

English 098 English Fundamentals

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Midterm Examination #2: Chapters 5–8, *Writing Clear Paragraphs***EDITING ERRORS IN SUBJECT/VERB AGREEMENT**

Underline all subjects once and their verbs twice. If a subject does not agree with its verb, write the edited pair on the line below. If a sentence is correct, write "OK".

1. Among Miriam's and Omar's favorite restaurants are the falafel stand near the stadium.

2. Physics are sometimes hard to understand because of all the complex formulæ.

3. The senator, as well as her advisors, are planning for a presidential campaign.

4. Quite a few players on the basketball team at my college in El Cajon is eligible to transfer.

EDITING ERRORS IN PRONOUN/ANTECEDENT AGREEMENT

Revise any sentence in which pronouns do not agree with their antecedents. If a sentence is correct, write "OK".

5. Neither attorney was able to verify their client's whereabouts that night.

6. When one needs help on a writing project, he or she should head for the writing center.

7. All applicants for the new position must list the job skills he or she has developed in the past.

8. Because the girls on the team had such a wide range of skills, Juanita worried that someone would feel left out if they didn't get to play.

EDITING FOR UNCLEAR PRONOUN REFERENCE

Revise any sentence in which pronoun reference is unclear. If a sentence is correct, write "OK".

9. Uncle Felix got sick and died of it.

10. They say there used to be a meth lab in the house next door to mine.

11. Andrea and her aunt designed the award-winning landscaping together, but she was too shy to take the credit.

12. Francisco told Sam that he would have to move out of his parents' apartment.

EDITING INCOMPLETE AND ILLOGICAL COMPARISONS

Revise these sentences to make comparisons complete and logical. When appropriate substitute an intensifier for the comparison word. If a sentence is correct, write "OK".

13. Learning to play a musical instrument is better for children who are having trouble with math.

14. I love the Jonas Brothers so much!

15. Jerry has muscles like a gorilla.

16. Patsy and I had such an awful time at her birthday party.

EDITING ERRORS IN WORD USAGE

Underline all words or phrases used in an incorrect or nonstandard manner. Write the correct or standard usage on the line below. If a sentence is correct, write "OK".

17. Dr O'Reilly inferred explicitly in his critique that Jody and me had plagiarized our work.

18. Chaz did bad on his written driving test because the questions were real difficult.

19. Tricia and Horace, running for student-body president and vice president, claim their on the side of people like you and I.

20. The amount of investors who lost their savings this year might of been worse then in the Great Depression.

EDITING TO CORRECT FAULTY PARALLELISM

Revise these sentences, correcting any instances of faulty parallelism. If a sentence is correct, write "OK".

21. Boris's new roommate is neither reliable with sharing housekeeping chores nor with paying the rent.

22. Because Cecilia is skilled in chemistry, biology, and she writes eloquently, she plans to transfer to UCSD to study science journalism.

23. The Cambodians are famous for their magnificent temples, their beautiful poetry, and they are hospitable to visitors.

24. Either Cheryl will travel to Guadalajara this summer or visit Cleveland.

EDITING TO CORRECT ERRORS WITH APOSTROPHES

Underline words containing errors in the use of apostrophes. Write the correct usage on the line below. If a sentence is correct, write "OK".

25. Rolly's and Agnes's ping pong match in the student's center astounded the spectators'.

26. Because the judges all admired Gus' fabulous spray-paint mural, he won the college's top art award.

27. The Moroccan childrens' educational progress was exceptional, so the aid donors' felt that they really got their moneys worth.

28. Although they're work was done as a team and the credit was therefore their's, most of the really challenging work was her's.

EDITING MISPLACED AND DANGLING MODIFIERS

Revise these sentences so that modifiers are placed correctly. If a sentence is correct, write "OK".

29. The presidential primary debates appalled viewers with frequent harsh attacks and blatant falsehoods.

30. Abalone is a favorite seafood in Northern California restaurants, pleasing diners with succulent meat and smooth texture.

31. Since she took all advanced courses last year in high school, the college councillor advised Patty to enroll in challenging courses.

32. Intelligent and kind, as well as beautiful, Raul knew that Tina was the perfect woman for him.

EDITING UNNECESSARY SHIFTS IN PERSON AND NUMBER

Revise these sentences so that person and number are used consistently. If a sentence is correct, write "OK".

33. Once each player had completed their warm-ups, they headed for the bench, eager to begin the playoff game.

34. One can easily get lost hiking in the high Sierras, so you have to be sure to bring a good map.

35. The legislative analysts have considered the proposal from every possible angle and came to a consensus on its merits.

36. As Phyllis and Andrew stepped alone onto the deserted beach, you could tell the tide was coming in.

EDITING NEEDLESS SHIFTS IN VERB TENSE

Revise these sentences so that verb tense is used consistently. If a sentence is correct, write "OK".

37. Since I've become fluent in Spanish, I was surprised how much it helps me at work.

38. Sylvester noticed a homeless woman limping along Jamacha Road and kindly stops to offer her a few dollars for food.

39. This semester Olivia commutes to college by bicycle, runs on the track team, and ate vegetarian.

40. Davis came to college an hour early and then spends some time in the writing center perfecting his history paper.
