________________
8. life _____________________________ 17. self _____________________________
9. baby ____________________________ 18. video ___________________________
Exercise 1 Write a definition for each italicized word using context clues, word roots, or a combination of the two. Use a dictionary if necessary.

I traced that ruler’s *lineage* back to the Middle Ages. *line, ancestry*

1. My Aunt Jane has become a *recluse*; for instance, she never goes out of her house. _________

2. The *incriminating* evidence against the suspect was overwhelming. ________________

3. Some people have had *rhinoplasty* or other kinds of cosmetic surgery. ________________

4. His performance was *mediocre* compared to the wonderfully talented actor who followed him. ________________

5. There was much *jubilation* among the fans on the home team’s side; however, the opposing side was marked by gloom and depression. ________________

6. Mr. Jackson was *convalescing* in his home; the class sent him cards and flowers to hasten his recovery. ________________

7. The pilot skillfully *manipulated* the controls in her effort to prevent the crash. ________________

8. Our neighbors are the most *hospitable* people I’ve ever met; they make everyone feel welcome. ________________

9. The presidents of the two companies regarded each other as *adversaries*, but many of their employees were friends. ________________

10. The industrious *anthropologist* was studying the peoples of Ancient Egypt as well as the Native American cultures of the southwestern United States. ________________

11. The jovial workers *perambulated*, or strolled, to lunch. ________________

12. Because this customer had a reputation for being *parsimonious*, the waiter did not expect a tip. ________________

13. The scientist took *aerial* photos of the formation from a small airplane. ________________

14. After eating the huge holiday dinner, our appetites were more than *satiated*. ________________

15. The cook sprinkled *marjoram* over the dish to add a hint of mint flavor. ________________
16. The trees and bushes in the \textit{arboretum} were thriving. 

17. The art collector favored \textit{bucolic} scenes; her colleague, on the other hand, adored city settings.

18. The five siblings were a \textit{cohesive} group; they stuck together through the good times and the bad.

19. The mechanic had a tendency to be \textit{redundant}; for example, he told us what was wrong with the car four times.

20. The program was specifically designed for \textit{octogenarians}, or people in their eighties.

\textbf{Exercise 2} Write a word with a prefix or a suffix that has the same meaning as the italicized words.

unsuited, or unsuitable

1. Mia Greene is a \textit{full of care} worker.

2. The cat's heartbeat \textit{became quick} when it spied the mouse scampering across the floor.

3. The theater goer's cough during the play's quietest moment was \textit{not voluntary}.

4. The little girl's face was \textit{full of spite} when she pulled her classmate's hair.

5. The food was \textit{packaged beforehand} for your convenience.

6. The cheap souvenirs in that store are \textit{without worth}.

7. The T-shirts I bought during the storewide sale were \textit{not expensive}.

8. The barbershop quartet drew crowds of people when they \textit{made harmony}.

9. City officials decided to \textit{make wide} Palm Street to allow for parking.

10. The card player kept \textit{dealing wrong} the cards.

11. The \textit{condition of being bored} can be easily overcome.

12. Mr. Garcia recalls the days of his youth \textit{in a fond manner}.

13. The \textit{ones who reside} on Whaley Avenue are unhappy about the new mall being built behind them.

14. A wave of \textit{a lack of contentment} arose from the crowd of people.

15. Will you please \textit{distribute again} these pamphlets?
Unit 13 Review: Basic Spelling Rules

**Exercise 1** Find the misspelled word in each sentence. Rewrite the word correctly in the blank. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. The iceing on the cake was carefully done.
2. The intricate lace doilys added a touch of elegance to the room.
3. The reigning champion had many adoring fans.
4. There was no escaping the fact that all of their belongings were lost in the fire.
5. The enthusiastic volunteers rallied around the candidate they supported.
6. In the crisp autumn air, the leafs quietly fell from the trees.
7. The rooms in the hospitals filled up quickly during the flood.
8. Use your best judgment when crossing a busy intersection.
9. The new coat of paint on the house made a noticeable improvement.
10. The coach felt the championship slowly slipping away in the waning moments of the game.
11. Congress has passed laws that are deterrents to crime.
12. It’s hard to decide which of the steroes is the best value.
13. The woman had poison ivy rashes on her arms and legs.
14. The losing team made a futile attempt to score a touchdown.
15. Many writers prefer pens with eraseable ink.
16. The swimmer dove deep into the cool, clear water.
17. The silence of the night enveloped the lone pedestrian.
18. The new principal had definite ideas about how a school should operate.
19. He dirties the cuffs on his shirt when he writes on the chalkboard.
20. Neither the cow nor the sheep seemed interested in the intruder.
21. Have you ever ridden in a sleigh while the snow is falling?
22. We were hoping the effects of the earthquake would not be catastrophic.
23. The movie was truly awful.
24. The playful monkeys climbed on the tree branches.
25. Which of the gravies do you prefer for the mashed potatoes?

26. The anxious father cuped his hands to his mouth, calling out for his daughter in the crowd.

27. The Jonesses decided to take a trip to the campgrounds this summer.

28. The Victorian-era house was ornately furnished.

29. The recurring dream caused Tamika to toss and turn in her sleep.

30. The astronauts experienced the sense of weightlessness for the first time.

31. The actor playing Hamlet kept forgetting his lines.

32. The tireless dog had not yet succeeded in catching the agile cat.

33. The television and newspaper reports had prejudiced the jurors.

34. The first lady had an aristocratic, almost regal bearing about her.

35. The hostages were traumatized by the day-long ordeal.

36. Hungry and thirsty, the wolves roamed the countryside in search of nourishment.

37. The diplomat made formal introductions between the foreign dignitaries.

38. The gambler watched his winnings dwindle to nothing.

39. This movie was critically acclaimed nationwide.

40. The car windows foged up in the freezing cold.

41. South Dakota is really a beautiful state.

42. Aunt Jane enjoys sitting in a rocker on the front porch.

43. The spiralling staircase was the room’s focal point.

44. The strange formations resulted from the earth’s movements many years ago.

45. Tourists find Wind Cave National Park incredibly interesting.

**Writing Link** Write a paragraph using at least ten words from Exercise 1.
Composition
In the prewriting stage you choose your topic, or what you want to say; your purpose, or how to say it; and your audience, or to whom you want to say it.

Several methods can help you decide what your topic will be. Select a subject from the information generated through freewriting about anything that comes to mind; collecting information about things that interest you; making a list of events, experiences, people, ideas, or words that intrigue you; asking general questions that you would like to answer or explore. Make sure your topic is narrow, or specific, enough for you to cover thoroughly.

Next, think about your purpose for writing. Do you want to inform? Entertain? Persuade? Do you have more than one purpose?

Finally, think about your audience. Knowing your audience will help you decide what style, tone, and wording to use in your writing.

Exercise 1  Spend 10 minutes prewriting, using any of the techniques listed above.
Exercise 2  Identify five possible topics from your prewriting that you could write about.

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Exercise 3  Identify six specific topics that you might write about for each general topic listed. Circle the topic in each group that interests you the most. Write a statement that expresses the point you want to make about that topic. A topic has been selected as a sample.

School:

The grading system
Need for a larger gym
Peer-mediated conflict resolution
Graduation requirements
Spanish Club
Coach Danforth

I think the peer mediation program has helped students discover that conflicts can be resolved without violence.

1. Dating:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

2. Politics:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

3. Staying healthy:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
Exercise 4  Draw a line under the word or phrase that would be more appropriate to use in writing for each audience listed.

Letter to the president of the United States (Hey, Prez/Dear Mr. President)

1. Letter to a pen pal who speaks very little English (Toyota 4 × 4 /small truck)

2. Doctor’s report to other doctors (arm bones/radius and ulna)

3. Short story for a group of second graders (oak tree/Quercus alba)

4. Letter to an older relative (Like, sure!/As if I didn’t know that!)

5. Lab report for your biology teacher (monozygotic individuals/identical twins)

6. Description on a menu for restaurant customers (cooked/honey-roasted)

7. Petition sent to the mayor (a bunch of us high school students/we, the tenth graders of West Knox High School)

8. Letter to a possible employer (Later, dude/Cordially yours)

9. Application for a part-time job (greatly benefited/helped a lot)

10. Scientific report detailing seasonal changes (vernal equinox/first fall day)

11. Letter to the editor of the local newspaper (unwise/stupid)

12. Postcard to a close friend (if you get my drift/if you understand my meaning)

13. Caption for a photograph in a fashion magazine (sparkly, straight dress/sequined chemise)

14. Essay about a work of art for a general audience (coolest painting/most striking painting)

15. Poster designed to attract students to the school’s tutoring program (Wanna’ be a wise guy?/Have you heard about the school tutoring program?)

16. Instructions for doing an experiment (three milliliters/a small amount)

17. Description of the parts of a computer for noncomputer users (hard drive/the hard drive, or information storage area, of the computer)

18. Article in the school newspaper (paltry excuses/trivial excuses)

19. Note to a friend about a personal problem (bully/overbearing individual)

20. Sign warning passersby about danger (Do not enter!/It is not recommended that pedestrians go beyond this point.)
Exercise 5 Write a paragraph about the topic for each audience and purpose listed.

Topic: an interesting place to visit in your state

1. Audience: a family member Purpose: to entertain

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2. Audience: neighbors Purpose: to inform

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3. Audience: tourists Purpose: to persuade

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Lesson 99
The Writing Process: Drafting

You can begin drafting after prewriting. **Drafting** means to put your sentences into paragraph form. Using the topic and purpose, you can develop a **theme**, the point you want to make in the piece. The theme should be stated in a **thesis statement** in the first paragraph. A paragraph consists of a **topic sentence**, which states a main idea related to the theme, and other sentences that support the main idea with details. Your audience, theme, and purpose will influence the **style**, or **voice**, of your writing, which gives it a particular “feel.”

Exercise 1 Write a thesis statement for a paragraph using the topic and purpose provided. Use a complete sentence. Answers will vary; sample answers are given.

1. **Topic:** safety **Purpose:** to persuade ________________________________________________________________

2. **Topic:** animals **Purpose:** to entertain ______________________________________________________________

3. **Topic:** school rules **Purpose:** to persuade ____________________________________________________________

4. **Topic:** violence on television **Purpose:** to persuade ______________________________________________________

5. **Topic:** fashions in clothing **Purpose:** to describe __________________________________________________________

6. **Topic:** friendship **Purpose:** to describe ______________________________________________________________

7. **Topic:** a complaint about a disappointing product **Purpose:** to persuade ____________________________

8. **Topic:** a person who has made the world a better place **Purpose:** to describe _____________________________

9. **Topic:** a funny experience **Purpose:** to entertain ______________________________________________________

10. **Topic:** immigration **Purpose:** to persuade __________________________________________________________
Exercise 2  For each item below, write three related sentences that provide details to support the stated topic sentence.

1. Families are an important part of our community.  
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

2. Most students make the decision to stay in high school until they graduate.  
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

3. Spring is the most beautiful season of the year.  
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

4. High school is a time when you begin to discover who you really are.  
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

5. The existence of slavery in the United States before the Civil War has had a long-lasting effect on race relations in this country.  
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
Exercise 3  Draft a short paragraph beginning with the thesis statement provided. Adopt a style and voice that is appropriate for the theme.

1. Our school is overflowing with students and desperately needs additional classrooms.

2. Pets! Some people can’t live with ‘em. I, on the other hand, can’t live without ‘em.

3. Recently I read a fascinating article about your African game preserve, and I would like to know more about it.

4. I believe I am well qualified for the position of bagger at the Safeway grocery store.

5. If you like fun, friends, and snow, the Woolly Bears Ski Club wants you!
Exercise 4  Draft a brief paragraph on each theme. State the theme in a thesis statement, and include supporting sentences relating to the main idea.

1. **Theme**: asking a teacher for a job recommendation

2. **Theme**: describing something beautiful that made a strong impression on you

3. **Theme**: restoring good feelings after a disagreement with another person

4. **Theme**: expressing an opinion on a community or national issue

5. **Theme**: informing an e-mail pen pal in another city about who you are

6. **Theme**: giving an account of an exciting or humorous experience
Lesson 100
The Writing Process: Revising

After you have completed your draft, take some time to revise, or improve, your writing: First, check for meaning. Does your thesis capture the point you intended to make? Did you include all the important details? Next, check for unity. Is the organization logical? Do the details you provided clearly support your thesis? Finally, check for coherence. Does the writing flow? Is each sentence clear?

▶ Exercise 1 Revise the paragraph below for unity. Draw a line under the sentences that do not relate clearly to the main idea.

The Underground Railroad was the name for the escape network that allowed slaves in the pre-Civil-War South to travel north to freedom. It was not a road, nor was it underground. The first guides on the Underground Railroad were slaves. Houses, empty barns, and even caves were part of the network. So were attics, hidden rooms, and root cellars. The trails and paths connecting all these hiding places were also part of the Underground Railroad. Runaways often felt fearful and hopeless.

▶ Exercise 2 Revise the paragraph below for coherence. Add words to make the sentences flow better, and clarify individual sentences as needed. Answers will vary; a sample is given.

Most starfish have arms. A starfish loses an arm. It gradually regenerates it. First, the arm seals itself off at the break. Cells inside the stump divide quickly. As long as the central part of the starfish is not damaged, it can recover—even losing four out of five arms.
Exercise 3  Draw a line under the thesis statement in the paragraph below. Replace it with a new thesis statement that clarifies the writer’s theme.

Starfish are marine invertebrates. Sometimes sea waves roll rocks on top of the starfish, damaging an arm. In other cases, the starfish sheds an arm if it is attacked by a predator. The starfish sacrifices the arm as a way of escaping from the predator. As the new arm grows to full size, which takes several weeks, the other arms are used for feeding and moving.

Exercise 4  Revise and rewrite the paragraph below.

The tadpole goes through a fascinating metamorphosis as it grows up, or change in shape. It also changes from an aquatic purely animal to one that can live on land as well. At first the tadpole has a small round body and a long tail. In its early development, it grows large feathery gills. The gills extract oxygen from the water. Inside the tadpole, however, lungs are developing, however. Once the tadpole can breathe air with these lungs, the gills are gradually absorbed by the body. The tadpole’s back legs develop. When all four legs are present, the tail begins shrink. The tadpole then emerges from the water for longer and longer periods. Once the tail is gone, the young toad leaves. My little sister loves to catch tadpoles in a nearby creek. As an adult the toad it returns to the water only to breed.
Lesson 101
The Writing Process: Editing

You are ready to edit your work after you have revised it. Look for correct word usage as you edit, and check for subject-verb agreement, correct verb tenses, clear pronoun references, run-on sentences, and sentence fragments. When editing, cross out words and write new words in the margins or spaces between the lines. Next, proofread your writing to correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization errors. Use the following proofreading marks:

- **insert**
- **delete**
- **insert space**
- **close up space**
- **capitalize**
- **make lowercase**
- **check spelling**
- **switch order**
- **new paragraph**

Exercise 1  Edit each sentence for clarity and correct grammar.

In the past Mr. Arnez runs a car repair shop.

1. The man who won the lottery. He is from Scranton.
2. He be a featherweight boxer.
3. The woman that works at the bakery is my mother.
4. Lydia and Lynette is too of my best friends.
5. Yesterday’s panel feature several college professor.
6. Shawna done made the honor role.
7. They want to use they free passes.
8. Scott the one who can skateboard the best.
9. Candy and flours are popular gifts on Valentine’s Day.

10. Misty has became the star of the field hockey team.

► Exercise 2  Edit the paragraph for clarity and correct grammar.

The kiwi is a flightless bird from New Zealand. Their wings is only two inches long. Unlike most bird, the kiwi had a keen cents of smell, which it uses to find worms and insects. The kiwi once has the ability to fly. However, it lives on an island with few large predator. For the kiwi, flying were no longer an important means of finding food or escape predators.

► Exercise 3  Proofread each sentence to correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

The Graph shows a increase in population growth.

1. Count basie who died in 1984, was a pianest, band leader, and composer.

2. Expresss the number using notation scientific.

3. An invertibrat is an animal without a back bone.

4. most rodents have constantly-growing teath.

5. The monguls completed their con quest of China in 1234 A.D.

6. The comunity center offers englsih coarses for immigrants.

7. Lena was talkingto Brad at her locker when denise walked by.

8. The tinny wings of the Humming bird beat about one hundred times a second.

9. Some peoples have greater perripheral vision than others?

10. Work usage refers to using the rightword in the right context.

► Exercise 4  Proofread the paragraph to correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will return for it’s monthly visit this Saturday, February 6, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the EastKnox Middle School. Doners of all blood types are needed at this time. Any one can donate bloood but a person must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 105 pounds, and in be generaly good health.
Lesson 102

The Writing Process: Presenting

After completing a piece of writing, you may want to present or share your work with others. Consideration of this can occur as early as the prewriting stage. The nature of your material affects how and where you might present your writing.

An outlet for presenting your writing to a specific audience is called a market. As a tenth-grade student, several markets are available to you. These include school forums, such as newspapers and classroom presentations; community forums, such as newspapers and the newsletters of local organizations; and open-market forums, such as special-interest magazines, writing contests, and periodicals. The Market Guide for Young Writers, available in libraries, can give you many ideas for marketing your work.

To decide how to present your piece, first analyze it to pinpoint your audience; then search for an outlet serving that audience. Some markets, such as radio programs or speech contests, offer a chance for oral presentation. In some of these cases, visual aids may enhance your presentation.

Exercise 1 Suggest an outlet or market for each piece of writing described below.

- Poem about your community: local paper
- A speech about the importance of the Fourteenth Amendment: community group meeting or school assembly
- An opinion piece about whether a second high school should be built: local newspaper or school paper
- An essay about how to achieve personal goals: magazine contest or school newspaper
- Lyrics for a song: talent contest or performance by local band
- A set of ten original riddles: language or humor magazine
- A one-page short story: school literary magazine
- A long, narrative poem about a typical day at your high school: school yearbook
- An anecdotal essay about family life: family magazine or local newspaper
- A review of a current movie: school newspaper or community newspaper
- A scary story with numerous sound effects: school or community radio program
Exercise 2  Suggest a visual aid that could increase the effectiveness of each presentation below.

A discussion of Mayan ruins  photos or slides of the ruins

1. An oral reading of a poem written in dialogue

2. A classroom presentation about recent trends in immigration

3. An original song presented at a school talent contest

4. A speech to the student body about your qualifications for student office

5. A presentation about foods from different parts of China

6. A speech to inspire the basketball team at a pep rally

7. A profile of your school for new students

8. A cable-television commercial to raise money for a new animal shelter

9. A presentation at a nature center about how to identify different shells

10. A research paper on how a combustion engine works

Exercise 3  Develop an idea for a piece of writing intended for a specific audience or market. Then describe how and to whom you might present the piece, giving reasons for your decisions.

Idea: ______________________________________________________

Intended audience: ___________________________________________

Form of presentation: _________________________________________

Reasons for choice of presentation: ______________________________
Lesson 103
Outlining

Outlining is a method for organizing the information to be presented in a piece of writing. During prewriting you generate ideas; outlining gives you a way to structure those ideas before you begin drafting. One method for constructing an outline is to transfer pieces of information from your prewriting material to index cards. The cards can then be arranged by main topic and supporting details. When writing an outline, use roman numerals to indicate main topics. Use capital letters for subtopics. Under each topic, you can list details using regular numerals. (If you include details for a subtopic, always give at least two specifics.) An outline for an informational piece on cross-country skiing might look like this:

I. Background
   A. What is it?
      1. Traveling over snow in all kinds of terrain
      2. Skis are lighter and less expensive than in downhill skiing
   B. Is it difficult?
      1. Anyone can learn to ski in this way
      2. Safer than downhill skiing
   C. Benefits
      1. Develops the heart and lungs
      2. Develops muscles of entire body
      3. No need to travel to a ski resort

II. Equipment

Exercise 1 Evaluate the outline below. Write your comments on the writing lines that follow the outline.

I. Small reptiles
   A. Turtles

II. Large reptiles
   A. Crocodiles
      1. Largest is over 20 feet long
      2. Heavy armor plates cover body
      3. Carnivorous
   B. Lizards
      1. Closest relative is the snake
      2. Smaller; eat insects
   C. Alligators
      1. Resemble crocodiles but are in a separate family
      2. Closest living relative of dinosaur
      3. Most intelligent of all reptiles
Exercise 2  Organize the following topics and details into an outline for a piece about Mount St. Helens. Create three main sections in the outline.

Killed plants and animals within six miles
Considered a “young” volcano
People had time to leave the area
Last eruption before this century was in 1857
Recent eruption
Blew down forests twenty miles away
Warnings of the eruption
Cone of volcano was gone
Earthquakes for two months beforehand

History
Explosion in May 1980
Began as an avalanche of rock, snow, ice
Could be heard one hundred miles away
Created cloud of volcanic ash fifteen miles high
Ash cloud traveled all the way around the world
After the eruption
Lesson 104
Writing Effective Sentences

Use effective sentences to add interest and impact to your writing. As you create and combine sentences, keep the following strategies in mind. Vary the length of the sentences. Avoid using all long sentences or all short sentences. Also vary the structure of the sentences. Avoid using a single sentence pattern for all sentences. Use parallel construction for emphasis. Parallel construction enables you to deliberately repeat certain words, phrases, or sentence structures for effect. You can also use interruption for emphasis. A sudden break in thought can call attention to an important point or detail. Another way to emphasize is to use an unusual sentence pattern that stands out from all the other sentences. When writing a topic sentence, make it specific enough to arouse the reader’s interest. Also, write the lead sentence of a piece in a way that will “hook” your readers so that they want to read on.

Use the active voice as much as possible. In a sentence in the active voice, the subject performs the action (he or she speaks). In a passive-voice sentence, the subject is acted upon (e.g., he or she is spoken to). Active verbs always make a stronger impression than passive verbs. Generally, only use passive for emphasis or when the “doer” of an action is not known (or when you do not want him or her to be known).

Exercise 1 Rewrite the sentences below and add details to create more effective sentences.

Long ago Persia invaded Greece with a gigantic army. The Greeks fought bravely to defend their freedom. Their heroism is an example to us all. Although it happened long ago, the Greeks’ heroic defense of their liberty against the invasion of the Persians and their gigantic army is still an example to us all.

1. Badminton is a neglected racket sport in this country. The volleys are fast-paced. The slams can be sizzling. Drop shots can be extremely delicate.

2. The event was a baby-sitter’s nightmare. It was one of the worst experiences of my life. I was responsible for my neighbor’s two-year-old toddler. I almost lost him at the airport.
3. I watch all of the Winter Olympics. All the events are shown on television. Skiing, skating, and bobsledding are covered. I think the most exciting event is speed skating.

4. The Grand Canyon is beautiful. It is most beautiful at sunset. The sun’s rays are red then. The sunlight brings out the reddish colors of the rock.

5. This is the beginning of my favorite science-fiction story. Imagine that you’re all alone. There’s a strange sound from the yard. You are amazed to see a flying saucer.

6. The song is very effective. It is sung by Paul Simon. The song is called “Diamonds on the Souls of Her Shoes.” What stands out is vivid images.

7. The dreariest time of year is February. The snow is dirty. Streets are gray. The trees are bare.

8. Many high school basketball players want to play college ball. Some seek college scholarships. They must take the ACT. They must score at least a seventeen on the test.

9. People can find fashionable clothes at One More Time. This store sells lightly used clothes. The cost is one half to one third of the cost of new clothes. You can find designer labels.

10. Charles Dickens wrote A Christmas Carol. It is a short novel. The main character is a wealthy miser named Scrooge. He learns that human kindness is more important than money.
Exercise 2 Identify the strategy used to make the sentence or sentences below more effective.

1. It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.  
   ________________________________

2. The desk is covered with books and papers, the rug is littered with games, and the bed is  
   covered with clothes. And you say this room is “a little untidy”?  
   ________________________________

3. Some people believe that every woman expects candy and flowers from her sweetheart on  
   Valentine’s Day. I certainly do not.  
   ________________________________

4. This beautiful flute melody—listen, there it is again—always makes me feel a little sad.  
   ________________________________

5. During the day most owls sleep in the tops of trees. At night they hunt.  
   ________________________________

6. Do trees lose water through their leaves? To find out you can do the following experiment. You  
   will need a twig with leaves, a beaker, cooking oil, and water.  
   ________________________________

7. Some people at the convention favored the incumbent, while others favored a dark horse  
   candidate named Goodman.  
   ________________________________

8. Kerplop! A frog leaped into the pond. Then all was still again.  
   ________________________________

9. The fund-raising walk will be held on October 14. All types of people, including students,  
   business people, and homemakers, are walking the ten-mile route to raise money to buy bread  
   and flour for starving refugee groups in Ethiopia.  
   ________________________________

10. “Fish gotta swim, birds gotta fly.” The seasoned Broadway star began to croon the tune that  
    had made her famous.  
    ________________________________
Exercise 3 Rewrite the sentence in active voice if appropriate. If passive voice is appropriate, explain why.

1. Complimentary tickets will be distributed to choir members after the rehearsal. 

2. After the game, Manuel was spoken to by the coach. 

3. The votes were counted by midnight. 

4. A good time was had by everyone who attended the picnic. 

5. The song was sung with a full-throated voice and great feeling by Barbra Streisand. 

6. Gold was discovered in this region around 1847. 

7. Only one conclusion from this experiment can be drawn by us. 

8. This painting, unlike the others, is painted in oil. 

9. This film is believed by many students at our school to be the funniest film of the year. 

10. All forty-one players were squeezed onto the risers for the team picture.
Lesson 105
Building Paragraphs

The supporting details in a paragraph can be arranged in different ways. **Chronological order** places events in the order in which they happened. **Spatial order** is the way objects appear. **Compare/contrast order** shows similarities and differences.

The first of the following paragraphs makes use of chronological order; the second, spatial order; and the third, compare/contrast order.

After parking the car, we walked to the top of a hill overlooking the Ohio River near Ripley, Ohio. There we saw the Rankin House, a famous stop on the Underground Railroad that helped fugitive slaves to escape. Gazing up at the second-floor window, I tried to imagine the lantern shining to inform runaway slaves that it was safe to cross the river.

On a table in the living room of the house are a wooden globe and John Rankin’s Bible. Upstairs are the many hiding places, tiny wooden compartments where runaway slaves were hidden. Behind the house are a hundred steps, built by Rankin in 1828, that lead down to the Ohio River.

Looking south across the Ohio River, you can’t help but think about the differences between Ohio and Kentucky in the years before the Civil War. Ohio was a free state, but Kentucky was a slave state. While Ohioans like John Rankin were helping slaves gain their freedom, just eleven miles south of the river, slaves were being sold at auction in Washington, Kentucky.

► **Exercise 1** Number the following sentences in chronological order.

1. There’s a safe way to start a car.
2. First, open the door and climb in.
3. Check the door to make sure it’s closed.
4. After making sure the door is closed, fasten your safety belt.
5. Insert the key into the ignition.
6. Make sure the car is in park.
7. Turn the key.
8. Then let the car warm up for a short time, especially if it’s cold out.
9. When you’re ready to go, put the car in gear—either Drive or Reverse.
10. Then look carefully around you in all directions, and you’re ready to drive off.
Exercise 2  Rewrite the paragraph in chronological order.

After listening carefully to each person’s description of the conflict, the mediator tries to get each person to find areas of agreement. To address this serious problem, our school has a peer mediation service. The peer mediator has to make it clear from the beginning that he or she is not taking sides. In peer mediation, student volunteers are trained to help other students resolve conflicts without resorting to violence. Building on points where the two people agree, the peer mediator tries to help them reach a solution that is acceptable to both. Some schools have a serious problem with fights and other kinds of violence. The mediator then asks each person to explain the problem from his or her point of view. Students who are having a problem meet together with a peer mediator.
Exercise 3  Rewrite the paragraph in spatial order.

Past the campfire on the left was our family’s tent. On the table was a bright red and white checkered tablecloth and a candle, as in an Italian restaurant. Inside I could see our sleeping bags and pillows all laid out for the night. High in the trees I thought I heard an owl hooting, and somewhere in the distance I might have heard the lonesome cry of the whippoorwill. Beside the table was a fire pit, with the burning logs crackling merrily. Sitting at the picnic table and looking around our campsite, I was amazed at how comfortable we had made it. The dinner of spaghetti and salad made my mouth water after a long day of hiking in the woods. Beyond the cozy clearing of our campsite was the darkened forest, with its aromatic pine and fir trees.
Exercise 4 Choose two topics below. Write one paragraph using the compare/contrast order and one paragraph using chronological order.

- your favorite relative
- what makes a vacation a really good one
- shopping for a new article of clothing

- two of your best friends
- dogs and cats as family pets
- the most exciting sport to watch

Topic 1: ______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________

Topic 2: ______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
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Lesson 106
Paragraph Ordering

Revising a first draft includes checking the **unity** and **coherence** of paragraphs. You need to make sure that each paragraph is unified, that it opens with a topic sentence (a sentence that states the main idea of the paragraph) and that the supporting details are related to the topic. To make sure the comparisons are clear, or coherent, you must check chronological details for proper order and compare/contrast details. Finally, you need to make sure that ideas are properly linked by transitions.

**Exercise 1** Revise the following paragraphs for unity and coherence.

Let’s take a look at the place where everything begins and find out why the modern automobile engine is truly an engineering marvel. Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler are known as the Big Three United States auto manufacturers. It’s an extremely complicated process, one that has been refined for more than a hundred years. Have you ever wondered what actually happens when a driver steps on the accelerator of a car? Dozens of different systems have to work properly—and work together—for that automobile to pull away from the curb or out of the driveway. Man, it’s an amazing machine!

The piston goes through a four-stroke cycle, which serves to “combust,” or burn, the fuel mixture and transfer its energy to the car’s wheels. Each cylinder houses a moving arm called a piston, which fits very tightly against the walls of the cylinder. The four strokes are repeated as many as six thousand times a minute, and the piston can travel at speeds of three hundred miles per hour or more!

In the piston’s first stroke, an inlet valve opens and the piston slides down the smooth walls of the cylinder, sucking in air and gasoline. Some cars and trucks use diesel fuel, but a diesel engine works in a different way. In the second stroke, the valve shuts and the piston moves upward to compress the fuel very tightly.

Next, the spark flares and the fuel explodes, pushing the piston down very fast. The pistons transfer the downward movement’s energy to the crankshaft by means of connecting rods, and the crankshaft transfers the power to the wheels. If the crankshaft ever breaks or wears out, it’s very expensive to replace. Mostly because it is very hard to reach. In the fourth stroke, the piston travels upward again, pushing the leftover hot gases out the exhaust valve.
While car engines vary in size and power, almost all are internal combustion engines that use
the four-stroke cycle. Most are powered by a mixture of gasoline and air, which is ignited by a
spark to release its considerable energy. Modern cars have from four to twelve cylinders. This
controlled explosion, set off by an electrical spark from a component called the spark plug, takes
place in a metal chamber called the cylinder.

Exercise 2  Rewrite the paragraphs using your revisions as a guide.
Lesson 107

Personal Letters

A personal letter is a letter to a friend or relative. You write letters to describe recent events in your life, to ask the recipient questions about his or her life, and to express your personal feelings, hopes, and desires. A personal letter can also be an invitation or a thank-you note. In every case, careful consideration of your audience is extremely important when writing personal letters. These letters are usually written in indented form. Each paragraph is indented, as well as each line in the heading and the signature line.

Exercise 1 Read the following personal letter. Answer each question.

7561 Knoxville Road
Saddle River, New Jersey 07458
January 12, 1995

Dear Shannon,

Thanks for your letter. Being president of the Computer Club takes a lot of time. If I had known you were going to move to Dallas and that I would have to replace you, I might never have let myself be elected vice president!

Well, the big news is that I finally bought a CD-ROM drive for my computer. I hate to say it, but you were right. It’s fantastic! How did I ever live without one? I’ve already gotten a few games, and the graphics are unbelievable. Do you have any recommendations for multimedia encyclopedias? I want to get one. However, since they are expensive, I want to get advice from someone who knows something about them. Write back as soon as you can. Have you met any other computer nerds in Dallas? (Ha-ha, just kidding!)

Your friend,
Courtney

1. Why is Courtney writing to Shannon? ____________________________________________________________________________

2. Do you think Courtney and Shannon are good friends? Why? ______________________________________________________________________

3. How is this a good example of a personal letter? ____________________________________________________________________________

4. What might Shannon include in a response to Courtney’s letter? __________________________________________________________________
Exercise 2 Write a personal letter to a friend.
Different situations call for different kinds of personal letters. You would probably use a
different tone and style in writing to an adult relative than you would in writing to your
best friend. Your letter to your relative would probably be more formal, while you might
make use of slang or secret code words in your letter to your best friend.

You would also write differently to a favorite author, performer, or sports figure. In your
letters to these people, you would probably want to describe why you admire the person
and how he or she has influenced your life.

**Exercise 3** Write a letter to an adult relative asking for information for a school project on
your family’s personal history. Explain why you would like the information and what you are
going to do with it.
Exercise 4  Write a letter to an author, performer, or sports star whom you especially admire. Describe why you admire the person and how he or she has influenced your life.
Lesson 108
Business Letters: Letters of Request or Complaint

A letter of request is a letter that asks for information or service. When you write a letter of request, always be clear and courteous. Explain what information you need and why you need it. Include any information the receiver may need to answer your request.

Business letters are usually written in block form or semiblock form. In block form, everything is lined up with the left margin. In semiblock form, the heading, complimentary close, and signature are placed on the right side of the page (see Exercise 1).

► Exercise 1 Examine the body of the following letter. Do you think it is a good example of a letter of request? Why or why not? Write your critique below.

Dear Person in Charge of Research:

I am a freshman at Glenville Hi School and am working on a project on family history. Which is due next week, so I’m kind of like in a hurry. Do you have any information on the Guimond family in this area. We come from France. Please send me anything you have so I can use it in my project.

Sincerely,
Sarah Guimond

This is not a good example for several reasons. It is not very courteous, appears demanding, and contains two misspellings, a sentence fragment, a punctuation error, and slang. The writer does not thank the recipient and did not bother to find out the recipient’s name. She doesn’t include a business address, return address, or the date. Finally, she does not give the recipient enough time to respond to her request.

► Exercise 2 Write a short letter requesting information on one of the following topics. Be sure to use proper business-letter format.

- information on a local service program you’d like to join
- information on the different guitar models a company sells
- information on how to obtain tickets to a sporting event
- information on which breeds of dogs would make appropriate pets for your family
A letter of complaint is a letter informing someone of a problem or concern and sometimes requests action. It should be clear, concise, and reasonable. Never let your anger get the best of you. Begin your letter by stating the problem and telling briefly how it happened. Then use supporting details as evidence of your problem. End the letter by explaining what you would like done about the matter. Always avoid insults and threats.

Exercise 3 Read the following letter of complaint. Describe any problems and suggest how to correct them.

1457 Piedmont Rd.
Lincoln, Nebraska 40521
March 20, 1996

La Créme Lotion
111 Corporate Dr.
Young America, MN 14444

Dear maker of stinky hand lotion,

Something disgusting happened to me that you might want to know about because its all you fault. I bought a bottle of your La Creme hand lotion for $12.99 because your TV ads say that its the best. Well, your lying about that. Its not the best. More like the worst. the reason is it smells like rotten eggs—or worse, like there was something dead in there. I wouldn’t put this stuff on a stray dog, not to mention my hands. Give me a refund or youll be sorry.

Not your friend,
Danielle Marshall

Exercise 4 Revise and rewrite the above letter of complaint.

Dear Customer Relations Manager:

I recently purchased a bottle of your La Créme hand lotion for $12.99. I was persuaded to buy La Créme because of your TV commercials. However, the bottle I purchased had a terrible smell. I assume this is a problem that may have occurred during manufacturing. I am enclosing my sales receipt. I would appreciate either a full refund or a new bottle of hand lotion. I hope to hear from you soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Danielle Marshall
Lesson 109
Business Letters: Résumés and Cover Letters

A résumé is a summary of your work experience, school experience, talents, and interests. You use it to apply for a job or for admittance into a school or academic program. You want your résumé to be clear, concise, expressive, and informative. In describing your accomplishments, use action verbs (won the prize, taught the class). Because a résumé is a summary, it is not necessary to use complete sentences. However, you do want to use a consistent format, as in the following example.

Rebecca Chin
345 Boyle Street, Apt. 9
Concord, MA  01742
(508) 369-2120

Objective: Part-time employment in a preschool or day-care center
Responsibilities: Cabin counselor for ten third-grade girls
Education: Emerson High School, September 1994–present, 3.7 GPA
          Fox Middle School, September 1989–June 1993, 3.8 GPA
References: Ruben Gonzalez, teacher, Emerson High School, (508) 567-1092
            Jean Robertson, Director, Camp Rolling Hills, (508) 444-9078

Exercise 1  Answer the following questions.

1. How might the headings (Objective, Work Experience, Responsibilities, etc.) be ordered if Rebecca were applying for a school program? Why? What else might she include if she were applying for a school program? __________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

2. The headings Rebecca used are not the only ones you can use on a résumé. What are some others? __________________________________________

3. If you were the manager of a day-care center and considering hiring Rebecca, would you be impressed by her résumé? Why or why not? __________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
4. Whom should you use as references? Why is it a good idea to get permission before you use someone as a reference? ____________________________

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Exercise 2 You are applying for one of the following:

- placement in an advanced school class
- a summer job as a camp counselor
- a job coaching children’s sports
- a special off-campus study program

Freewrite for ten minutes about the information you would want in your résumé.

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Exercise 3 Write your résumé.

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A **cover letter** is a brief letter of introduction that usually accompanies a résumé. A cover letter states what you are applying for and where you can be contacted. It also refers the reader to your résumé for additional information. It may also briefly state why you are well suited for the position.

The following is an example of a well-formatted, concise cover letter. Note that the letter follows business-letter style and that it is directed to a specific person.

Rebecca Chin  
345 Boyle Street, Apt. 9  
Concord, MA  01742  
April 13, 1996

Mr. Thomas Orlando  
Director, Louisa May Alcott Preschool  
14 Third Street  
Concord, MA  01742

Dear Mr. Orlando:  
I am an honors student at Emerson High and am interested in part-time after-school work in a preschool or day-care center. I am dedicated to helping young children learn and grow. I have a special interest in your preschool because of your focus on teaching French at an early age. I have taken three French courses and I plan to take the upper level course next year. Enclosed is a copy of my résumé I hope you find that my qualifications meet your needs. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Chin

**Exercise 4** Write a cover letter to send with your résumé for the position you chose in Exercises 2 and 3.
When you have finished, exchange cover letters with a friend and critique each other’s letters. Discuss suggested revisions and make any appropriate changes.
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Unit 1: Parts of Speech

Subtest 1 Underline the nouns in each sentence. Write P in the blank if the sentence contains any proper nouns; write C if it contains any collective nouns. Some sentences have neither proper nor collective nouns.

1. The naturalist wore leather gloves when he held the young falcon.
2. My garden is my pride and joy.
3. The committee is made up of professors from several disciplines, including physics, astronomy, and chemistry.
4. In Billy Budd, a novel by Herman Melville, Billy seems to represent the innocence of youth.
5. The Everglades is the largest subtropical wilderness in the United States.
6. The thunder and lightning were quickly followed by heavy rain.
7. Our high school is located about five miles from the town square.
8. Robin is in charge of a crew of thirteen artists who are painting the scenery for the play.
9. The whole team breathed a sigh of relief when the buzzer sounded.
10. Maurice plays table tennis with great agility.

Subtest 2 Underline the pronoun in each sentence. Write pers. in the blank if the pronoun is personal; poss., if possessive; refl., if reflective, and int., if intensive.

1. Virginia used pastel colors in her abstract painting.
2. Dad gave me a valuable piece of advice.
3. The highly praised movie did not impress them.
4. Please help yourselves to the sandwiches.
5. When the team lost the game, the disappointment showed on their faces.
6. Armand himself met the tour group at the door.
7. Stephen has felt much better since he began taking the medication.
8. Judi doesn’t take herself too seriously.
9. The red umbrella is his.
10. Please join us at the beach this afternoon.
Subtest 3  Complete each sentence by writing a pronoun of the type specified.

1. Would you please hand me _______________? (demonstrative)

2. During the disappointing second half of the game, _______________ seemed to go right for my team. (indefinite)

3. On our vacation, _______________ lasted from July 28 to August 12, we explored Ontario, Canada. (relative)

4. _______________ jeans are in the dryer? (interrogative)

5. That pie looks delicious, but I think I’ll have a piece of _______________ instead. (demonstrative)

6. The key _______________ Dennis handed me was the wrong one. (relative)

7. All of us want to go to the new Thai restaurant, but _______________ of us is sure how to get there. (indefinite)

8. A few fans waited by the stage door, but _______________ of them had gone home. (indefinite)

9. “______________ are our best,” said the clerk, handing me a pair of running shoes. (demonstrative)

10. As for Amy and Keshia, _______________ are making outfits for the Sew-It-with-Wool contest. (indefinite)

Subtest 4  Underline the verbs and verb phrases.

1. In this political cartoon the elephant represents the Republicans.

2. The Hendersons were here this morning.

3. The dancers moved their feet in quick steps.

4. Carl should have entered the contest.

5. Jesse will finish his homework by nine o’clock.

6. Reba had givin many hours of her time to the organization.

7. A humbug is an imposter or a hoax.

8. We will be hiking the entire length of the Appalachian Trail.

9. Terry has been studying for three hours.

10. A long-legged bird was stepping slowly through the reeds.

Subtest 5  Write in the blank the adjective(s) in each sentence. Ignore the articles.

1. Lori’s mother drives a foreign car. _______________________________

2. The English visitor spoke with excellent diction. ____________________
3. I asked a reasonable question, but he gave me a ridiculous answer.

4. Gina is one of my favorite people.

5. Ted’s cousin borrowed his red jacket.

6. Does your brother like spicy Mexican food?

7. The President shook the hand of the Greek ambassador.

8. Luis prefers classical music to country music.

9. Murimi wore an elegant green dress.

10. The golden retriever was happily nursing nine puppies.

**Subtest 6** Write in the blank the type of word that the italicized adverb modifies: *verb*, *adjective*, or *adverb*.

1. Reiko curled up in the chair and stared **contentedly** at the fire.

2. The small needle was **extremely** difficult to thread.

3. Very **dramatically** the villain threw his cape over one shoulder and marched off stage.

4. Clarence does **not** enjoy his work at the fast-food restaurant.

5. Ursula studies **more diligently** than her sister.

6. Dillon **hardly** ever goes to see foreign films.

7. “I need some air,” he said **breathlessly**.

8. Arnett is **quite** eager to get to know the new foreign exchange student.

9. Of the three types of pocket knives, I think this one suits my needs **best**.

10. Only rarely have I seen a Blackburnian warbler in this type of habitat.

**Subtest 7** Write in the blank the words that serve as conjunctions in the following sentences.

1. Erica designs and makes costumes for the local children’s theater.

2. The Bears were hoping for a win, but their opponents had other plans.

3. Either a raccoon or a possum has been eating the cat’s food on the back porch at night.

4. You can take a canoe out onto the lake as long as you have a partner with you.

5. Therese acted as if she had never heard rap music.

6. Although there is a full moon tonight, you can’t see it because of the cloud cover.
7. Justin is not only a fine volleyball player but also a competent soccer player.

8. While Mattie worked on her wire sculpture, Karla continued to work on her oil painting.

9. Fala’s father is of Native American descent, and her mother is of Scots-Irish ancestry.

10. If you add three drops of the reagent to the solution in the test tube, it will change to a blue color.

**Subtest 8** Write *P* in the blank if the italicized word is a preposition, *C* if it is a conjunction, and *I* if it is an interjection.

____ 1. When we walked **behind** the grand house, we discovered a formal rose garden.

____ 2. Deana looked **as though** she had seen something very shocking.

____ 3. Oh, didn’t you know that the lecture was rescheduled?

____ 4. **Opposite** the entrance to the art museum is an interesting cafe.

____ 5. **After** we washed the dog, we washed my parents’ car.

____ 6. **Before** you leave the library, please pay my fine for me.

____ 7. Walt signed the petition **without** any hesitation.

____ 8. If you get to the concert **before** me, please save me a seat.

____ 9. All city schools are closed today **on account of** the snowstorm.

____ 10. **After** the prom we’ll all have breakfast at Monica’s

____ 11. **On my way home,** a playful spaniel nipped at my heels.

____ 12. Ah, now I understand.

____ 13. We won’t go **unless** you go with us.

____ 14. The problem originated **in** the control room.
Unit 2: Parts of a Sentence

Subtest 1 Draw a vertical line between the complete subject and the complete predicate in each sentence.

1. Uruguay is a country in the southeastern part of South America.
2. In the back row are my brother and three of his friends.
3. Reynaldo usually runs last.
4. The winner of the men's final at the Wimbledon Tennis Championship held up his trophy and smiled at the crowd.
5. The Trojans and the Greeks ended their war with the destruction of Troy.
6. The trombone section of the orchestra has five players in it.
7. Two students from our science class found several trilobite fossils at the old quarry.
8. Over there are three blue spruce trees.
9. Crocuses, daffodils, and tulips are three spring flowers.
10. Visible at the top of the hill was a small stone hut.

Subtest 2 Draw one line under each simple subject. Draw two lines under each simple predicate. If the subject you is understood, add it to the sentence in parentheses.

1. The puppies are my favorite animals in the pet store.
2. Seth and his mom washed and waxed the car on Saturday afternoon.
3. Neither my watch nor that clock shows the correct time.
4. Tina is not at home but will be back by five o'clock.
5. Please give me your attention for a minute.
6. The snowplow cleared the snow from the road but exposed a thin film of ice on the pavement.
7. Finches and chickadees perched on the feeder and nibbled the black sunflower seeds.
8. The green color of her dress complimented Marcie's eyes.
9. Will you and Sunny read your poems first?
10. Lorraine tiptoed down the hallway and slowly opened the heavy oak door.
11. There are three apples in the bowl.
12. Turn that music down.
Subtest 3  Write DO in the blank if the italicized word or phrase is a direct object and IO if it is an indirect object.

   1. Can you give us any tips for solving this puzzle?
   2. Gilda drew a trapezoid in the center of the blank page.
   3. LeeAnn wrote a summary of Chapter 3.
   4. A treadmill can give you a good workout.
   5. The farmer was cutting hay with an old-fashioned hand reaper.
   6. The Nobel Prize for literature has brought the author much public attention.
   7. Book groups offer the opportunity for interesting discussions.
   8. The man on the trapeze extended his hands to his partner.
   9. The author signed her name on the title page of the book.
  10. Could you please pass me that delicious guacamole?

Subtest 4  Identify the word in italics as a subject complement (SC) or object complement (OC). Write the appropriate letters in the blank.

   1. The altos are the largest section in the choir.
   2. The student body elected Robert president.
   3. Twenty years of television commercials have made this product a household name.
   4. The crown jewels on display at the historical museum are priceless.
   5. The color of this silk fabric is lilac.
   6. Our team was ready for the debate.
   7. Marissa remains a close friend.
   8. You may consider this desk yours.
   9. The teacher of the biology class is he.
  10. The toddler became fidgety after her nap.
  11. The principal named Shawn, Betty, and Henry cochairpersons for the class trip.
  12. I felt certain about the outcome.
  13. The rosebushes in the backyard smell wonderful.
  14. The contestant grew calm toward the end of the game.
Unit 3: Phrases

Subtest 1 Underline each prepositional phrase in the sentences below. Circle the object of the preposition. Then draw an arrow from the prepositional phrase to the noun or verb it modifies.

1. At the outdoor market Dana walked straight to her favorite fruit stand.

2. The rake leaned against the tree by the garage.

3. On the map the road follows a path between a river and a mountain range.

4. The basket in her arms was full of ripe red apples.

5. Tony watched a muskrat emerge from its hole on the riverbank.

6. Which of these three desserts do you want?

7. This updated computer manual will be very helpful to us.

8. The dictionary on the antique stand weighs over ten pounds.

9. Between the two barrels stood a man in blue coveralls and a straw hat.

10. After the long movie we stopped for a treat at the new frozen yogurt shop.

Subtest 2 Write adj. above the italicized prepositional phrase if it is used as an adjective; or write adv. if it is used as an adverb.

1. On March 21 Ellie picked the first bouquet of daffodils.

2. The snow on the mountaintop glistened in the noonday sun.

3. Persons from several city neighborhoods oppose the plan for the new freeway.

4. The train to Boston and New York leaves at 7:10 A.M.

5. During the speech several people in the audience fell asleep.

6. Which of the two experimental methods works better?

7. On such a cold winter night the owls are shivering in their feathers.

8. Suni peeked inside the birdhouse and saw three small eggs of a pale blue color.

9. Everyone except Marie looked up when the flock of Canada geese flew overhead.
10. Before sunrise Harlan and Maggie walked along the rocky beach.

**Subtest 3** Draw one line under each appositive or appositive phrase. Draw two lines under the noun or pronoun that it identifies.

1. For tomorrow please read “The Good Deed,” a short story by Pearl Buck.
2. I gave the book to Anita, the new girl in my biology class, after I was finished with it.
3. This building, one of the more interesting skyscrapers in New York, was designed by the architect I. M. Pei.
4. Claudia’s best friend, Julia, will be a foreign-exchange student next year in Germany.
5. The president of this college, Charlene DeMille, was born in Australia.
7. This poem was written by Langston Hughes, one of the foremost poets of the Harlem Renaissance.
8. The St. Lawrence River, the waterway between the Atlantic Ocean and Lake Ontario, is very busy with shipping traffic.
9. Harriet Vane, a professor of archaeology at the state university, is in charge of the excavation.
10. Paul Simon, the well-known American singer and guitarist, has recorded an album with the African choral group Ladysmith Black Mambazo.

**Subtest 4** Underline each participle or participial phrase. Draw an arrow to the word it modifies.

1. This handwoven sweater is knitted with Icelandic wool.
2. The winning entry was written by a sophomore attending James Madison High School.
3. Helen found her grandmother tending her prize-winning roses in the backyard.
4. Wincing from the screeching sound of the brakes, we swayed as the subway train came to a halt.
5. The air-conditioned restaurant was a welcome relief from the scorching sun.
6. The combine, temporarily abandoned by the farmer, sat in the middle of the half-harvested field of corn.
7. Keeping one eye on the conductor and one on her music, Deanna sight-read the new piece.
8. You have probably seen this new computer game advertised on television.
9. Speaking to a group of third graders, the fire chief described the special gear worn by firefighters.
10. At the beach we observed several stingrays gliding through the shallow water.
Subtest 5 Underline the gerunds or gerund phrases in the following sentences. If the sentence does not contain a gerund, draw a line through it.

1. Emily enjoys sailing at the reservoir.
2. After surveying the freshly baked pies, we selected rhubarb and blackberry.
3. Taking the subway is faster than taking the bus.
4. Finishing her laps in record time, the swimmer smiled and waved to the crowd.
5. Protecting your head with a helmet is a good idea for all cyclists.
6. Skating and dancing are two of Larry’s favorite activities.
7. Marcus deciphered the coded message by writing it backwards.
8. Finishing the long novel gave me a of accomplishment.
9. Everyone was listening to the radio to hear further news about the tornado.
10. Maleeka devotes much of her spare time to volunteering.

Subtest 6 Underline the infinitives and infinitive phrases in the sentences below. If the sentence does not contain an infinitive, draw a line through it.

1. People were lined up before dawn to buy tickets for the college basketball tournament.
2. I am very pleased to make your acquaintance.
3. Casey’s only wish was to fall into bed and sleep.
4. To settle the trade dispute the president sent the secretary of state to China to meet with officials there.
5. To just sit and listen to the wind in the treetops is very pleasant.
6. Many drivers have a tendency to run yellow lights.
7. That key is not the key to this door.
8. Rene plans to go to a junior college after high school.
9. Mrs. Ramirez decided to give Lonnie responsibility for organizing the book sale.
10. At our county fair, visitors will have a chance to ride in a hot-air balloon.
Subtest 7 Write P in the blank if the italicized verbal or verbal phrase is a participle or participial phrase, G if it is a gerund or gerund phrase, or I if it is an infinitive or infinitive phrase.

1. Each person is responsible for bringing a sack lunch on the field trip.
2. Lost in thought, Cara stared out the window at the rain.
3. Scientists sometimes use miniature radio transmitters for tracking large mammals.
4. The naturalist began to explain the problem.
5. We heard the children giggling.
6. To get from here to the freeway go north on High Street.
7. Gardening is not one of my passions.
8. Xavier was astonished to find the fossils.
9. The film star, rarely seen in public, walked swiftly past the photographers.
10. Alma used a different voice to depict each character.
11. Born in Marion, Ohio, Warren G. Harding was our twenty-ninth president.
12. Going to the natural history museum sounds like fun.
13. To become an astronaut is a dream of mine.
14. The airplane will stop to refuel and then continue on to its destination.
15. Jeremy makes exercising part of his routine every day.
16. Kathi left the half-eaten sandwich on her plate.
17. Distracted by the badminton game, Garrett stopped reading his book.
18. For many young mammals, playtime is training for the future.
19. Badgers sleep in burrows by day, emerging above ground at dusk.
20. The gentleman wearing the tweed jacket and bow tie is the guest speaker.
21. The baron was amazed to discover the viscount’s treachery.
22. Talking is Herbie’s favorite activity.
23. I helped him to study the blueprints.
24. Gathering his facts carefully, the orator prepared his speech.
Unit 4: Clauses and Sentence Structure

► Subtest 1  Draw two lines under each main clause. Draw one line under each subordinate clause.

1. The short stories that I like best are the ones with surprise endings.
2. Jake will be swimming the butterfly today, and Kenzo will be swimming the freestyle.
3. The woods at the top of the ridge are oak and hickory; the woods here are beech and maple.
4. Maple trees and sweet gum trees are both colorful in the fall.
5. Although they are twins, Rima was born in 1980, and her sister was born in 1981!
6. This is an impressionist painting; that one is a post-impressionist painting.
7. When I go to my uncle’s house, I like to listen to his player piano because the tunes are old-fashioned.
8. Poison ivy has three leaflets, and Virginia creeper has five, although the two plants are often mistaken for each other.
9. Whenever I go to the movie theater, I always sit about three fourths of the way back.
10. The ptarmigan, whose plumage turns from brown to white in winter, is a bird that inhabits the cold regions of the Northern Hemisphere.

► Subtest 2  Identify the clause in italics as an adjective clause (adj.), an adverb clause (adv.), or a noun clause (N). Write the appropriate abbreviation in the blank.

____  1. Last summer was a time when I felt very carefree.
____  2. I can’t stay out late tonight because it’s a weeknight.
____  3. James Herriot is the beloved author of many stories that recount his experiences as a country veterinarian in northern England.
____  4. Aviva is a faster skater than I am.
____  5. Aunt Tilda, who enjoys both embroidery and needlepoint, is making a footstool cover for my mother.
____  6. Before I went outside to shovel the snow, I checked the thermometer.
____  7. I know that Nefertiti was queen of Egypt in the fourteenth century B.C.
____  8. The cottage where the country doctor lived had a thatched roof.
____  9. When the mail carrier came to the door, I saw that she had a large package.
____ 10. Why she prefers this worn-out jacket to the new one is a mystery to me.
Subtest 3 Write dec. before each declarative sentence, imp. before each imperative sentence, int. before each interrogative sentence, and exc. before each exclamatory sentence.

1. At the Renaissance fair, we saw a game of chess being played with human chess pieces.
2. Ramon is writing a play based on the legend of King Midas.
3. Look at that pilot’s incredible stunt!
4. I’m not sure that I ever want to try parachuting.
5. Look out for the falling tree!
6. Did you know that gonzo is a synonym for bizarre?
7. Leave at once!
8. Please let me know if you need any help.
9. I don’t know why Sylvia wants to drive alone to the dance.
10. How the dog managed to get out the door is beyond my comprehension.

Subtest 4 Write F before each sentence fragment, R before each run-on sentence, and C before each complete sentence.

1. This pie is filled with gooseberries, that one is filled with blackberries.
2. The first thing I want to do when I get to the beach.
3. Which seemed like a reasonable approach at the time.
4. Paloma arrived on time for basketball practice she had forgotten her uniform.
5. Your never call you never write.
6. After leaving Albuquerque, New Mexico, we took the high road to Taos through the San Jacinto Mountains.
7. The Golden Gate is a strait in western California it connects the Pacific Ocean with San Francisco Bay.
8. Heavily used during the gold rush of 1849 but known as the Golden Gate long before that.
9. As if she had wings.
10. Now, that’s a neat idea.
Unit 5: Diagraming Sentences

Subtest  Diagram the following sentences.

1. Old movies and classic books are my favorites.

2. Ren drove the car into the garage, and he gave me the keys.

3. Tokyo has a large population inhabiting the vicinity.

4. The rain fell in sheets of water.

5. The people joyfully sang whatever they knew.

6. Eleanor prefers to arrive on time.

7. The longest night, Dec. 21, is the winter solstice, while the shortest night falls on June 21, the summer solstice.

8. Cricket and rugby are popular English sports.
9. Takeo was asked whether the maps were helpful.

10. Camilla said that Ron was silly.

11. Chen hopes that you will come.

12. Technicians trained in the art of needlework sewed the pattern onto the jacket.

13. The Amazon River is wide and powerful.

14. Waterproofing makes shoes better.

15. The coach asked me whether I wanted the position.

Unit 6: Verb Tenses and Voice

► Subtest 1 Identify the tense of the verb or verb phrase in italics as past, present, future, past perfect, present perfect, or future perfect. Write the name of the correct tense in the blank.

1. Denise will feed the dog before she leaves for school.

2. Diedre has gone to the state fair with her father.

3. The soldiers in the color guard raised the flag at dawn.

4. Mai did not notice the woman’s ring, but she noticed her large, dangling earrings.

5. James had finished the crossword puzzle less than an hour.

6. The plane will arrive in Dallas, Texas, at approximately 8:14, Central Standard Time.

7. Each person in the raft wore a life jacket.

8. Cintra eats yogurt with wheat germ for breakfast every morning.

9. By the end of the year, we will have earned the right to be called champions.

10. The students have studied the poetry of Gwendolyn Brooks.

11. Gabriela had never tasted fondue before.

12. Miriam will visit relatives in Israel this summer.

13. Tzu drank the entire glass of milk.

14. By the time we get to Phoenix, it will be dark.

15. They are in favor of building the new outer belt around our town.

16. All the ice cubes had frozen together into one big lump.

17. At the sound of the tone it will be 3:15 P.M.

18. The rock concert at the stadium attracted over 50,000 people.

19. That singer has sung the national anthem at several ball games this year.

20. By five o’clock today we will have driven over 400 miles.

► Subtest 2 Complete each sentence by writing a verb of the tense indicated.

1. Natalie ______________________ a song from Ecuador on her wooden flute. (future)

2. The guide ______________________ a train of heavily loaded llamas down the narrow mountain trail. (present)
3. The art students ________________ very proud of the painting and sculpture exhibit.
   (past)

4. They do not have passports, but Josephina _________________. (present)

5. The two cousins ________________ never ________________ before the family reunion. (past perfect)

6. Hernando ________________ always ________________ a good friend to me. (present perfect)

7. By four o’clock today the judges ________________ their decision. (future perfect)

8. The batter ________________ four home runs before the seventh inning. (past perfect)

9. Between the back seats of the car, Christy ________________ the lost keys. (past)

10. Tomorrow he ________________ his application for basketball camp. (future)

11. Duke Moulton ________________ the countess in the park. (past)

12. Old Elijah Farmingham ________________ me the amazing tale. (past)

13. Carlos and Xian ________________ whenever they see it. (present)

14. The airlines ________________ at about four o’clock this morning. (past)

15. An elephant ________________ in the parade tomorrow. (future)

Subtest 3 Underline the verb in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

1. Yesterday, a stray cat (came, come) to the back door.

2. The cat had been (bit, bitten) at the base of its tail by another animal.

3. Mr. Gordon, the county extension agent, has (given, gave) several presentations about using
   farm equipment safely.

4. She must have (knowed, known) that the window was open.

5. Richard had (began, begun) to build a fire in the wood stove.

6. Ernest is trying to (broke, break) his record in the high jump.

7. Dr. DeBeers had (spoke, spoken) to us earlier about the risks associated with smoking.

8. Amelia has (drew, drawn) many sketches of the outdoors at her grandmother’s farm.

9. Has everyone (brung, brought) a calculator for the math quiz today?

10. My little sister had (wrote, written) her name in the sand with a stick.

11. In winter Canada geese frequent this pond, but by now they have all (flew, flown) away.

12. Ilya had never (rode, ridden) a horse before his family took a vacation at a dude ranch in
    Colorado.
13. Phyllis (swam, swum) in the 50-meter and 100-meter free-style events.
14. I hope I haven’t (lose, lost) my keys.
15. The old walk-behind plow had (became, become) rusty from lying outdoors for many years.
16. The smoke (rose, rised) from the chimney in a thin wisp.
17. I have (said, say) it many times, “Practice makes perfect.”
18. The fire in the barn started when a heat lamp (fell, falled) on the straw.
19. Luis (chose, choosed) not to attend the reception.
20. Over the winter the tires on the bicycle had (went, gone) flat.

► Subtest 4 Write the missing principal parts of each verb.

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► Subtest 5 Write A in the blank before each active-voice sentence and P before each passive-voice sentence.

_____  1. No one knew how to solve the mystery.
_____  2. Leslie is much admired for her honesty and integrity.
1. A tornado warning was being announced on the radio.
2. The President’s portrait is being painted by a well-known artist.
3. The speaker has not yet addressed that subject.
4. Naguib was reminded about the concert by his teacher.
5. We felt pleased about our progress.
6. This college was founded by Quakers in the mid-1840s.
7. The team is coached by Mr. Bill Sorenson, a former basketball player himself.
8. The cookies for the sale will be baked by students.

Subtest 6  Place a check next to each sentence in which the tenses of the verbs are compatible.

1. After I thought about the problem for a minute, I begin to see a solution.
2. LeGrange slam-dunks the ball, and the crowd cheers wildly.
3. As he listened to the description of the beautiful Caribbean beach, he wish he could be there.
4. The toddler cried when the dog will eat her graham cracker.
5. After the swelling goes down, your knee will feel much better.
6. I think that the referee’s decision is unfair.
7. When Marnie practices her dives at the pool today, we will be watching.
8. Since Ray had drunk plenty of water before the workout, he did not feel thirsty.
9. Before the doctor gave me a shot, he asks if I was allergic to penicillin.
10. By the time their parents come home, the children will have cleaned their rooms.
11. The hot rod crashed when the driver loses control.
12. The volcano exploded, and its lava covered the city.
13. The warship can move at high speeds and turned quickly.
14. When the sun comes out, people fill the parks.
Unit 7: Subject-Verb Agreement

► Subtest 1 Underline the simple subject in each sentence. Underline the verb in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

1. A good friend of my grandparents (is, are) coming to visit us next week.
2. To Sean, the most interesting part of the film (was, were) the battles.
3. *Barchester Towers* by Anthony Trollope (was, were) made into a successful TV series.
4. Under the bushes (lies, lie) the lost glove we have been looking for.
5. John Kennedy, as well as his brothers Robert and Ted, (was, were) elected to the U.S. Senate.
6. Some of the sugar (has, have) fallen out of the bag onto the floor.
7. (Does, Do) your mother and father attend all of the team’s games?
8. Two years (is, are) an awfully long time to wait for a reply to your letter.
9. Each student in the painting class (is, are) trying to finish a painting for the parents’ show next week.
10. The co-captains of that team (is, are) meeting with the referees before the game begins.
11. Here (is, are) the money for the painting supplies.
12. The opening minutes of the performance (was, were) a wonderful experience.
13. The mumps (is, are) one of the most common childhood diseases.
14. (Doesn’t, Don’t) anybody understand what the man is trying to say?
15. Our mathematics class (has, have) decided to go ahead with a special study of microcomputer technology.
16. Neither the elephants nor the giraffe (looks, look) very perky on a hot day like this.
17. There (is, are) forty persons waiting in line to buy tickets.
18. The decorations for the sophomore dance (looks, look) beautiful, don’t you agree?
19. The cast of the play (is, are) rehearsing their parts to get ready for opening night.
20. The most improved team in the league last year (was, were) the New England Patriots.

► Subtest 2 Place a check beside each sentence in which the subject and verb are in agreement.

_____ 1. The Queen of England, accompanied by two of her children, are touring Canada and the United States.

_____ 2. My favorite side dish with pork are noodles.
3. Six months is a long time to be away from your family.
4. Here are two more persons who want to help with the car wash on Saturday.
5. My new pants are made of corduroy.
6. Peaches and cream makes an excellent dessert after a big meal.
7. Neither the teacher nor the students is very interested in the movie.
8. Today Congress are debating the issue of term limits for political office holders.
9. Every cat and dog can recognize its owner.
10. Both the painting and the sculpture show the same mythological hero.
11. One crop that thrives in the cool climate of northern Europe is potatoes.
12. Either Mr. Rustagi or Ms. Madison have received a teaching award recently.
13. Physics appeal to me more than chemistry.
14. Floats, in addition to horse brigades and high school bands, make up the Fourth of July Parade.
15. In the middle of the open field was a huge oak tree that had been struck by lightning several times.
16. Three feet are the length of a single pace of a typical adult human.
17. “The Three Little Pigs” is still a popular story with very young children.
18. The choir sang “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen,” a well-known spiritual.
19. Five hundred dollars strikes me as a large amount of money.
20. The crowd shake their blue and white pom-poms whenever the home team scores a touchdown.
21. The flowers in the meadow include black-eyed Susans and Queen Anne’s lace.
22. Bacon and eggs appears on the breakfast menu of most restaurants.
23. These scissors is very dull.
24. Next to the yellow daffodils grow a single purple hyacinth.
25. Red beans and rice are the dish we usually have for dinner on Monday nights.
26. Does those elephants come from India or Africa?
27. Economics have sometimes been called the dismal science.
28. Ten miles is too far for me to walk in one day.
Unit 8: Using Pronouns Correctly

Subtest 1 Place a check (✔) next to each sentence that uses pronouns correctly.

1. The reporter interviewed two downhill skiers, Olaf and she.
2. When the coach announced the most valuable player, I hoped it would be she.
3. Your storytelling captivated the children.
4. At the tennis match we rooted for the underdogs, Matilda and she.
5. The geologist gave Felicia and I some small amethyst rocks.
6. The tornado siren didn't alarm Randy as much as me.
7. This section of seats is reserved exclusively for us sophomores.
8. Several members of the audience asked the author to sign their books after the lecture.
9. I don’t know whom Jerrold has asked to the prom.
10. Antony thanked Warren and Cecily for their help in organizing the fund-raising campaign.
11. We softball players can’t get enough of the game.
12. My brother attends a school in Berlin where you can study engineering as well as regular academic subjects.
13. During tennis matches my partner Jane always seems more relaxed than me.
14. Tell me who the new math teacher is.
15. Neither of the girls could make up their mind about what to order.
16. Robert Frost is a poet about whom much has been written.
17. The only two names on the list were yours and me.
18. The two challengers, Sadie and I, did very well in the first round of table tennis.
19. Whom is giving the poetry reading on Monday night?
20. Lilacs are a favorite choice for planting because of their scent.
21. Yes, I’d like to go with you and her.
22. Tommy and she spent too much money for the party decorations.
23. Neither of the sailboats bettered their racing times.
24. Running Deer told Curtis and me the wonderful story.
Subtest 2 Underline the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

1. My brother and (I, me) both enjoy horseback riding.
2. Concert pianists must always be careful not to injure (their, his) hands.
3. This pillow has lost all (its, it’s) stuffing.
4. I don’t think I could pass the test if I studied as little as (he, him).
5. (Who, Whom) is most likely to score the most points in this game?
6. Mr. Semple, the English teacher who received a teaching award this year, just published (its, his) first short story.
7. The organizers of the book fair, Charlene and (him, he), began their planning over two months ago.
8. My two favorite teachers are Mr. Suarez and (she, her).
9. (Who, Whom) is the best runner on the cross-country team?
10. There was no one at the cathedral except (us, we) tourists.
11. This discussion is between (she, her) and me.
12. After the election I was as disappointed as (them, they).
13. Nika gave Robert and (I, me) a tour of the nature center where he works.
14. Marla’s two sisters are more outgoing than (she, her).
15. Marlene is a person for (whom, who) I have the greatest respect.
16. Neither the class secretary nor the class president (is, are) able to attend the meeting.
17. The selections by Edgar Allan Poe and Joyce Carol Oates reflect (their, her) interest in setting and mood.
18. (They, Them) are the ones who updated the old motorbike.
19. Each student must be aware of (their, his or her) responsibilities.
20. Tyrone, (who, whom) is a whiz at tying knots, lashed the canoe securely to the top of the car.
21. I thought I told you to give the cards back to (they, them).
22. Vanessa and (I, me) will be arriving at the party at eight o’clock.
23. Lucy told (us, we) to stand by the lamppost.
24. (Who, Whom) drew this picture of a lion and its cubs?
25. The starry night sky mesmerized (he, him).
Unit 9: Using Modifiers Correctly

Subtest 1 Underline the form of the modifier in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

1. Chihuahuas are one of the (tiniest, most tiniest) breeds of dog.
2. These bright red cherries are (smaller, more small) than those dark red cherries.
3. The coach felt bad after the game, but the team felt even (worse, badder).
4. In the United States tornadoes are (most common, more common) in the Midwest.
5. This new printer is (less reliable, least reliable) than the old printer.
6. Because I hit the tennis ball (bad, badly), it flew straight up in the air.
7. Of the three challenges we face, this one is the (most tough, toughest).
8. Rex can solve word scrambles (quicklier, more quickly) than I can.
9. Marcie thought that Trevor looked (good, well) in a tie and jacket.
10. Vinnie was named the (most valuable, more valuable) player on the soccer team.
11. In the road test the car using ethanol fuel went the (farthest, farther).
12. In the hurdles event, Inez ran (faster, more fast) than Cindy.
13. The dog did something very (bad, badly); he dug up my grandfather’s prized chrysanthemums.
14. Nadine plays the flute very well, but she would play even (better, gooder) if she practiced more.
15. The water in the Aegean Sea is the (blueest, bluest) that I’ve ever seen.
16. Because Greta was not feeling (well, good), she excused herself from the table.
17. Our dog is very (gentle, gentler) with the new kittens.
18. Lars thinks that hang-gliding is (more dangerous, most dangerous) than skydiving.
19. Tina is (more taller, taller) than her two older sisters.
20. Jeanette takes teasing (more seriously, seriouser) than I do.
21. Tiffany says that puzzle gets (more curious, curiower) as you work it.
22. When the wind blew (heavy, heavily), it whistled under the eaves.
23. The last rocket had a (straighter, straightest) trajectory than the first.
24. Your old jokes were (more funny, funnier) than your new ones.
25. The sunlight through the window glowed (bright, brightly).
Subtest 2 Place a check next to each sentence in which modifiers are used clearly and correctly.

1. Don headed for the science lab carrying the test tubes.
2. Gene felt bad about missing band practice twice in a row.
3. Because he had forgotten his wallet, he had no way to pay for the meal.
4. The outfielder didn’t never see the ball coming.
5. The bicyclist from France didn’t do very well in the first race.
6. Byron looks well with short hair.
7. The paint on the house is in worse condition than the garage.
8. Regina only knows the combination to this lock.
9. After filling the gas tank, the car was ready for the next leg of the trip.
10. His southern accent is stronger than hers.
11. Not knowing where to turn for advice, Mim examined the self-help books at the bookstore.
12. I’ve never met nobody from Alaska.
13. Sheila has been sick recently, but today she looks very well.
14. He handed her a letter bearing the author’s signature.
15. The children badly wanted to attend the marionette show.
16. Nestled in the crook of the tree, we saw a mother raccoon and two kits.
17. I never get any sleep when the full moon is shining in my window.
18. The cover of this book is more interesting than the cover of that book.
19. The photograph of me on my student ID card isn’t very good.
20. Extending her hand, Elaine welcomed us to the workshop.
21. The book on how mummies were made is the real interesting one.
22. The picture you drew looks very well, Martha.
23. Johnny said the persons on the island spoke funny.
24. I’m glad to hear the news, gladder than you imagine.
25. The professor threw his notebook in the air and shouted, “That’s the answer!”
Unit 10: Usage Glossary

Subtest 1 Underline the word or words in parentheses that best complete each sentence.

1. Hannah (can hardly, can’t hardly) wait to find out the results of the tryouts.
2. (May, Can) I help you with that suitcase?
3. Barry (hanged, hung) his coat and scarf on one of the wooden pegs.
4. (These sort, This sort) of problem can be prevented with proper planning.
5. A sporty red convertible (passed, past) our van on the freeway.
6. Miguel and Jonathan finished first and second in the race, (respectively, respectfully).
7. I know that Reno is in Nevada, but (where, where at)?
8. Turn left at the church, (than, then) right at next stoplight.
9. The prairie dog ran (in, into) its hole just as the hawk swooped down toward it.
10. Some people (doesn’t, don’t) seem to care about littering.
11. Many Chinese people (immigrated, emigrated) to the United States during the California gold rush in the mid-1800s.
12. I don’t want to discuss this matter any (farther, further).
13. Once in (a while, awhile) our family likes to go out to dinner at Moretti’s, an Italian restaurant nearby.
14. Pravat is reading (a, an) historical novel that takes place during the French and Indian War.
15. The walls were scorched when a fire broke out in the kitchen, but the rest of the house was not (affected, effected).
16. It was nice to have the family (altogether, all together) for a Fourth of July picnic.
17. (Beside, Besides) missing the bus, I forgot my notebook.
18. Lydia divided the last of the pie (among, between) the three children.
19. Will you (bring, take) my overdue book to the library when you go there?
20. Last year our town had lots of tourists, but this year there seem to be (fewer, less).

Subtest 2 Write C next to each sentence in which the italicized word or words are used correctly. If the sentence is not correct, cross out the incorrect part and write the correction above.

1. Please lie the book on the reference desk when you are through with it.
2. The new toothpaste that the dentist uses tastes like cinnamon.
3. The collar on the dog is so lose that he can easily slip out of it.
4. Our high school marching band proceeds the first float in the parade.
5. I checked the bread in the oven and it is rising nicely.
6. The reason Fred couldn’t get into the house is because he lost his key.
7. Maureen asked the children to set down so she could begin reading the story.
8. Let me alone!
9. Cross-country skiing is quite different from downhill skiing.
10. Nora ain’t the kind of person who points out others’ faults.
11. Is it all right if I eat some of the fruit salad in the refrigerator?
12. Will you lend me your bicycle for an hour?
13. I could of defeated Marie in the third set of the tennis game if I hadn’t been so tired.
14. Irregardless of the weather, we will tour the formal gardens tomorrow.
15. Tony and Peter rested awhile before resuming their chores.
16. It’s a honor to meet you, sir.
17. What effect will the new health insurance law have on people who are retired?
18. A great amount of people turned out for the most recent local elections.
19. Ezra laid the blanket on top of the sleeping children.
20. Will you learn me how to drive a car?
21. Move the couch under the window, but leave the chair beside the table.
22. How did the motion-sensor ride affect you?
23. My car lost it’s shine after Jim scrubbed it with a tire brush.
24. I ran as fast as I could, but Sara past me with ease.
25. The loose fan belt made the engine sound like twittering birds.
Unit 11: Capitalization

Subtest 1  Draw three lines under each letter that should be capitalized. Draw a slash through each letter that should be changed to lowercase.

1. There is a Chinese proverb that says, “a book is like a garden carried in the pocket.”
2. The Sahara lies North of the equator.
3. From the Canadian Rockies we traveled South and East into North Dakota.
4. My mother’s sister Elena is a criminologist at the federal bureau of investigation.
5. The Koran, the holy book of Muslims, contains the revelations of Muhammad, the Founder and Prophet of Islam.
6. Vincent winked at me and said, “birds of a feather flock together.”
7. The Golden Gate Bridge is named for the strait that connects the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco bay.
8. In my Astronomy 101 Class, we looked through a high-powered telescope at a very bright star called alpha Centauri.
9. Zimbabwe (its capital was Great Zimbabwe) was an empire in eastern Africa between A.D. 1000 and 1300.
10. The paintings of Pieter Brueghel illustrate the style of Northern European painting during the renaissance.
11. According to coach Gooden, the team’s victory was due to “Pluck and luck.”
12. Angie asked her brother, “What do you think Mom would like for her birthday?”
13. The fourteenth amendment to the Constitution says that no state may deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law.
14. In 1787 France’s government was deep in debt because it had supported the American revolutionary war.
15. On Easter Sunday our family attends mass at St. Mary’s Catholic church and enjoys a ham dinner prepared by my father.
16. The Pulitzer Prizes are annual awards for excellence in Journalism, Literature, and Music.
17. Robert Frost’s poem “The road not taken” begins, “Two roads diverged in a yellow wood.”
18. Among the exports of South America are Argentinian beef and Colombian coffee.
19. During the televised basketball tournament there were many commercials for Goodyear Tires and Ford Trucks.

20. On the ferry from Staten Island to New York city we saw the setting Sun disappear behind the world trade center.

**Subtest 2** Place a check (✔) next to each sentence in which capitalization is used correctly.

1. The HMS Pinafore is an imaginary British ship in a musical by Gilbert and Sullivan.
2. In our English class we recently read “the Last Buffalo,” an essay by David Quaaman.
3. The Chicago art institute is presenting an exhibit of abstract paintings by Russian artists.
4. During the era of jacksonian Democracy, popular opinion became an important influence on government.
5. Does your Grandmother enjoy fishing as much as you do?
6. Mara plans to study economics at the state university.
7. Islam has close ties to judaism and christianity.
9. Mukluks are soft boots made of animal skin and worn by Eskimos. (The Eskimo word for bearded seal is maklak).
10. Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1866 over President Andrew Johnson’s veto.
12. The naturalist described the owl as “a highly efficient hunter.”
13. Myra asked, “Will you be able to come to the game Saturday night, Mother?”
14. This shop offers many imported products such as Japanese handmade paper and Icelandic wool sweaters.
16. Do you think that every high school student should take a Foreign Language?
17. Noreen said that she enjoyed studying the Battle of Gettysburg using the new hypermedia software.
18. Democrats and Republicans in Congress don’t often agree, but on this Bill they were united.
19. I have read all of Louis Bromfield’s books, but my favorite is The Farm.
20. Ulysses S. Grant, the former Civil War General and hero of the Union, was President between 1869 and 1877.
Unit 12: Punctuation, Abbreviations, and Numbers

Subtest 1 Add punctuation (or underline for italics) to each sentence.

1. The trip although I had been looking forward to it did not go well
2. There used to be a tall silver maple tree behind the house but it blew down in a storm one year
3. We could draw only one conclusion from the dog’s behavior this was his home
4. After the hymn the minister read Luke 1 1–16
5. Tess will be giving her speech tomorrow I give mine today
6. Americans are always moving on wrote the poet Stephen Vincent Benét
7. The first thing we need to do said Pearl is to find a flat campsite for the tent
8. How amazing you are
9. Cleo read a review of Joy Hakim’s Reconstruction and Reform in the Los Angeles Tribune
10. In the signature the t was not crossed
11. The art museum is closed on Mondays consequently we have to reschedule our visit
12. Yes the landscape in Antarctica is quite desolate
13. Our family regularly travels to livestock shows in Sedalia Missouri Louisville Kentucky and Indianapolis Indiana
14. Gerry kept saying I can’t believe it
15. At my aunt’s house in the country we noticed these birds goldfinches bluebirds flycatchers and barn swallows
16. I located Mending Wall in The Collected Poetry of Robert Frost
17. I searched my desk for the twelfth time I knew I had stashed the letter there somewhere and at last found it
18. My English teacher thinks that Thoreau’s essay Life without Principle is one of the hallmarks of American prose
19. Alan normally seems happy and carefree but today he seems to have lost his joie de vivre
20. Bacteria the singular is bacterium are tiny one-celled organisms
Subtest 2  Underline the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

1. The miniature poodle was wearing a silly cap on (it’s, its) head.
2. The bicyclists stayed overnight at an (AYH, A.Y.H.) hostel.
3. Some (three hundred, 300) high school students took part in the Walk to End Hunger last Saturday.
4. In just a few years we will enter the (21st, twenty-first) century.
5. In the handwriting sample none of the (is, i’s) were dotted.
6. Thinking negatively can be (self-defeating, self defeating).
7. Of the 1229 students at our school (twelve, 12) are of Native American descent.
8. Tonight we are seeing one of (O’Neills, O’Neill’s) plays.
9. The landfill south of town covers an area of (one hundred and seventy, 170) acres.
10. Recently a well-known computer company was sold for over ($6 billion, six billion dollars).
11. On page (fifty, 50) you will find a photograph of a magnified cross-section of a corn plant stem.
12. Mrs. Burgos used her (son-in-law’s, son’s-in-law) car while he was studying abroad.
13. I am due at the dentist’s office at (two, 2) o’clock.
14. The unusual (sixteen-year-old, sixteen year old) student was studying physics at the college level.
15. Several members of the (U.S., US) Department of Commerce attended the hearing to discuss the new interstate trade law.
16. Because they had been stored in a damp basement, the (books’, book’s) covers were coated with mildew.
17. (Four thousand seventy-five, 4,075) people, about half of our town’s population, voted in the last election.
18. Add 6 (ml, ml.) of salt solution to each test tube.
19. The reporters questioned a panel of doctors that included Michelle Blumenfeld, (M.D., MD).
20. (Youre, You’re) probably right about that.

Subtest 3  Place a checkmark next to each sentence in which commas are used correctly.

_____ 1. Miguel loves summer sports; I, on the other hand prefer winter sports.
_____ 2. The small settlement had a church, a store, and cabins all made of logs.
_____ 3. The ginkgo tree, which is also called the maidenhair tree, is one of the oldest species of tree.
4. The red, brick house was topped by a slate roof.

5. The homesteaders of the Plains states, many of them immigrants from Germany, Sweden, or Poland, were primarily grain farmers.

6. On the last Friday of every month, my mother goes to a regular auction in Plain City.

7. We arrived at the dock at 6 A.M., but the excursion boat was nowhere around.

8. Ad hominem arguments are discussed in Improving Your Reasoning, pages, 34-36.

9. Yolanda are you interested in being a math tutor this semester?

10. Marianne wore a green, bead-covered, antique dress from the 1920s.

11. Absorbed in his book, Adrian barely noticed the thunder and lightning outside.

12. Before serving, season the soup with salt and pepper, a pinch of paprika, and a dash of hot sauce.

13. We do have reservations, don’t we?

14. Although crabs are quite common on this beach, they are seldom seen above the sand.

15. Sea anemones although they look like plants, are actually carnivorous animals.

16. This fall, unlike last fall, has been extremely dry.

17. She led and I followed.

18. Bill Gates, the founder and chief officer of Microsoft developed a program for scheduling classes at his high school at the age of fourteen.

19. My younger brother was born in Biloxi, Mississippi, while my father was in the Air Force.

20. We decided to use the wallpaper in the hallway, and in the bathroom.

Subtest 4 Add needed punctuation and correct any incorrect punctuation marks using standard proofreading symbols. Some sentences may be correctly punctuated.

1. Is this a vascular or a nonvascular plant!

2. Assemble these items before you begin; a large sheet of poster board, marking pens of several colors, and masking tape.

3. The characters in Charles Dickens novels often have names that allude to certain personality traits?

4. I like Nikki Giovanni’s poem Nikki-Rosa; it makes me think of my own childhood.

5. Cara ran her hand over the rough gray bark of the old, apple tree.
6. Conifers see page 96 have seeds that grow inside protective cones.

7. Margot explained “how some insects use camouflage to escape from predators.”

8. This book contains the classic mystery story The Monkey’s Paw by W. W. Jacobs.

9. I’ve finished all my chores; now I can relax.

10. The entomologist explained that “bees communicate with other members of the hive by doing a sort of dance.”

11. Micah is only eleven years old, but he is a very capable sailor.

12. Paul Klee’s cartoon-like painting “Steerable Grandfather” is quite amusing.

13. Parents, teachers, students, and other members of the community: attended the spaghetti supper at the school.

14. Watching from the duck blind at the edge of the pond we could observe the birds without disturbing them.

15. This shop sells many fancy foods and candies including Callard and Bowser’s butterscotch.

16. The red, dotted, line on the map showed the path to the underground cave.

17. The police officer gathered evidence at the scene of the crime; and the detective questioned several suspects?

18. It can be dangerous, to stand up in a small boat.

19. Luisa asked, “This is my coat isn’t it”?

20. Matsu has karate tonight; therefore; she won’t be coming.
Unit 13: Vocabulary and Spelling

**Subtest 1** Underline the definition in parentheses that is closest in meaning to the italicized word. Use context to determine its meaning.

1. Zeke Mitchell was a man of few words; his father, too, was very **taciturn**. (untalkative, secretive)
2. When their nine-year-old son did not return to the picnic shelter at the expected time, the parents became **frantic**. (very worried, very confused)
3. The DeWine family donated over a million dollars to help build the new hospital; they have supported many **philanthropic** projects in our city. (promoting human welfare, promoting political action)
4. Speech-making is not one of my strong points; writing poetry, however, is my **forte**. (special skill, weak point)
5. Despite their lower ranking, our team showed their **mettle** in a tough game with the powerful Bobcats. (strength and courage, offense and defense)
6. We watched the bird **preen**, or smooth and clean its feathers, for several minutes. (sing, groom)
7. The car’s engine was dead, there was no gas station in sight, and we hadn’t passed another car on the desert road for hours; we were in a **quandary** about what to do next. (state of uncertainty, state of excitement)
8. The book reviewer’s remarks were **scathing**; for example, he said that the characters were as flat as cardboard cutouts. (harshly critical, impressive)
9. Business is **zilch** today; not a single customer has walked into the store. (slow, amounting to nothing)
10. The starving peasants staged a rebellion, but the king moved quickly to **quash** it. (support, suppress)

**Subtest 2** Replace the words in italics with a word that has a prefix or suffix.

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1. In most towns, crossing the street anywhere but at a crosswalk is **not legal**.
2. The wind had died down and the trees now stood **without motion**.
3. The winter temperatures in northern Minnesota are frequently **below zero**.
4. Monroe **again examined** the butterfly, but he still could not identify it.
5. The measurement of the fence, between 100 and 120 feet, was **not exact**.
6. Leaving the string hammock outdoors year round will make short its useful life.

7. Liquid water will become crystal at temperatures below 32° Fahrenheit.

8. You can use a computer spreadsheet program to do repetitious calculations with efficiency.

9. The golden retriever’s state of being playful amused the children.

10. The wedding was full of joy, and everyone attending had a wonderful time.

**Subtest 3** Write in the blank the correct spelling of each italicized word.

1. has not recieved __________________________

2. without stoping __________________________

3. gray wolfs ________________________________

4. several attorney generals _____________________

5. fresh tomatos ______________________________

6. angels’ haloes ______________________________

7. queen’s riegn ______________________________

8. highly irregular ______________________________

9. now occuring ______________________________

10. finest acheivement __________________________

11. cruelly treated ______________________________

12. may superseed ______________________________

13. liesure time ________________________________

14. sound judgement _____________________________

15. might dissappear ____________________________

16. developpping economy ______________________

17. will procede _________________________________

18. concede the election _________________________

19. shiney mirror ________________________________

20. two halfs _________________________________

**Subtest 4** Underline the word in parentheses that is spelled correctly. You may need to use context to help determine the correct choice.

1. Mr. and Mrs. Ting have opened a (restaurant, restraunt) at the shopping plaza.

2. Several local college professors take part in the annual science day at the (elementary, elementery) school.

3. Will this tent (accommodate, accomodate) six people?

4. The drought is beginning to have a serious (effect, affect) on the vegetable garden.

5. This marsh is a salt-water (environment, enviornment).

6. Fernando keeps a list of interesting word (origins, oragins) in his journal.

7. In this (laboratory, labratory) medical technicians are evaluating blood samples.

8. Fina is very (conscienscious, conscientious) about doing her homework.

9. On (Wensday, Wednesday) Mr. Orlofsky will post the results of the play tryouts.

10. An important (principal, principle) of thermodynamics is that heat rises.
Unit 14: Composition

Subtest 1  Edit the following piece of writing and rewrite it based on your editing marks.

Summer is without a doubt my Favorite season. The weather are warm; the sun shines nearly everyday, and I have a chance to do all of my favorite things. I love water-ski, take long bike rides, and play beach volleyball. In the summer, I have plenty of time to get together with my friends. Although some days I just sit under a tree and read a book, of course, this summer I am going to get a job. Then I can start saving money for the future. Sports, time with friends; time to relax, opportunity to earn money—is it any wonder summer is my favorite season!
Subtest 2  Revise each topic sentence to better attract a reader’s attention. Be sure to use the correct verb voice and to add supporting detail.

1. The door creaked open. ____________________________________________

2. We found the last piece. ____________________________________________

3. A black hat lay on the ground. ______________________________________

4. A green balloon floated into the air. __________________________________

5. My sister Sally arrived. ____________________________________________

6. The food was inside the covered dish. _________________________________

7. The garden was in full bloom. _______________________________________

8. The picture contained something interesting. ___________________________

9. Her flashlight revealed a strange shape. ________________________________

10. Our pilot made an announcement. _________________________________
Subtest 3 Edit the following paragraphs for unity and coherence. Then rewrite the paragraphs based on your changes.

A pizzelle iron is similar to a waffle iron, except that its design resembles a snowflake. It’s much easier than I thought, especially if you have an electric pizzelle iron. Pizzelles are thin wafer-like Italian cookies. They can be made in many different flavors. The dry ingredients are sifted together before being added to the batter. Pizzelle batter is thick and sticky. Once the basic ingredients are combined, you can add a flavoring such as vanilla, almond, or anise, or you can add cocoa and more sugar. The basic recipe uses eggs, flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, butter, and milk. Yesterday Aunt Vivian taught me how to make pizzelles.

If you are using an electric pizzelle iron, be sure it has heated properly before you begin using it. Close the lid. Different irons may have different suggested cooking times. Place one teaspoon of batter in the center of each pizzelle form (most pizzelle irons have two forms.) Most pizzelles will bake in thirty seconds. Carefully remove each pizzelle with a fork and set on a tray to cool. Lift the lid by its handle (the rest of the iron will be quite hot.)

Most batters will make several dozen cookies— which means that you can share them with your friends and have plenty left for yourself!
Subtest 4 Choose a topic for an opinion letter. Fill in the information for each item.

Opinion:


Audience:


Attitude of audience:


What audience needs to know:


Supporting evidence:


UNIT 1 PARTS OF SPEECH

Subtest 1
1. naturalist, gloves, falcon
2. garden, pride, joy
3. committee, professors, disciplines, physics, astronomy, chemistry; C
4. Billy Budd, novel, Herman Melville, Billy, innocence, youth; P
5. Everglades, wilderness, United States; P
6. thunder, lightning, rain
7. high school, miles, square
8. Robin, charge, crew, artists, scenery, play; P, C
9. team, sigh, relief, buzzer; C
10. Maurice, tennis, agility; P

Subtest 2 (pronoun; type)
1. her; possessive
2. me; personal
3. them; personal
4. yourselves; reflexive
5. their; possessive
6. himself; intensive
7. he; personal
8. herself; reflexive
9. his; possessive
10. us; personal

Subtest 3 (Answers may vary.)
1. that
2. nothing
3. which
4. Whose
5. this
6. that
7. none
8. most
9. These
10. Both

Subtest 4
1. represents
2. were
3. moved
4. should have entered
5. will finish
6. had givin
7. is
8. will be hiking
9. has been studying
10. was stepping

Subtest 5
1. Lori's, foreign
2. English, excellent
3. reasonable, ridiculous
4. my favorite
5. Ted's, his, new, red
6. your, spicy, Mexican
7. Greek
8. classical, country
9. elegant, green
10. golden, nine

Subtest 6
1. verb
2. adjective
3. adverb
4. verb
5. verb
6. adverb
7. verb
8. adjective
9. verb
10. adverb

Subtest 7
1. and
2. but
3. Either, or
4. as long as
5. as if
6. Although
7. not only, but also
8. While
9. and
10. If

Subtest 8

UNIT 2 PARTS OF A SENTENCE

Subtest 1
1. Uruguay | is
2. are | my
3. Reynaldo | usually
4. Championship | held
5. Greeks | ended
6. orchestra | has
7. class | found
8. are | three
9. tulips | are
10. was | a

Subtest 2 (simple subject; simple predicate)
1. altos; are
2. Seth, mom; washed, waxed
3. watch, clock; shows
4. Tina; is, will be
5. (You); give
6. snowplow; cleared, exposed
7. Finches, chickadees; perched, nibbled
8. color; complimented
9. you, Sunny; Will read
10. Lorraine; tiptoed, opened
11. apples; are
12. (You); Turn

Subtest 3
1. IO 4. IO 7. DO 9. DO
2. DO 5. DO 8. DO 10. IO
3. DO 6. IO

Subtest 4
1. SC 5. SC 9. SC 13. SC
2. OC 6. SC 10. SC 14. SC
3. OC 7. SC 11. OC
4. SC 8. OC 12. SC

UNIT 3 PHRASES

Subtest 1 (phrase, object, word modified)
1. At the outdoor market, walked; to her favorite fruit stand, walked
2. against the tree, leaned; by the garage, tree
3. On the map, follows; between a river and a mountain range, path
4. in her arms, basket; of ripe red apples, full
5. from its hole, emerge; on the riverbank, hole
6. of these three desserts, Which
7. to us, helpful
8. on the antique stand, dictionary; over ten pounds, weighs
9. Between the two barrels, stood; in blue coveralls and a straw hat, man
10. After the long movie, stopped; for a treat, stopped; at the new frozen yogurt shop, stopped
Subtest 2
1. adv., adj. 6. adj.
2. adj., adv. 7. adv., adv.
3. adj., adj. 8. adv., adj.
4. adj., adv. 9. adj., adj.
5. adv., adv. 10. adv., adv.

Subtest 3 (appositive or phrase, word identified)
1. a short story by Pearl Buck, “The Good Deed”
2. the new girl in my biology class, Anita
3. one of the more interesting skyscrapers in New York, building; I.M. Pei, architect
4. Julia, friend
5. Charlene DeMille, president
6. Martina Navratilova, champion
7. one of the foremost poets of the Harlem Renaissance, Langston Hughes
8. the waterway between the Atlantic Ocean and Lake Ontario, St. Lawrence River
9. a professor of archaeology at the state university, Harriet Vane
10. the well-known American singer and guitarist, Paul Simon; Ladysmith Black Mambazo, group

Subtest 4 (participle or phrase, word modified)
1. handwoven, sweater
2. winning, entry; attending James Madison High School, sophomore
3. tending her prize-winning roses in the backyard, grandmother; prize-winning, roses
4. Wincing from the screeching sound of the brakes, we; screeching, sound
5. air-conditioned, restaurant; scorching, sun
6. temporarily abandoned by the farmer, combine; half-harvested, field
7. Keeping one eye on the conductor and one on her music, Deanna
8. advertised on television, game
9. Speaking to a group of third graders, chief; worn by firefighters, gear
10. gliding through the shallow water, stingrays

Subtest 5
1. sailing at the reservoir
2. surveying the freshly baked pies
3. Taking the subway, taking the bus
4. no gerunds
5. Protecting your head with a helmet
6. Skating, dancing
7. writing it backwards
8. Finishing the long novel
9. no gerunds
10. volunteering

Subtest 6
1. to buy tickets for the college basketball tournament
2. to make your acquaintance
3. to fall into bed and sleep
4. To settle the trade dispute; to meet with officials there
5. To just sit and listen to the wind in the treetops
6. to run yellow lights
7. no infinitives
8. to go to a junior college after high school
9. to give Lonnie responsibility for organizing the book sale
10. to ride in a hot-air balloon

Subtest 7

UNIT 4 CLAUSES AND SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Subtest 1
1. The short stories that I like best are the ones with surprise endings.
2. Jake will be swimming the butterfly today, and Kenzo will be swimming in the freestyle.
3. The woods at the top of the ridge are oak and hickory; the woods here are beech and maple.
4. Maple trees and sweet gum trees are both colorful in the fall.
5. Although they are twins, Rima was born in 1980, and her sister was born in 1981!
6. This is an impressionist painting; that one is a post-impressionist painting.
7. When I go to my uncle’s house, I like to listen to his player piano because the tunes are old-fashioned.
8. Poison ivy has three leaflets, and Virginia creeper has five, although the two plants are often mistaken for each other.
9. Whenever I go to the movie theater, I always sit about three-fourths of the way back.
10. The ptarmigan, whose plumage turns from brown to white in winter, is a bird that inhabits the cold regions of the Northern Hemisphere.

Subtest 2
1. adj. 5. adj. 9. adv.
2. adv. 6. adv. 10. N
3. adj. 7. N
4. adv. 8. adj.

Subtest 3
1. dec. 5. exc., imp 8. imp.
2. dec. 6. int. 9. dec.
4. dec.

Subtest 4
3. F 6. C
UNIT 5 DIAGRAMING SENTENCES

Subtest 1 Diagram the following sentences.

1. movies
   - Old books
   - are
   - favorites
   - my

2. Ren drove car
   - and
   - he gave keys
   - to me

3. Tokyo has population
   - a large inhabitants
   - in vicinity

4. rain fell
   - in sheets
   - or water

5. people sang
   - The
   - joyfully

6. Eleanor prefers
   - to arrive
   - on time

7. night (Dec. 21) is solstice
   - The longest
   - falls
   - on June 21 (solstice)

8. Cricket are sports
   - rugby are popular
   - English

9. whether
   - maps were helpful
   - Takeo was asked

10. that
    - Ron was silly
    - Camilla said

11. that
    - you will come
    - Chen hopes

12. Technicians sewed pattern
    - trained in art
    - the or needlework

13. Amazon River is wide
    - The
    - powerful

14. Waterproofing makes shoes
    - The
    - better

15. whether
    - I wanted position
    - coach asked me

16. Squirrels collect
    - pass store
    - nuts
UNIT 6 VERB TENSES AND VOICE

Subtest 1
1. future 11. past perfect
2. present perfect 12. future
3. past 13. past
4. past 14. future
5. past perfect 15. present
6. future 16. past perfect
7. past 17. future
8. present 18. past
9. future perfect 19. present perfect
10. present perfect 20. future perfect

Subtest 2 (Answers will vary.)
1. will perform 9. found
2. leads 10. shall mail or will mail
3. were 11. saw
4. does 12. told
5. had met 13. laugh
6. has been 14. closed
7. will have made 15. will march
8. had hit

Subtest 3
1. came 8. drawn 15. become
2. bitten 9. brought 16. rose
3. given 10. written 17. said
4. known 11. flown 18. fell
5. begun 12. ridden 19. chose
6. break 13. swam 20. gone
7. spoken 14. lost

Subtest 4
1. sing singing sang sung
2. cry crying cried cried
3. give giving gave given
4. flip flipping flipped flipped
5. draft drafting drafted drafted
6. think thinking thought thought
7. hit hitting hit hit
8. admire admiring admired admired
9. be being was, were been
10. steal stealing stole stolen
11. imagine imagining imagined imagined
12. believe believing believed believed
13. eat eating ate eaten
14. dream dreaming dreamed dreamed
15. fall falling fell fallen

Subtest 5
3. P 6. P

Subtest 6
Sentences checked are 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, and 14.

UNIT 7 SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT

Subtest 1 (simple subject; underlined verb form)
1. friend; is
2. part; was
3. **Barchester Towers**; was
4. glove; lies
5. John Kennedy; was
6. Some; has
7. mother, father; Do
8. years; is
9. student; is
10. co-captains; are
11. money; is
12. minutes; were
13. mumps; is
14. anybody; Doesn’t
15. class; has
16. elephants, giraffe; looks
17. persons; are
18. decorations; look
19. cast; are
20. team; was

Subtest 2
Sentences checked are 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 28.

UNIT 8 USING PRONOUNS CORRECTLY

Subtest 1
Sentences checked are 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, and 24.

Subtest 2
1. I 10. us 19. his or her
2. their 11. her 20. who
3. its 12. they 21. them
4. he 13. me 22. I
5. Who 14. she 23. us
6. his 15. whom 24. Who
7. he 16. is 25. him
8. she 17. their
9. Who 18. They

UNIT 9 USING MODIFIERS CORRECTLY

Subtest 1
1. tiniest 14. better
2. smaller 15. bluest
3. worse 16. well
4. most common 17. gentle
5. less reliable 18. more dangerous
6. badly 19. taller
7. toughest 20. more seriously
8. more quickly 21. more curious
9. good 22. heavily
10. most valuable 23. straighter
11. farthest 24. funnier
12. faster 25. brightly
13. bad

Subtest 2
Sentences checked are 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 25.

UNIT 10 USAGE GLOSSARY

Subtest 1
1. can hardly 11. immigrated
2. May 12. further
3. hung 13. a while
4. This sort 14. a
5. passed 15. affected
6. respectively 16. all together
7. where 17. Besides
8. then 18. among
9. into 19. take
10. don’t 20. fewer
Subtest 2
1. lay replaces lie 14. Regardless replaces Irregardless
2. C 15. C
3. loose replaces lose 16. an replaces a
4. precedes replaces proceeds 17. C
5. C 18. number replaces amount
6. that replaces because 19. C
7. sit replaces set 20. teach replaces learn
8. Leave replaces Let 21. C
9. C 22. C
10. isn’t replaces ain’t 23. its replaces it’s
11. C 24. passed replaces past
12. C 25. C
13. could have replaces could of

UNIT 11 CAPITALIZATION
Subtest 1 (Uppercase; lowercase)
1. Chinese, A
2. The north
3. south, east
4. Federal Bureau, Investigation; sister
5. Koran, Muhammad; founder, prophet
6. Birds
7. Golden Gate Bridge, San, Bay; strait
8. Alpha Centauri; class
9. Great, A.D.
10. Renaissance; northern
11. Coach; pluck
12. brother
13. Fourteenth Amendment; no
14. Revolutionary War
15. Church
16. journalism, literature, music
17. Road Not Taken
18. Argentinian, Colombian
19. tires, trucks
20. City, World Trade Center; sun

Subtest 2
Sentences checked are 1, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 19.

UNIT 12 PUNCTUATION, ABBREVIATIONS, AND NUMBERS
Subtest 1
1. The trip, although I had been looking forward to it, did not go well.
2. There used to be a tall silver maple tree behind the house, but it blew down in a storm one year.
3. We could draw only one conclusion from the dog’s behavior: this was his home.
5. Tess will be giving her speech tomorrow; I give mine today.
6. “Americans are always moving on,” wrote the poet Stephen Vincent Benét.
7. “The first thing we need to do,” said Pearl, “is to find a flat campsite for the tent.”
8. How amazing you are!
10. In the signature the t was not crossed.
11. The art museum is closed on Mondays; consequently, we have to reschedule our visit.
12. Yes, the landscape in Antarctica is quite desolate.
13. Our family regularly travels to livestock shows in Sedalia, Missouri; Louisville, Kentucky; and Indianapolis, Indiana.
14. Gerry kept saying, “I can’t believe it!” “Or it.”
15. At my aunt’s house in the country, we noticed these birds: goldfinches, bluebirds, flycatchers, and barn swallows.
17. I searched my desk for the twelfth time—I knew I had stashed the letter there somewhere—and at last found it.
18. My English teacher thinks that Thoreau’s essay “Life without Principle” is one of the hallmarks of American prose.
19. Alan normally seems happy and carefree, but today he seems to have lost his joie de vivre.
20. Bacteria (the singular is bacterium) are tiny one-celled organisms.

Subtest 2
1. its 12. son-in-law’s
2. AYH 13. two
3. three hundred 14. sixteen-year-old
4. twenty-first 15. U.S.
5. i’s 16. books’
6. self-defeating 17. Four thousand seventy-five
7. 12 18. ml
8. O’Neill’s 19. M.D.
9. 170 20. You’re
10. $6 billion
11. 50

Subtest 3
Sentences checked are 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, and 19.

Subtest 4
1. Is this a vascular or a nonvascular plant?
2. Assemble these items before you begin: a large sheet of poster board, marking pens of several colors, and masking tape.
3. The characters in Charles Dickens’s novels often have names that allude to certain personality traits.
4. I like Nikki Giovanni’s poem “Nikki-Rosa”; it makes me think of my own childhood.
5. Cara ran her hand over the rough, gray bark of the old apple tree.
6. Conifers (see page 96) have seeds that grow inside protective cones.
7. Margot explained how some insects use camouflage to escape from predators.
9. correct
10. The entomologist explained that bees communicate with other members of the hive by doing a sort of dance.
11. Micah is only eleven years old, but he is a very capable sailor.

12. Paul Klee’s cartoon-like painting Steerable Grandfather is quite amusing.

13. Parents, teachers, students, and other members of the community attended the spaghetti supper at the school.

14. Watching from the duck blind at the edge of the pond, we could observe the birds without disturbing them.

15. correct

16. The red dotted line on the map showed the path to the underground cave.

17. The police officer gathered evidence at the scene of the crime, and the detective questioned several suspects.

18. It can be dangerous to stand up in a small boat.

19. Luisa asked, “This is my coat, isn’t it?”

20. Matsu has karate tonight; therefore, she won’t be coming.

UNIT 13 VOCABULARY AND SPELLING

Subtest 1
1. untalkative 6. groom
2. very worried 7. state of uncertainty
3. promoting human welfare 8. harshly critical
4. special skill 9. amounting to nothing
5. strength and courage

Subtest 2
1. illegal 6. shorten
2. motionless 7. crystallize
3. subzero 8. efficiently
4. reexamined 9. playfulness
5. inexact 10. joyous or joyful

Subtest 3
1. received 11. cruelly
2. stopping 12. supersede
3. wolves 13. leisure
4. attorneys general 14. judgment
5. tomatoes 15. disappear
6. halos 16. developing
7. reign 17. proceed
8. irregular 18. concede
9. occurring 19. shiny
10. achievement 20. halves

Subtest 4
1. restaurant 6. origins
2. elementary 7. laboratory
3. accommodate 8. conscientious
4. effect 9. Wednesday
5. environment 10. principle

UNIT 14 COMPOSITION

Subtest 1

Summer is without a doubt my favorite season. The weather is warm, the sun shines nearly every day, and I have a chance to do all of my favorite things. I love to water-ski, take long bike rides, and play beach volleyball. In the summer, I have plenty of time to get together with my friends, though some days I just sit under a tree and read a book. Of course, this summer I am going to get a job. Then I can start saving money for the future. Sports, time with friends, time to relax, opportunity to earn money—is it any wonder summer is my favorite season?

Subtest 2 (Answers will vary.)
1. As we reached the top of the steps, the door to the abandoned house suddenly creaked open.
2. After searching every inch of the basement, we finally found the last piece of the puzzle.
3. A car sped away, leaving a cloud of dust and a black hat that lay on the ground.
4. Before the hot-air balloon race was supposed to start, a green balloon floated into the air.
5. My sister Sally arrived just as the party was ending.
6. The pasta made from Uncle Lou’s secret recipe was inside the covered dish.
7. When we visited the famous estate, the formal English garden was in full bloom.
8. Once Rhonda developed the picture, she discovered that it contained the clue we needed to solve the mystery.
9. Simone left the tent to investigate the noise, and her flashlight revealed a strange shape in the woods.
10. As soon as all of us had fastened our seatbelts, our pilot made an announcement about the weather.

Subtest 3 (Answers will vary.)

Aunt Vivian taught me how to make pizzelles. It’s much easier than I thought, especially if you have an electric pizzelle iron. A pizzelle iron is similar to a waffle iron, except that its design resembles a snowflake. Pizzelles are thin, wafer-like Italian cookies. They can be made in many different flavors. The basic recipe uses eggs, flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, butter, and milk. The dry ingredients are sifted together before being added to the batter. Pizzelle batter is thick and sticky. Once the basic ingredients are combined, you can add a flavoring such as vanilla, almond, or anise, or you can add cocoa and more sugar.

If you are using an electric pizzelle iron, be sure it has heated properly before you begin using it. Place one teaspoon of batter in the center of each pizzelle form (most pizzelle irons have two forms). Close the lid. Different irons may have different suggested cooking times. Most pizzelles will bake in thirty seconds. Lift the lid by its handle (the rest of the iron will be quite hot). Carefully remove each pizzelle with a fork and set on a tray to cool. Most batters will make several dozen cookies—which means that you can share them with your friends and still have plenty left for yourself!

Subtest 4 (Answers will vary.)

Students’ answers should be logical and complete. Topic chosen should be appropriate for audience chosen. Attitude of audience should seem reasonable for such persons regarding such a topic. Evidence should support student’s opinion with provable facts.