

# Answer Key

## Grammar Mastery Test

1. None of the desserts **were** left by the end of the birthday party.
2. The papa bear thought that some of his porridge **was** missing.
3. Your brilliant excuses almost **make** up for your tardiness.
4. Neither Jackson nor Jenna **is** playing hooky. (CORRECT)
5. Neither Jackson nor I **am** playing hooky.
6. Either of us **is** capable of winning. (CORRECT)
7. All of the class **is** willing to take part in the prank. (CORRECT)
8. One third of the eligible population **tends** not to vote in national elections.
9. One third of the voters **tend** not to cast their ballots in national elections.
10. Here **are** the paper clips you requested.
11. She is one of those doctors who **make** house calls. (CORRECT)
12. Dr. Cresta is one of those professors who **do** whatever it takes to get **their** points across to **their** students.
13. She is the only professor who **does** what it takes to help her students learn joyfully. (CORRECT)
14. **She** and **he** are always fighting.
15. When Toni and **he** come over, we always have a great time.
16. It is **we** who must decide whether to tax ourselves or cut spending. (CORRECT)
17. Between you and **me**, this class is a joke.
18. **Who** do you think you are to give me advice about dating? (CORRECT)
19. **Who** makes up these English rules anyway? (CORRECT)
20. **Who** do you think should win?
21. **Whom** are you voting for?
22. **Whoever** has the keys gets to be in the driver's seat. (CORRECT)
23. We are willing to work with **whomever** you recommend.
24. The thoughts **that** Ted presented at the meeting were so worthwhile. (CORRECT)
25. The thoughts that Ted presented, **which** were about shifting national priorities, were well received.
26. When you do a job so **well**, you can expect a raise.
27. Bonnie was a **good** sport about losing the race. (CORRECT)
28. Harry smells **good**. What is the aftershave he is wearing? (CORRECT)
29. Lisa did so **well** on the test that she was allowed to accelerate to the next level. (CORRECT)
30. Our puppy is definitely **sweeter** than her brother.
31. With triplets, I have to be careful to divide everything equally **among** them or they will fight.
32. Karen should **have** known that her cheap umbrella would break in the storm.
33. Sometimes the **effects** of our generosity may seem minimal, but our good

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## Verbals

1. Skydiving takes nerve.  
Used as a subject
2. Rushing can waste time.  
Used as a subject
3. Cleaning the attic was not my idea of fun.  
Used as a subject
4. Washing that wall took all afternoon.  
Used as a subject
5. Painting the scenery took more time than we thought.  
Used as a subject
6. Running has become a popular activity.  
Used as a subject
7. Putting on a play takes teamwork.  
Used as a subject
8. Ken started paneling the basement.  
Used as a direct object of *started*
9. The ceramics class teaches techniques for pottery making.  
Used as a direct object of *for*
10. Paramedical work requires quick thinking.  
Used as a direct object of *requires*
11. Joe learned fencing last summer.  
Used as a direct object of *learned*
12. Waiting on tables is Serena's summer job.  
Used as a subject
13. Visiting Dallas was interesting.  
Used as a subject
14. Jack has always liked motorcycling.  
Used as a direct object of *liked*
15. Wearing sunglasses rests her eyes.  
Used as a subject

16. They got sick from overeating.  
Used as an object of a preposition *from*
17. Clare likes walking in the rain.  
Used as a direct object of *likes*
18. Eating outside was a pleasant change.  
Used as a subject
19. Driving to Alaska would be expensive.  
Used as a subject

## Participles

20. *exhausted* modifying *cross-country*
21. *Moving effortlessly* modifying *the skaters*
22. *Jumping clear* modifying *Nan*
23. *Crossing the old bridge* modifying *she*
24. *Frozen* modifying *the pie*
25. *Tested in our laboratories* modifying *the parts*
26. *Spread thin* modifying *the glue*
27. *Looking through binoculars* modifying *Jim*
28. *Concentrating deeply* modifying *the center*
29. *Moving quickly* modifying *the goalie*
30. *Seeing the rain* modifying *Mr. Mill*
31. *Clutching the phone tightly* modifying *she*
32. *hitting the taillight* modifying *ball*
33. *Waiting patiently* modifying *the passengers*
34. *Driving hard* modifying *the running back*
35. *worn by rare birds* modifying *band*
36. *leaving the quarry* modifying *trucks*

37. Fascinated by the talk ~~modifying~~ we  
38. *lying on the table* ~~modifying~~ paperback  
39. *Breathing hard* ~~modifying~~ Nancy

**Gerunds vs. Participles**

40. *Watching television* gerund, subject  
41. *While watching television* participle,  
~~modifying~~ Terry  
42. *Fixing engines* gerund, subject  
43. *While fixing a sandwich* participle,  
~~modifying~~ Gerry  
44. *Cleaning* gerund, subject  
45. *While cleaning the car* participle,  
~~modifying~~ Pat  
46. *Removing the tree* gerund, subject  
47. *Panning for gold* participle, ~~modifying~~  
*the old man*  
48. *Moving quickly* participle, ~~modifying~~ the  
*paramedics*  
49. *Swimming* gerund, subject

# Answer Key

## Infinitives

1. *to watch*, direct object of *plan*
2. *to explain*, direct object of *wants*
3. *To finish this project by Monday*, subject
4. *to remember*, direct object of *tried*
5. *to see*, predicate adjective
6. *to bring*, direct object of *told*
7. *to encourage*, direct object of *tried*
8. *to use*, adjective modifying *book*
9. *to get*, adverb modifying *ran*
10. *to do*, adjective modifying *homework*
11. *to climb*, adverb modifying *steep*
12. *to do*, adjective  
*to wait*, predicate adjective
13. *to eat*, direct object of *like*
14. *to read*, subject
15. *to help*, adjective modifying someone  
*to finish*, the direct object of *help*
16. *to get*, adverb modifying *young*
17. *to get*, direct object of *wanted*
18. *to buy*, direct object of *remember*
19. *to fill*, direct object of *remind*
20. *to play*, direct object of *want*
21. *to catch*, infinitive, adverb modifying  
*waited*
22. *accepting praise*, gerund, adjective
23. *to finish*, infinitive, direct object of *likes*
24. *using bottles and crayons*, present  
participle, adverb modifying *made*
25. *picking*, gerund, object of preposition *for*
26. *to race*, infinitive, direct object of *dared*
27. *waking up*, gerund, subject
28. *to swallow*, infinitive, adverb modifying  
*hard*
29. *broken*, past participle, adjective  
modifying *vial*
30. *resigning her job*, present participle,  
adverb modifying *walked out*
31. *developing film*, gerund, object of  
preposition *for*
32. *to call*, infinitive, adverb modifying *close*
33. *to create*, infinitive, direct object of *wants*
34. *beaten*, past participle, adjective  
modifying *team*
35. *learning*, present participle, adjective  
modifying *center*
36. *falling*, gerund, subject
37. *grinning widely*, present participle,  
adverb modifying *threw*
38. *judging*, present participle, adjective  
modifying *people*
39. *passing*, gerund, direct object of  
*practiced*
40. *to see*, infinitive, adverb modifying *went*

## Review on Spelling

41. B
42. D
43. C

# Answer Key

## Using Verbals

1. Kidnapping can be a federal crime.
2. The audience responded by applauding loudly.
3. Some people oppose advertising on children's TV.
4. Replacing the muffler will make your car quieter.
5. The cult has strange ways of persuading people.
6. My broken arm was put in a flexible cast.
7. Lying in a hammock, Julia read Rolling Stone.
8. Sighting the strange lights, Lloyd thought of UFO's.
9. Dressed for a ballgame, Val felt foolish at the disco.
10. The hikers, using a compass, found their way back.
11. Howard Cosell's style is easy to ridicule.
12. Ali returned to win back the title.
13. Michelle likes to tape her favorite albums.
14. Borg is the toughest player to beat.
15. Marnie wants to drive a stick shift.
16. The state has special programs for returning veterans.
17. Are there paths for biking around the lake?
18. Donna, deceived by the con man, lost her money.
19. Rona believes in winning friends with gifts.
20. Paco left to explore Brazil.

## Capitalization

21. We drove south to the coast and then northeast into Georgia.
22. We visited Sante Fe, which is in the Southwest.
23. When Senator Jones spoke, the audience listened carefully.
24. This occurs when you are speaking directly to someone. Will it heal, Doctor?
25. I asked Doctor Basulto to look at my arm.

## Capitalization in Quotations

26. Celeste asked, "Should we buy groceries now, or wait till later?"
27. Ken described the color of Cindy's new car as a "seasick green."
28. "A fire broke out this morning," the newscaster reported, "and three people were injured."
29. CPA (Certified Public Accountant)
30. NFL (National Football League)
31. Kathy Chung, Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy) Samuel Dickens, Jr. (junior)

## Plural and Singular Nouns

32. Our lives are constantly enriched by the unusual people around us. Marcia, for example, has entertained many people with her taste in clothing. As a child, other children laughed at Marcia's way of dressing. She thought nothing of mixing colors and fabrics in unusual ways. She might mix plaids with stripes or corduroys with silks. Now in her thirties, Marcia still dresses in her own style. Her dresses still do not match her shoes. She delights in wearing shirts with contrasting cuffs and

collars. Now, however, both women and men say she is a trendsetter.

33. colors, fabrics, stripes
34. dresses, matches, dishes, boxes
35. ways, corduroys, thirties, pennies
36. knives, leaves, cuffs, roofs
37. clothing fish
38. men, women, feet

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## Capitalization

1. B
2. D
3. E
4. B
5. D
6. D
7. B

## Punctuation

8. Help!
9. The Riveras will arrive tomorrow.
10. Why does Mary Ann always work late?
11. Please hurry, Doctor!
12. Incorrect
13. Correct
14. Incorrect
15. Correct

## Commas

16. The shark swam toward the shore, but the swimmers didn't notice.
17. Incorrect
18. Incorrect
19. Correct
20. The snow piled up three feet high, however, the snowplows had the roads open by noon.
21. A comma is needed.  
After Kyoko heard the news, she leaped from her chair.
22. No comma is needed.
23. Juan said, "I'm joining a softball team."

24. "Maybe you'll be called up to the majors," Stan joked.

25. Incorrect

## Problems with Adjectives and Adverbs

26. dark
27. sad
28. quickly
29. carefully
30. sure
31. happy
32. brightly
33. evilly
34. C
35. loud
36. slowly
37. C

# Answer Key

## Colon

1. isn't
2. doesn't
3. wouldn't
4. they're
5. won't
6. hasn't
7. I'm
8. can't
9. we'll
10. let's

## Review on Punctuation

11. C
12. D
13. B
14. E
15. C
16. C
17. E
18. B

## Homonyms

19. brake
20. know
21. here
22. whether
23. passed
24. The founders of the United States didn't **know** whether they **would** succeed in winning independence from Great Britain, but they **knew** they had to try.
25. **Their** goal was freedom.
26. This country was founded on the **principle** of equality for all.



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27. The founders **passed** on to us there belief in democracy.
28. The Constitution guarantees our **right** to free speech.
29. That means everyone is allowed to say whatever he or she thinks, **whether** anyone else wants to **hear** it or not.