

Answer Key

Common Grammatical Errors

1. B	25. my
2. C	26. I, your
3. D	27. he, his
4. D	28. his, her
5. B	29. her, she
6. C	30. he, I
7. B	
8. C	
9. A	
10. C	
11. B	
12. B	
13. D	
14. B	
15. C	
16. D	
17. C	
18. A	
19. B	
20. A	

Misc. Tense Exercise

31. B. went
32. A. spoke
33. C. rang
34. B. was staying
35. B. was coming
36. D. have done
37. D. has not always worked
38. A. plays
39. B. were you driving
40. C. isn't
41. D. aren't
42. B. don't
43. B. walked
44. D. crashed
45. B. met
46. C. read
47. B. writes
48. A. is typing
49. C. sells
50. C. was changing

Pronouns

21. he	46. C. read
22. his, him	47. B. writes
23. it	48. A. is typing
24. they	49. C. sells
	50. C. was changing

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Exercise: Voice of a Sentence

1. Pain can be blocked by painkillers.
2. An acid is being measured by Prof. Sorensen.
3. Significant improvement in the performance of polymers was obtained by Chemist.
4. The science lab was blown up by the students.
5. Mistakes were made by the President.
6. New materials and devices with even further improved capabilities will be fabricated by students.
7. Four article reviews will be written by the students in this classes.

Gerund and Infinitive

8. You should think about saving until you have enough money to get a decent video camera rather than rushing to buy.
9. We dislike having to work even though we are all eager to spend money on having a good time and getting the things we want.
10. I have been attempting to learn to play the flute and I hope to play in public soon.
11. I have trouble understanding modern art as some artists only seem out to shock; I cannot understand them not wanting to make the kind of beautiful things we all like looking at.
12. You mustn't mind taking trouble over the cooking if you want your guests to enjoy their meal.
13. It is worth watching the news if you want to keep up to date.
14. I like watching the clouds at sunset because it seems relaxing and puts me in the right frame of mind to sleep.

15. I enjoy visiting the internet café on my way home to check my e-mails and maybe surf the net for a while.
16. Eating apples is better for you than drinking fizzy orange juice.
17. I meant to buy some croissants before leaving for work.
18. I detest hearing loud car radios even more than listening to politicians rant and rave.
19. He had given up smoking twenty or thirty times but was so weak-willed he couldn't prevent himself from starting again as soon as he was offered the deadly weed.

Avoiding Double Negatives

20. You can hardly ever understand her when she speaks.
21. I know neither Ann nor her husband.
OR:
I don't know either Ann or her husband.
22. I didn't have any problems. OR: I had no problems.
23. Don't ever drink water from....
OR:
Never drink water from....
24. We have no time to waste.
OR:
We don't have any time to waste.
25. I can't do anything about it.
OR:
I can do nothing about it.
26. I could barely hear the speaker.

Parts of a Simple Sentence

27. The team's manager should win an award.
28. Everyone has ordered something different to eat.

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29. Andre fumbled in his pockets for his car keys.
30. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings complained about the defective lamp.
31. The run-down old bus pulled slowly out of the station.
32. The previous receptionist had been more efficient.
33. Pak Ku runs during his lunch hour every Friday.
34. Christy and Jan became good friends last year.
35. My brother's apartment was burglarized recently.
36. The brilliant writer of this movie has created a suspenseful plot.

Collective Nouns as Subject

37. are
38. is
39. are
40. use
41. Neither of the records is in the top forty.
42. The choir have been arguing with among themselves.
43. Either Julie or my cousins are bringing the pizza.
44. Both Carrie and Jana are in the country club.
45. Jerry or Manuel is going to win.
46. Each of your papers was graded.
47. Some of the supplies were needlessly wasted.
48. The delighted team were assembling to accept their medals.
49. No one in the chorus is trying out for the play.
50. Macaroni or cheese always tastes good.

Grammar Game

51. A