



Grammar Practice Test Answers

****Please note the answers below include answers to Parts 1-3. If you have not taken all three parts, I strongly suggest you do before reviewing your answers.**

Grammar is one of the many things that writers of all different skill levels struggle with. This grammar practice test will evaluate your ability to write complete sentences, commas, verb-subject agreement as well as many other common grammar mistakes that writers struggle with.

If you want to review some [common grammar mistakes, click here](#). Test your grammar skills with this grammar practice test. Practicing good grammar in your writing is a skill.

Many professional writers struggle with grammar all the time. We all make mistakes when writing. However it is important to recognize the mistakes that you make in order for you to learn from them.

You may find that you need to review some grammar lessons in order to answer or understand the questions below. [Click here to review some English grammar lessons](#) before you start.

The correct answers are highlighted in yellow

Circle the correct word.

1. Michelle wondered _____ (weather, **whether**) she should tell her boyfriend that she was four-weeks pregnant.
2. Sara is opposed to lying in _____ (principal, **principle**), but she occasionally indulges in a white lie.
3. Kim hopes to _____ (**wear**, where) a white wedding gown.
4. Anthony knew all _____ (to, **too**) well that he shouldn't have eaten the last piece of cake.
5. Kimberly _____ (all ready, **already**) packed her suitcase even though her trip to Europe is not for another two weeks.
6. _____ (Accept, **Except**) for Tim, everyone in Ms. Smith's seventh-grade homeroom class owned a cell phone.
7. Standing _____ (**beside**, besides) Marcia at the commencement ceremony was her mother Mildred, who was also graduating with a bachelor's degree.
8. My Toyota Yaris is parked _____ (among, **between**) two full-sized trucks.
9. Richard told his son, " _____ (your, **you're**) young, but when you get older, you'll understand."
10. Do you think that _____ (**their**, they're) flight will be delayed again?
11. The security officer wondered _____ (**whose**, who's) cell phone and keys were left in the restroom.
12. The school is renovated _____ (**its**, it's) classrooms, so lectures are being held in the courtyard.
13. As the saying goes, " _____ (Its, **It's**) hard to say goodbye."

Directions: Identify the subjects of the following sentences

14. My mom worries that my younger sister Ella has dyslexia.
A. Mom
B. Sister
C. Ella
D. Dyslexia



15. Daniel forgot to turn off his cell phone during biology class.
A. Daniel
B. Cell Phone
C. Biology
D. Class
16. I promised Miguel that his DVDs would be returned to the rental store by midnight.
A. I
B. Miguel
C. DVDs
D. Rental store

If you struggled to find the subjects in the questions above, click here for information on [how to write a sentence](#).

Directions: Identify the verbs of the following sentences. Be sure to include all parts of the verb.

17. The roses in my garden only bloomed for a few days this summer.
A. Roses
B. In my garden
C. Only
D. Bloomed
18. I am usually honest when chatting online.
A. I
B. Am
C. Honest
D. When chatting online
19. The defendant became uncomfortable during the cross-examination.
A. Defendant
B. Became
C. uncomfortable
D. cross-examination

If you struggled to find the verbs in the questions above, click here for information on [how to write a sentence](#).

Directions: In each of the following sentences, the subjects are correctly underlined. Decide if this is True or False.

20. Jocelyn and I will apply to nursing schools once we complete our prerequisites.
A. True
B. False



21. Espresso, steamed milk, and chocolate are used to create a Mocha coffee.

- A. True
- B. False

22. The rising price of gasoline places a burden on most automobile owners.

- A. True
- B. False

Directions: In each of the following sentences, the verbs are correctly underlined. Decide if this is True or False.

23. Hundreds of people were already lined up to buy concert tickets when we arrived.

- A. True
- B. False

24. Samantha and Michael planned ahead and followed a budget but still barrowed money for their wedding.

- A. True
- B. False

25. I must have eaten at least twenty pieces of sushi at the all-you-can-eat-buffet.

- A. True
- B. False

If you struggled with the questions above, click [here](#) to learn more about verb-subject agreement.

Directions: Identify the fragment in each selection. If the selection contains no fragment, select "correct."

26. A. I am concerned about Tyler. B. He is ashamed to talk about his family. C. Because he feels responsible for his parents' divorce.

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. Correct

27. A. Speed bumps were installed on our streets. B. After the hit-and-run accident. C. Everyone agreed that speeding is a problem in our neighborhood.

- A. A
- B. B



- C. C
- D. Correct

28. A. Before I leave for my trip to Africa. B. I need to pay next month's rent, fill my prescriptions, and put my mail on hold.
C. I also need to ask Joey to water my plants.

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. Correct

29. A. Cheryl spent the entire weekend at the office. B. Catching up on paperwork, returning email messages, and analyzing budget reports. C. She said that she was extremely productive.

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. Correct

30. **Directions: Identify the complete sentence**

- A. Because David grew up in a single-parent household
- B. Growing up in a single-parent household
- C. David grew up in a single-parent household
- D. Like David growing up in a single-parent household

31. **Directions: Identify the complete sentence**

- A. I wonder if David will eat the frittata, it contains soy sausage, egg substitute, and organic broccoli
- B. I wonder if David will eat the frittata; containing soy sausage, egg substitute, and organic broccoli
- C. Even if the frittata contains soy sausage, egg substitute, and organic broccoli
- D. I wonder if David will eat the frittata, containing soy sausage, egg substitute, and organic broccoli

If these were difficult for you, now is a good time to stop here and review [comma rules](#).

32. **Directions: Identify the complete sentence**

- A. Roberto won the progressive jackpot, but most people are less fortunate on the slot machine.
- B. Roberto won the progressive jackpot, most people are less fortunate on the slot machine.
- C. Although Roberto won the progressive jackpot; most people are less fortunate on the slot machine.
- D. No complete sentence.

33. **Directions: Identify the complete sentence**



- A. Emma fired off an angry e-mail response, later she realized that she acted in haste.
- B. Emma fired off an angry e-mail response; but later she realized that she acted in haste.
- C. Emma fired off an angry e-mail response, but later she realized that she acted in haste.
- D. No complete sentence.

If you need additional help with the questions above, [click here for a guide on how to write a sentence](#) so you can learn more about fragments.

Directions: Identify the run-on in each selection. If the selection contains no run-on, select “correct.”

34. A. I saw many adorable kittens and puppies at the animal shelter. B. I am allergic to fur, I adopted a turtle instead. C. A turtle, however, is not very Cuddly.

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. Correct

35. A. Christopher and Satoshi were best friends in high school B. They were also roommates in college. C. Today, they work as software engineers in Sunnyvale, Christopher will be the best man at Satoshi’s wedding.

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. Correct

Directions: Circle the correct form of the verb

36. One of the athletes in the weightlifting competition _____ (was, were) disqualified for using an anabolic steroid.
37. Optimism among the incumbent’s supporters _____ (remain, remains) high despite a recent drop in candidate polls.
38. Here in the backyard _____ (rest, rests) the remains of my goldfish named Goldie, whom I buried under the oak tree fifteen years ago.
39. Diego owns three *Star Trek* figures autographed by the original actors, and each of them has _____ (its, their) own display case.
40. One reason that I avoid watching the evening news is that _____ (you, I) see so much violence.
41. Some people hate to leave messages on voice mail because _____ (you, they) dislike talking into a machine.
42. Volunteers painted over the graffiti left by taggers on the public buildings so that _____ (you, everyone) can enjoy the beauty of the city.

If you struggled with answering questions above, click here to learn more about using the correct verbs and common grammar mistakes.



Directions: Circle the letter of the correct answer.

43. In _____, a writer tells the story of something that happened.
- A. Description
 - B. Narration**
 - C. Argumentation
 - D. Exposition
44. In a _____ paragraph, readers are given a picture in words using sharp, colorful details that appeal to their senses.
- A. Description**
 - B. Narration
 - C. Process
 - D. Definition

For more information on the different types of essays, [click here](#).

45. Prewriting is an unnecessary step in writing essay exams.
- A. True
 - B. False**
46. To write an effective exam essay, _____.
- A. Anticipate probable questions
 - B. Prepare quotes and annotate the articles (if there is an article)
 - C. Read the exam question carefully
 - D. All of these**
47. In an essay exam questions, the direction word compare means _____.
- A. Show similarities between things**
 - B. Give the positive and negative points of a subject
 - C. Give the formal meaning of a term
48. In an essay exam questions, the direction word define means _____.
- A. Give the formal meaning of a term.**
 - B. Tell in detail about something
 - C. Give the positive and negative points of a subject
49. In an essay exam questions, the direction word illustrate means _____.
- A. Show similarities between things
 - B. Explain by giving examples**
 - C. Make a drawing and label it
50. In an essay exam questions, the direction word summarize means _____.
- A. Give the formal meaning of a term
 - B. Give a condensed account of the main points**
 - C. Show connections among things
 - D. Show to be true by giving facts or reasons



51. When citing a source, you must mention the author's name and the relevant page number.
A. True
B. False
52. When the author's name is provided in parentheses for an in-text citation, the first and last name should be given.
A. True
B. False
53. In an in-text citation, there is no punctuation between the author's name and the page number.
A. True
B. False

For more information on [how to use quotes and citations](#), click here.

Directions: In each of the following sentences, modifiers are used correctly.

54. Samantha gave me advise about potty training at the support group for new mothers.
A. True
B. False
55. At the support group for new mothers, Samantha gave me advice about potty training.
A. True
B. False
56. Before undergoing surgery, the nurse took the patient's vital signs.
A. True
B. False
57. Scrawled in spray paint, the painter saw artistic merit in the graffiti on the freeway.
A. True
B. False
58. Riko marveled at the impressive height of Mount Whitney towering into the sky.
A. True
B. False
59. After sitting in traffic for several hours, the radio stations played the same songs several times.
A. True
B. False
60. Having passed away last August, Jeremiah finally sorted through the personal belongings of his father.
A. True
B. False

Directions: Indicate whether the underlined words or group of words need capital or lower case letters by selecting the best choice. If an underlined section is correct, select "No change."

61. Steve and Miki chose the song "Nothing else matters" by Metallica for their wedding.
A. "nothing else matters" by Metallica
B. "Nothing Else Matters" by Metallica
C. "Nothing Else Matters" by metallica
D. No change



62. Although mom passed away five years ago, everyone in our family still missed her, particularly our Dad and dog Maxi.
A. our dad and dog Maxi
B. our dad and dog maxi
C. our Dad and Dog Maxi
D. No change
63. Ethan had hoped to register for advanced Expository Writing but was told that he did not satisfy the course prerequisites, so he took another writing course.
A. Advanced expository writing
B. Advanced Expository writing
C. Advanced Expository Writing
D. No change
64. My coworkers were surprised to learn that Kai is pacific islander because he grew up in San Jose, California.
A. Kai is pacific islander
B. Kai is Pacific islander
C. Kai is Pacific Islander
D. No change
65. Joyce took us to an Ethiopian Restaurant, which served delicious, spicy cuisine.
A. Ethiopian restaurant
B. ethiopian Restaurant
C. ethiopian restaurant
D. No change
66. After many years of intensive foreign language classes, Ian learned to speak fluency in arabic, Russian, and mandarin.
A. arabic, russian, and mandarin
B. arabic, Russian, and Mandarin
C. Arabic, Russian, and Mandarin
D. No change

Directions: In the next set of questions, circle the correctly expressed number.

67. _____ (26, Twenty-six) people posted messages to my blog in just thirty minutes.
68. Mike owns more than _____ (200, two hundred) pairs of athletic shoes, many of which are brand new.
69. Amber paid _____ (\$46.99, forty-six dollars and ninety-nine cents) for a used copy of her history textbook.
70. Everyone chuckles when I tell them that my address is _____ (222, Two Hundred Twenty-Two) Second Street.

If you struggled with the four questions above, [click here to learn/review how to write numbers](#).

Directions: For these last six questions, think about what you already know about comma placement.

71. Select the best choice. If commas are unnecessary, select "D-No Commas needed."
A. Eager, to pursue her life-long dreams Cindy moved to Los Angeles to break into the show business.
B. Eager to pursue her life-long dreams, Cindy moved to Los Angeles to break into the show business.
C. Eager, to pursue her life-long, dreams, Cindy moved to Los Angeles to break into the show business.
D. No commas needed
72. Select the best choice. If commas are unnecessary, select "D-No Commas needed."
A. Kristen who was my girlfriend in high school is now married, and has three children.



- B. Kristen, who was my girlfriend in high school is now married, and has three children.
C. Kristen, who was my girlfriend in high school, is now married and has three children.
D. No commas needed
73. Select the best choice. If commas are unnecessary, select "D-No Commas needed."
A. Jason claims that he is not superstitious but he carries a rabbit's foot, and refuses to walk under a ladder.
B. Jason claims that he is not superstitious, but he carries a rabbit's foot and refuses to walk under a ladder.
C. Jason claims that he is not superstitious, but he carries a rabbit's foot, and refuses to walk under a ladder.
D. No commas needed
74. Select the best choice. If commas are unnecessary, select "D-No Commas needed."
A. Sophie turns forty this year so, she should get a mammogram.
B. Sophie turns forty this year, so, she should get a mammogram.
C. Sophie turns forty this year, so she should get a mammogram.
D. No commas needed
75. Select the best choice. If commas are unnecessary, select "D-No Commas needed."
A. After a night of heavy rain my four-year old son asked, "Who put that puddle there?"
B. After a night of heavy rain, my four-year old son asked "Who put that puddle there?"
C. After a night of heavy rain, my four-year old son asked, "Who put that puddle there?"
D. No commas needed
76. Select the best choice. If commas are unnecessary, select "D-No Commas needed."
A. The librarian shouted, "Sir please lower your voice!"
B. The librarian shouted "Sir, please lower your voice!"
C. The librarian shouted, "Sir, please lower your voice!"
D. No commas needed

Commas can be very tricky. If you struggled with these, be sure to review my [comma rules page](#). I provide some great tips there.

Congratulations, you made it to the end of the grammar test! How did you do? [Contact me](#) and let me know. What other types of questions do you want to be tested on? Were some questions confusing? Let me know! Also feel free to contact me if you do not understand an answer, I will be happy to clarify and explain!

Don't worry if you got a few wrong. Some of these questions were tough! However in order to improve your writing, you need to use correct grammar in your writing.

[Click here to learn/review some English grammar lessons](#) to help you improve your answers next time.