

Answer Key

Common Grammatical Errors

1. B
2. C
3. D
4. D
5. B
6. C
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

Pronouns

21. he
22. his, him
23. it
24. they

25. my
26. I, your
27. he, his
28. his, her
29. her, she
30. he, I

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

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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.
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.

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.

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. <u>Andre</u> <u>fumbled</u> in his pockets for his car keys. | 52. D |
| 30. <u>Mr. and Mrs. Hastings</u> <u>complained</u> about the defective lamp. | 53. B |
| 31. The run-down old <u>bus</u> <u>pulled</u> slowly out of the station. | 54. B |
| 32. The previous <u>receptionist</u> <u>had been</u> more efficient. | 55. B |
| 33. <u>Pak Ku</u> <u>runs</u> during his lunch hour every Friday. | 56. A |
| 34. <u>Christy and Jan</u> <u>became</u> good friends last year. | 57. C |
| 35. My brother's <u>apartment</u> <u>was burglarized</u> recently. | 58. D |
| 36. The brilliant <u>writer</u> of this movie <u>has created</u> a suspenseful plot. | 59. B |

Collective Nouns as Subject

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| 37. are | 60. C |
| 38. is | 61. B |
| 39. are | 62. D |
| 40. use | 63. B |
| 41. <u>Neither</u> of the records <u>is</u> in the top forty. | 64. C |
| 42. The choir have been arguing with <u>among themselves</u> . | 65. A |
| 43. Either <u>Julie</u> or <u>my cousins</u> are bringing the pizza. | 66. B |
| 44. <u>Both</u> Carrie <u>and</u> Jana are in the country club. | 67. B |
| 45. Jerry <u>or</u> Manuel is going to win. | 68. C |
| 46. <u>Each</u> of your papers was graded. | |
| 47. Some of the <u>supplies</u> <u>were</u> needlessly wasted. | |
| 48. The delighted team <u>were</u> assembling to accept their medals. | |
| 49. <u>No one</u> in the chorus is trying out for the play. | |
| 50. Macaroni <u>or</u> cheese always tastes good. | |

Grammar Game

51. A