

Punctuation Self-assessment Quiz

Do the following self-assessment quiz. Then see the answers under Punctuation Self-assessment Quiz Answers. The answer sheet names the type of error involved and provides a page reference to the section of Acting on Words that contains the answer to the question, along with an explanation of the problem. If you have some difficulty with this quiz, then you need to work closely with pages 542 – 548 and 557-559 of the Acting on Words Handbook.

1. Wayne Gretzky works on behalf of several charities he is still a young, enthusiastic person.
2. Pizza ingredients may include pepperoni tomatoes feta cheese black olives mushrooms or olives.
3. Parenting deeply changes most people so it is not surprising that watching our children grow compels parents to grow as well.
4. On March 10 1978 a beagle named Barney ran away.
5. All fan mail for Donny Osmond for his recent Toronto performances may be sent to his Canadian agent at 2602 Agnes street Ontario C2A R9A.
6. When the government clerk Igor Gouzenko defected from Russia to Canada in 1945 he brought with him 109 secret documents that revealed a highly developed spy ring operating effectively out of Canada.
7. Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass a world-famous horn band recorded the songs “A Taste of Honey” and “Tijuana Taxi” in the late 1960s.
8. Dr. Schaeffer is thirdly a fine poet.
9. David Bowie issued his own investment bonds several years ago they were financially backed by the future royalties on his music.
10. We worried about one thing all year money.
11. The carjackers attempt was thwarted by a passerby.
12. The two biology teachers attempts to coach the volleyball team were welcomed.
13. They dont charge GST here.
14. Michael Ondaatje’s poem Letters and Other Worlds examines emotional distances.

15. Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General, said, The use of child soldiers in Sierra Leone continues to concern all nations.
 16. Faulkner wrote that between grief and nothing, I'll take grief.
 17. They paved Paradise, sang Joni Mitchell.
 18. Some deep-water divers experience shallow water blackout; this is sudden unconsciousness in the final moments of ascent.
 19. The belief in life elsewhere in the universe is widely held (173), according to Davis Marble and Mavis Darby in their article Life Elsewhere.
 20. We attended the fourteenth annual Canadian Information Technology Security Symposium CITSS.
 21. "She was always so tired that she would just lay *sic* on the couch all day."
- Note: [This sentence has been quoted from another source-- thus the surrounding quotation marks.]
22. Who disagrees that golf knickers are foolish
 23. Though usually disagreeing with Mike and Rebecca Aimée finally conceded that Bryan Adams has an interesting voice.
 24. The loonie our dollar still remains weak against the U.S. dollar.
 25. Legal decisions at the Appeal Court are seldom unanimous partly because judges represent opposing legal, social, and philosophical views.
 26. Vancouver residents receive the best health care according to the recent surveys.
 27. He read every book on the course yet he did not read them actively.
 28. I will call a meeting for tomorrow or you will have to get in touch with the communications department yourself.
 29. The Bretton Woods agreement of 1944 aimed to create full employment and social security since USA president Richard Nixon abandoned the agreement in 1971, wealth has moved upwards from the poor and middle class to the enormously rich.
 30. Some critics claim that life today is like a game of musical chairs the problem, some say, is that we have little choice about whether to play.

31. In his book *Dark Age America*, Morris Berman informs us that “[t]he Italian political theorist Antonio Gramsci, pointed out long ago that if you capture people’s minds, their hands will follow. He called this ‘hegemony’...”(19).
32. Berman also states the following: “Despite the unifying patriotic rhetoric that permeates the United States, on some level Americans, are not really fooled...” (15).