

Answer Key

Modifying Phrases

1. Louis saw the **bus** at the corner.
2. At the corner Louis **saw** the bus.
3. Opening the door, **Shen** looked outside.
4. The exhausted **runner**, seeing the finish line, speeded up.
5. Julie was **sorry** to lose the watch.
6. Jacobo **left** his books at the library.
7. Already soaked to the skin, **Ms. Atole** opened her umbrella.
8. The basketball game **ended** soon after sunset.
9. The police car **left** the crime scene in a hurry.
10. Hoping to get more customers, the store **manager** lowered prices.
11. Locking the door, **Mr. Henshaw** left his apartment.
12. Mrs. Cosmos **crossed** over the Canadian border.
13. Sitting between her parents, **Lenore** felt quite happy.

Nouns

14. addenda
15. alumnae
16. alumni
17. analyses
18. antennas
19. apparatuses
20. appendices, appendixes
21. axes
22. bacteria
23. bases
24. buffalos, buffaloes
25. bureaus
26. cactuses
27. calves
28. children
29. corps
30. corpora, corpses
31. crises
32. criteria
33. curricula
34. data
35. deer
36. diagnoses
37. echoes
38. ellipses
39. embargoes
40. emphases
41. errata
42. firemen
43. fish
44. focuses
45. feet
46. formulae
47. fungi, funguses
48. genera
49. geese
50. halves
51. heroes
52. hypotheses

- 53. indices, indexes
- 54. knives
- 55. leaves
- 56. lives
- 57. loaves
- 58. lice
- 59. men
- 60. matrices
- 61. means
- 62. media
- 63. millenniums, milennia
- 64. moose
- 65. mosquitoes
- 66. mice
- 67. nebulae, nebulas
- 68. nuclei
- 69. oases
- 70. oxen
- 71. paralyses
- 72. parentheses
- 73. people
- 74. phenomena
- 75. potatoes
- 76. radii, radiuses
- 77. scarfs, scarves
- 78. selves
- 79. series
- 80. sheep
- 81. shelves
- 82. scissors
- 83. species
- 84. stimuli
- 85. strata
- 86. syllabi, syllabuses
- 87. symposia, symposiums
- 88. syntheses
- 89. synopses
- 90. tableaux

Answer Key

Subject-Verb Agreement

1. were
2. was
3. were
4. was
5. were
6. likes
7. has
8. has
9. has
10. has
11. is
12. is
13. were
14. votes
15. is
16. were
17. is
18. is
19. are
20. strays
21. stray
22. was
23. has
24. hopes
25. hope When 'each' or 'every' comes after the compound subject, a plural verb -- 'hope' -- is appropriate.
26. reminds 'Rice and beans' is one dish, so we need a singular verb to agree with it.

27. vote Replacing "a large number of" by "a lot of" will have the same effect.
28. is The quantity of 'four years' here is meant to be taken as a whole, as one quantity, so the verb should be singular.
29. is
30. seem 'Economics,' in this case, means any number of aspects of or facts about the country's financial health, so we need a plural verb. When the word 'economics' refers to the course or the discipline, it is singular.

Sentence Fragments

31. **My** brother was always my best friend when I was a child, especially as we two were almost alone in the world. **We** lived with our old grandmother in a little house, almost a shack, in the country. **Whenever** I think of him now, I see a solemn, responsible boy, a boy too old for his years, who looked out for me no matter what. **Once** there was a bully, John Anson, who looked enormous to me, though he was probably an average twelve-year-old. John had it in for me because he liked Littice Grant, who liked me. **He** decided to beat me up right before her eyes. I was lucky my brother came by. **He** didn't interfere any. **He** just stood there. **Somehow,** though, his presence gave me confidence. I licked the stuffing out of John Anson. **If** my brother hadn't been there, I don't think I could have done it.

Troublesome Verbs: Raise/Rise, Set/Sit, Lay/Lie

32. lying
33. set
34. lay

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- 35. lies
- 36. laid
- 37. sat
- 38. lays
- 39. raises
- 40. hung
- 41. rose

Using Nouns As Modifiers

- 42. toys
toy
- 43. tomato
tomatoes
- 44. vegetable
vegetables
- 45. drugs
drug
- 46. two lanes
two-lane
- 47. five-minute
five minutes
- 48. sixty-year-old
sixty years old
- 49. student handbook
- 50. ten-month-old baby
- 51. three-day trip
- 52. child psychologist
- 53. fifty-dollar check
- 54. three-credit course
- 55. nine-room house
- 56. dog food
- 57. guest room
- 58. five-page paper
- 59. ten-year-old sister and a twelve-year-old
brother

Forming The Passive

- 60. has been discovered

- 61. was being affected
- 62. is being taped
- 63. won't be influenced
- 64. was
discovered
- 65. was written
- 66. is going to be decided
- 67. Was
knocked
- 68. Had
been delivered
- 69. Is
being flown
- 70. was refilled