

# Answer Key

## Compound Sentences

1. You must follow the map carefully, or you will miss the turn.
2. Craig dislikes most sportscasters, but he does like Brent Mussberger.
3. Sandy wanted a vacation, but her boss wouldn't allow it.
4. I will ride in the bike-a-thon, but I need at least ten sponsors.
5. It rained all night, and the baseball game was cancelled.
6. After dinner we all played horseshoes, and then we had a quick swim.
7. Amanda spoke into the microphone, but no one could hear her.
8. The unemployment rate had risen, but the cost of living had gone down.
9. Will you sell your old car, or will you trade it in?
10. The missile disintegrated, and parts landed in the ocean.
11. The football game was scheduled for TV tonight, but the President's speech pre-empted all programming.
12. Lucinda and I went cycling, and my brothers did the yard work.
13. Do you like modern dance, or do you prefer classical ballet?
14. Amelia Earhart was a school teacher, but she later became the first woman to fly the Atlantic.
15. Tanya and I were playing checkers, but I like chess better.
16. Babe Ruth was a leading contributor to the game of baseball, but Babe Didrikson contributed to women's participation in all sports.
17. I enjoy all the books of Paul Zindel, but My Darling, hamburger is my favorite.
18. The lake froze over, and ice fishermen set up their equipment.
19. Ted entered the room, and the guests yelled "surprise!"
20. Some women change their names after marrying, but others keep their maiden names.

## Complex Sentences and Subordinate Clauses

21. main: A stuffed pizza is one  
sub: that has double layers of ingredients
22. main: Nobody knows  
sub: why Sarah seems unhappy.
23. main: (you) Stop and see us  
sub: when you come back
24. main: I put the library books in my backpack  
sub: so that I wouldn't forget them
25. main: Where were you  
sub: when I called for you?
26. main: The water was colder  
sub: than I thought
27. main: Karen never speaks up  
sub: although she usually knows the answers
28. main: we saw Independence Hall and Betsy Ross's home  
sub: While we were in Philadelphia
29. main: it is almost a mile high  
sub: Although the land around Denver is flat

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30. main: We can't start the game  
sub: until the field is drier.
31. main: We conserved water  
sub: because a drought had cut the supply.
32. main: Chicago is the place  
sub: where deep-dish pizza was developed.
33. main: Dad insists  
sub: that Teresa drives too fast.
34. main: Steve felt better  
sub: after he had talked to his girlfriend.
35. main: The manager asked Donna  
sub: if she would work on Tuesday.
36. main: Kevin sleeps during the day  
sub: because he works at night.
37. main: the factory lays off workers  
sub: When business slows down,
38. main: This is the place  
sub: where the astronauts are trained.
39. main: Kate snapped a photo  
sub: as we fell into the pool.
40. main: Adrienne admits  
sub: that she is not a good loser.

### Word Choice

41. D  
42. B  
43. C  
44. E  
45. D  
46. A  
47. C

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## Removing Inconsistent Tense and Awkward Voice

1. Mary Walker, one of the first women doctors, who served as a surgeon during the Civil War, received the Congressional Medal of Honor. (“Receive” should be active.)
2. loses ⇒ lost
3. On one trip she brought back her own parents. (“Bring” should be in active voice.)
4. believes ⇒ believed
5. knows ⇒ knew
6. chooses ⇒ chose
7. OK
8. works ⇒ worked
9. lies ⇒ lay, have ⇒ had
10. I chose this book about Harriet Tubman because my teacher gave me the assignment to read a biography.
11. lay ⇒ laid (p.t. of lay)
12. I think I did an excellent report because I liked the book.
13. OK
14. borrow ⇒ borrowed
15. OK
16. know ⇒ knew
17. is ⇒ was
18. laid ⇒ lay (p.t. of lie)
19. sit ⇒ set
20. OK
21. OK
22. setting ⇒ sitting

23. OK

24. raise ⇒ rose

## Participles

25. Getting up at five, we got an early start.
26. Facing college standards, the students realized that they hadn’t worked hard enough in high school.
27. Statistics reported by the National Education Association revealed that seventy percent of American colleges offer remedial English classes emphasizing composition.
28. The overloaded car gathered speed slowly.
29. Gathering my courage, I asked for a temporary loan.
30. Starting out as an army officer, Karen’s father was frequently transferred.
31. Mrs. Sears, showing more bravery than wisdom, invited thirty boys and girls to a party.
32. The student left in charge of the class was unable to keep order.
33. Applicants must investigate various colleges, learning as much as possible about them before applying for admission. [modifies *applicants*; note that *applying for admission* is a gerund phrase, not a participial phrase]
34. The crying boy, angered by the bully, began to fight.
35. Espousing a conservative point of view the proposal for more spending on federal social programs bothered him.

The opening participial phrase is misplaced because it is intended to modify *him*, not *the proposal*. A possible revision would be:  
Espousing a conservative point of view, he

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was bothered by the proposal for more spending on federal social programs.

36. Absorbed in an interesting conversation my scheduled appointment time passed unnoticed.

The opening participial phrase is dangling because it modifies a term that doesn't appear in the sentence: *I*, that is, the person having the conversation. The "scheduled appointment time" couldn't have been "absorbed in an interesting conversation." A possible revision would be: Absorbed in an interesting conversation, I allowed my scheduled appointment time to pass unnoticed.

### Using Articles

37.  $\phi$ , a,  $\phi$   
38. a, the  
39.  $\phi$ ,  $\phi$   
40. A, a, the, the  
41. The, the  
42.  $\phi$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\phi$   
43.  $\phi$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\phi$   
44. the  
45. The, the, the  
46. an  
47. a, a  
    an, an, a  
48. the, a  
    the, an/a  
    The,  $\phi$   
49. a  
    The, the, a, a  
    the, the, a  
50. the, a, a  
51. an, a, an  
52. a, a, a  
53. a, a, a, the  
54. the, A,  $\phi$   
55. a, the, the, the, the  
    the, a, the  
56. a, the, the  
57. a,  $\phi$ ,  $\phi$   
    The, The  
58. a, a  
     $\phi$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\phi$   
59. an, a, the, a, a  
     $\phi$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\phi$ , a  
60. a, a, The  
61. a, the, The, the, The  
62. the,  $\phi$   
63. the, the