

# 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

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
51. several barbells, are

**Word Choice**

52. B
53. A
54. E
55. D
56. C
57. B
58. D

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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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26. For the past twenty years, the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan has been measuring the level of Americans' trust and confidence in their politicians and quasi-political trust and confidence in their political institutions and their leaders. "Political" being all levels of government, and "quasi-political" churches, labor unions, large professional/business associations, educational institutions, and the like. The result is that a very sharp decline has taken place every year since 1964. (*no main verb*)  
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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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Forming The Passive: Questions,  
Negative, And Affirmative

50. a. Was the ancient skeleton discovered by the archeologists?  
b. No, it was not discovered by them.  
c. It was discovered by the farmer.
51. a. Was that report written by Tom?  
b. No, it wasn't written by him.  
c. It was written by Alice.
52. a. The books are going to be returned to the library by Jack.  
b. No, they are not going to be returned by him.  
c. They are going to be returned by his sister.
53. a. Is your house being painted by Mr. Brown?  
b. No, it is not being painted by him.  
c. It is being painted by my uncle.
54. a. Has the meeting been planned by Sue.  
b. No, it has not been planned by her.  
c. It has been planned by the committee.
55. a. Is the violin played by Mr. Parr?  
b. No, it is not played by him.  
c. It is played by his son.
56. a. Was the food being prepared by Sally?  
b. No, it was not being prepared by her.  
c. It was being prepared by her mother.
57. a. Will the letters have been typed by Ms. Anderson?  
b. No, they won't have been typed by her.  
c. They will have been typed by the secretary.
58. a. Will the dishes be washed by Steve?  
b. No, they will not be washed by him.  
c. They will be washed by the children.