

Answer Key

First Words

1. The last chapter of the **Sherlock Holmes's** book **Valley of Fear** is "**Danger**."
2. **Helen Reddy** hosted "**Midnight Special**" on TV.
3. The famous humorist **Will Rogers** said, "**All I** know is just what **I** read in the papers."
4. I. **American** history
 - A. **The War** for **Independence**
 1. **Battle of bunker hill**
5. "**Don't go**," he said. "**I** haven't explained yet."
6. **For** my birthday I got a subscription to **Seventeen**.
7. The morning paper is the **Herald Tribune**.
8. **Very** sincerely yours,
9. "**Hurry up!**" **Father** said. "**If** we don't leave soon, we'll be late."
10. We went to see the movie **North Dallas Forty**.
11. **Dear Ms. Weiss**:
12. Robert Frost wrote "**The Death of the Hired Man**."
13. I. **Business** letters
 - A. **Correct business letter form**
 1. **Heading**
14. The recent issue of **Sports Illustrated** has complete coverage of all the AFL teams.
15. **He** would answer to "**Hil**" or to any loud cry such as "**Fry me!**" or "**Fritter my wig!**" to "**What-you-may-call-uml**" or "**What-was-his-name!**" but especially "**Thing-um-a-jig!**"
16. The article "**Images of Youth Past**" appeared last fall in an issue of **Life Magazine**.

17. Meg finally got to the airport. She asked, "**Has** the plane left?"
18. "**I'm** afraid so," Janet replied. "**We're** too late."
19. **I** have always enjoyed the **Wizard of Oz**, but I was thoroughly entertained by the movie the **Wiz**.
20. **I** think the **Song of Solomon** is **Toni Morrison's** best book.

Adjectives and Adverbs

21. B
22. B
23. A
24. D
25. A
26. B

Making Subjects and Verbs Agree

27. angles, change
28. Smog, is
29. Sandbars, cause
30. sections, have
31. path, circles
32. evidence, looks
33. neighbors, run
34. lunch, costs
35. disco, has
36. McDonalds and Burger King, employ
37. the carburetor, is
38. the co-captains, have
39. noise, keeps

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- 40. Everyone, wears
- 41. Everything, has
- 42. Neither, is
- 43. Most of the actors, read
- 44. Both, have
- 45. All of the cards, are
- 46. He, doesn't
- 47. It, doesn't
- 48. She, doesn't
- 49. the photographs, are
- 50. our lane, is

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1. don't
2. doesn't
3. is
4. lives
5. takes
6. want
7. is
8. is
9. knows
10. Is
11. is, is
12. is
13. Are
14. are
15. is
16. were
17. influences
18. like
19. were
20. are
21. writes
22. was
23. is
24. were, is

Sentence Fragments

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Simple Past Of Irregular Verbs

30. dealt
31. fell
32. fled
33. struck
34. lost
35. held
36. stole
37. cost
38. broadcast
39. sought
40. swept
41. shot

Using Apostrophes

42. Marys father ⇒ Mary's father
Hes ⇒ He's
43. Jacks ⇒ Jack's
parents ⇒ parents'
44. teachers ⇒ teacher's
Shes ⇒ She's
45. teachers ⇒ teachers'
Theyre ⇒ They're
46. Mrs. Wells ⇒ Mrs. Wells' (or: Wells's)
Mrs. Hunts ⇒ Mrs. Hunt's
47. Its ⇒ It's
48. Anns ⇒ Ann's
49. Although its found ⇒ Although it's found
our childrens and grandchildrens lives ⇒
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