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English Grammar Skills

CHAPTER 1 TEST

Congratulations on completing this chapter! ***Answer the following questions to test your understanding of the material. When you finish, hand in your test to your teacher for a final grade. Each blank or answer is worth .82 points.***

FROM THE VIGNETTES

Multiple Choice: Choose the correct answers.

1. The comedian, David Brenner, helped a young man by causing him to: _____.
   (a) learn science (b) draw a bird (c) laugh

2. Mr. Kettering believed that _____ was possible if he ignored the possibility of failure.
   (a) success (b) failure (c) common sense

3. Jackie Robinson used _____ to change his life.
   (a) pride and arrogance (b) strength and agility (c) courage and intelligence

WORD POWER!

Multiple Choice: Place an "X" next to the sentence that best uses the vocabulary word(s).

4. _____ (a) The immigrant was ***processed*** through ***Customs*** on ***Ellis Island***.
   _____ (b) The ***process*** of food service and the cultural ***customs*** of ***Ellis Island*** surprised us when we traveled there for vacation.

5. _____ (a) The miller ***revived*** the donkey to town.
   _____ (b) The miller ***revived*** his son by throwing a bucket of water on his face.

6. _____ (a) The soldiers were ***resolute*** in their defense of freedom.
   _____ (b) The chemist found the ***resolute*** to the difficult problem.

7. _____ (a) The ***mediocre*** band played excellently.
   _____ (b) The ***mediocre*** band was rather boring.

8. _____ (a) I will climb the ***Himalayan Mountains*** this summer in New Mexico.
   _____ (b) I will climb the ***Himalayan Mountains*** this summer in Tibet.

9. _____ (a) The butterfly ***wavered*** its wings rapidly.
   _____ (b) The marine did not ***waver*** as he resolutely marched to battle.

10. _____ (a) The U.S. armed forces are ***versatile*** because they do battle on land, sea and air.
    _____ (b) The U.S. armed forces are ***versatile*** because they do battle only on land.

11. _____ (a) The captain's ***monologue*** was stern and forceful!
    _____ (b) The choir's ***monologue*** was a beautiful chorus.

12. _____ (a) He demonstrated ***courage*** when he accepted the bribe.
    _____ (b) The soldier demonstrated ***courage*** when he boldly faced the enemy.

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ENGLISH GRAMMAR SKILLS

Matching: Choose the correct answers.

13. _____ nouns
14. _____ proper nouns
15. _____ common nouns
16. _____ concrete nouns
17. _____ abstract nouns
18. _____ compound nouns
19. _____ collective nouns

(a) may be recognized by the five senses
(b) single words or two or more words that form individual nouns
(c) name persons, places, things and ideas
(d) wholes made up of small parts
(e) begin with small letters and name general persons, places, things and ideas
(f) may not be recognized by the five senses but are ideas, emotions, beliefs and qualities that you understand
(g) begin with capital letters and name specific persons, places, things and ideas

Matching: Choose the correct answers.

20. _____ singular nouns
21. _____ plural nouns
22. _____ possessive nouns
23. _____ action verbs
24. _____ state-of-being verbs

(a) express what people do
(b) name more than one person, place, thing or idea
(c) name only one person, place, thing or idea
(d) express what people are or were
(e) show ownership

Matching: Choose the correct answers.

25. _____ tense (definition)
26. _____ conjugation
27. _____ verb phrase
28. _____ principal tenses
29. _____ necessary parts of every sentence
30. _____ main person, place, thing or idea in a sentence
31. _____ adjective
32. _____ pronoun

(a) more than one verb used together in a sentence; usually one or more helping verbs and one main verb
(b) the ways verbs are used in sentences
(c) describes a noun and tells *which one, how many, whose* and *what color*
(d) simple subject
(e) complete subject and complete predicate
(f) present, past, future, present participle, past participle
(g) time zones: present, past, future
(h) a little word that takes the place of a noun

Matching: Choose the correct answers.

33. _____ direct object
34. _____ appositive
35. _____ predicate nominative
36. _____ object of a preposition
37. _____ indirect object

(a) appears between the action verb and the direct object and answers the questions For Whom? To Whom? For What? To What?
(b) follows a linking verb and refers to the simple subject
(c) receives the action of the subject, appears after an action verb and answers the questions Who? or What?
(d) is set off by commas and immediately follows and renames the simple subject
(e) follows a preposition

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True or False: Write the correct answers.

38. _____ Most nouns are made plural by adding *s*.

39. _____ Nouns that end in *s, sh, ch, x* or *z* are also made plural by adding only *s*.

40. _____ Some "F" nouns are made plural by changing the *f* or *fe* to *v* and adding *es*.

41. _____ Some "F" nouns are made plural by keeping the *f* or *fe* and adding only *s*.

42. _____ If an "O" noun is "borrowed" from another language, the noun is made plural by adding *es*.

43. _____ If an "O" noun has a consonant before the *o*, the noun is made plural by adding *es*.

44. _____ If an "O" noun has a vowel before the *o*, the noun is made plural by adding *s*.

45. _____ If a "Y" noun has a consonant before the *y*, the noun is made plural by changing the *y* to *i* and adding *es*.

46. _____ If a "Y" noun has a vowel before the *y*, the noun is made plural by keeping the *y* and adding *s*.

47. _____ To form the possessive of a noun that does not end in *s*, add an apostrophe and *es*.

48. _____ To form the possessive of a noun that ends in *s*, you may add only an apostrophe.

Multiple Choice: Place an "X" next to each correct answer.

49. The artist produced a masterpiece. The word *artist* is what kind of noun?
_____ (a) common _____ (c) concrete _____ (e) singular _____ (g) possessive
_____ (b) proper _____ (d) abstract _____ (f) plural

50. David Brenner saved a young man's life. The word *man's* is what kind of noun?
_____ (a) common _____ (c) concrete _____ (e) singular _____ (g) possessive
_____ (b) proper _____ (d) abstract _____ (f) plural

51. The brothers cared for each other. The word *brothers* is what kind of noun?
_____ (a) common _____ (c) concrete _____ (e) singular _____ (g) possessive
_____ (b) proper _____ (d) abstract _____ (f) plural

52. Mr. Kettering searched for the answer. The word *Mr. Kettering* is what kind of noun?
_____ (a) common _____ (c) concrete _____ (e) singular _____ (g) possessive
_____ (b) proper _____ (d) abstract _____ (f) plural

53. Mr. Newton's theories gained universal fame. The word *theories* is what kind of noun?
_____ (a) common _____ (c) concrete _____ (e) singular _____ (g) possessive
_____ (b) proper _____ (d) abstract _____ (f) plural

54. Ellis Island's Customs processing can take hours. The word *Ellis Island's* is what kind of noun?
_____ (a) common _____ (c) concrete _____ (e) singular _____ (g) possessive
_____ (b) proper _____ (d) abstract _____ (f) plural

55. The beliefs of the chiefs were strong. The word *beliefs* is what kind of noun?
_____ (a) common _____ (c) concrete _____ (e) singular _____ (g) possessive
_____ (b) proper _____ (d) abstract _____ (f) plural

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Make the following nouns plural.

56. father _____
57. potato _____
58. rodeo _____
59. wolf _____
60. goose _____
61. piano _____
62. church _____
63. army _____
64. journey _____
65. deer _____

Identify the underlined verb as "action" or "state-of-being."

66. Learn to communicate well in English. _____
67. Be determined to do your best. _____
68. Sundar stopped to help the traveler. _____
69. He is a good example for us. _____

Underline the verb or verb phrase. Identify it as "present," "past," "future," "present participle" or "past participle."

70. The married brother will give his single brother a Christmas gift. _____
71. I am going to follow his example. _____
72. The crow dropped the stones into the pitcher. _____
73. You learn something new each day. _____
74. He has climbed this mountain before. _____

Write the correct conjugation of each verb.

Verb	Present Today	Past Yesterday	Future Tomorrow	Present Participle Right now	Past Participle In the past
75. be	I _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	he _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	you _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	they _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
76. help	he _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
77. give	I _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Write "subject" or "predicate" to indicate where each noun belongs.

78. direct object _____
79. simple subject _____
80. predicate nominative _____
81. appositive _____
82. indirect object _____

Divide each sentence between the complete subject and the complete predicate.

83. The thirsty crow raised the water level.
84. The miller, Mr. Sims, gave the donkey a loving pat.

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Correctly rewrite the sentences.

85. He has gave the donkey its food.

_____

86. He raised from bed at 5 a.m.

_____

LIFE PRINCIPLES

Multiple Choice: Choose the best meaning for each Life Principle.

87. *"Laziness and poverty are cousins."* _____
    (a) If a person is lazy, he will probably live in poverty.
    (b) Laziness and poverty have nothing to do with each other.
    (c) If a person is lazy, he will probably become successful.

88. *"We make a living by what we get—we make a life by what we give."* _____
    (a) If we work hard and give away all our earnings, we will live a happy life.
    (b) If we take all we can get, we will have something to give away.
    (c) By working, we make money to provide our necessities, but by sharing our lives and resources with others, we give meaning to our lives.

89. *"The best way to forget your own problems is to help someone else solve his."* _____
    (a) You can "get over" any problem by sharing it with another person.
    (b) By helping other people solve their problems, your own problems seem smaller.
    (c) By forgetting your problems, you are helping somebody else.

90. *"The creative mind finds the solution, and the persevering heart makes the solution work."* _____
    (a) If you are creative, you will find solutions, if you are persevering, you will make the solutions work.
    (b) Finding the solution is enough. It will work out on its own, and you will not have to do anything.
    (c) You are powerless to find any solutions to your problems—life just happens.

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