

Answer Key

First Drill

1. My favorite desserts include cookies, cheesecake, and tiramisu.
2. I wanted to spend my entire summer reading books, but I had to get a job.
3. I finished my homework, so my mom let me go outside.
4. I could not play outside, for I had to study for a test.
5. I want to eat at the new Chicago pizza joint or at a steakhouse.
6. I have no money, but I keep shopping.
7. I have neither done the dishes nor the laundry.
8. We should bring either pizza or cake to the party.

2nd Drill

1. Mary loves broccoli, but her husband, John, hates it.
2. Keiko has a calculus test on Friday, so she needs to study.
3. Maria is typing a letter to her friend, and her brother, Paul, is reading the newspaper.
4. Tom woke up late, but he made it to school on time.
5. I am bringing a tuna casserole to the party, and Mike is bringing potato salad.
6. Jim had to work on Saturday, so he couldn't go to the park.
7. The water is very cold in January, but the members of the Polar Bear Club go swimming anyway.
8. The air conditioning has been turned up really high, so I'm very cold.
9. The water was very rough, so the lifeguards made all of the swimmers leave the water.
10. Mike jogs two miles every morning, and then he gets ready for work.

Adjectives And Adverbs

11. We are **really** happy to be of service to you and your family. (**OR** very)
12. The perfume smells **sweet**.
13. I feel **bad** about what happened. (CORRECT)
14. Of all the holidays, this is the **most** joyful. (CORRECT)
15. This wine tastes **dry** to me.
16. Don't feel too **bad** about what you said.
17. This leotard hugs me **firmly**. (CORRECT)
18. Life in the city is exciting, but life in the country is **better**.
19. If you don't speak **clearly**, the audience will not understand you.
20. The **sweet** smell of roses has no match. (CORRECT)
21. Walk **slowly** or you will be sorry.
22. You don't look as though you feel **well** today. (CORRECT)
23. You don't look as though you are doing **well** today. (CORRECT)
24. My son doesn't feel very **well** today.
25. She was the **more** beautiful of the two.
26. The dentist said, "I will be finished drilling **really** soon." (**OR** very)
27. Speak **slowly** or you will lose your audience. (**OR** more slowly)
28. Juanita said she had better memories of Paris **than** of Rome.
29. If you won't tell me your secret now, **then** when will you tell me?

Effective Writing

30. We are no longer able to reconcile; therefore, attorneys will be used to

- effect the dissolution of our marriage.
We have hired attorneys to help us with our divorce.
31. The weather had adverse impacts on our boat resulting in the necessity to rescue us from the water.
Our boat capsized in the storm so we needed rescuing.
32. The leak in the bottom of the boat was due to poor maintenance on the part of the crew.
The crew did not maintain the boat so the bottom leaked.
33. Our marriage ended in a divorce.
We divorced. OR We ended our marriage.
34. The boy was struck in the face by the pie as it flew from the girl's hand.
The girl threw the pie and it hit the boy's face.
35. It was not likely that no one would want to claim ownership of the new sports car.
Someone will most likely want to claim ownership of the new sports car.
36. There are many ideas that are worth exploring by us at this meeting.
Let's explore the many worthwhile ideas at this meeting.
37. Martin could not find time to work, shop, and go for walks with the dogs.
Martin could not find time to work, shop, and walk the dogs.
38. Jordan did not believe that Serena had embarrassed him unintentionally.
Jordan believed that Serena had embarrassed him intentionally.
39. It is a shame that there are so many holidays that go uncelebrated.
*It is a shame that so many holidays go uncelebrated. OR
I wish we celebrated more holidays.*
40. While singing in the shower, the bar of soap slipped from her hands.
The bar of soap slipped from her hands while she sang in the shower.
41. Looking back, the dog was following us.
When we looked back, we saw the dog following us.
42. Lying on a stretcher, they carried him out.
He was carried out on a stretcher.
43. Flying out the window, he grabbed the papers.
He grabbed the papers as they flew out the window.

Answer Key

Sentence Basics

1. D
2. A
3. C
4. D
5. C
6. A
7. D
8. C
9. A
10. D

34. A
35. C
36. C
37. D
38. D
39. C
40. B

Writing & Language

11. B
12. A
13. B
14. D
15. C
16. C
17. C
18. C
19. D
20. A
21. A
22. B
23. D
24. D
25. A

The Sense of Sentences

26. B
27. D
28. D
29. C
30. B
31. D
32. D
33. B