

# RSCH6016 Capstone Project

## Grammar Assignment

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## More Confusing Words and Homonyms Quiz - 1

Correct all usage errors. Beware: there may be more than one error per quiz question.

1. It was not just a great day; it was an historic occasion, and I was feeling alright.
  - It was not just a great day; it was a historic occasion, and I was feeling all right.
2. It takes awhile to adopt to this hot weather when you're from Anchorage.
  - It takes a while to adapt to this hot weather when you're from Anchorage.
3. You don't need fancy stationary to thank someone—that's besides the point.
  - You don't need fancy stationery to thank someone—that's beside the point.
4. I can not be calm on roller coasters. I ride them with baited breath.
  - I cannot be calm on roller coasters. I ride them with bated breath.
5. I have no flare for geography: I thought Buffalo was the capitol of New York, but it's Albany.
  - I have no flair for geography: I thought Buffalo was the capital of New York, but it's Albany.
6. Where good friends are concerned, my chief criteria has always been loyalty.
  - Where good friends are concerned, my chief criterion has always been loyalty.
7. I prophesized that if she kept acting that way, she'd get her just desserts.
  - I prophesied that if she kept acting that way, she'd get her just deserts.
8. You have to be more discrete or you'll literally drive your husband up the wall.
  - You have to be more discreet, or you'll literally drive your husband up the wall.
9. I've never waivered in my enjoyment of Shakespeare's plays, i.e., Romeo and Juliet.
  - I've never wavered in my enjoyment of Shakespeare's plays, i.e., Romeo and Juliet.
10. Let's take the next boat off of this island. We'll be in eminent danger if we wait around.
  - Let's take the next boat off of this island. We'll be in imminent danger if we wait around.
11. I explained my principle reasons for quitting to a couple guys from work.
  - I explained my principal reasons for quitting to a couple of guys from work.

## More Confusing Words and Homonyms Quiz - 2

Correct all usage errors as listed in. Beware: there may be more than one error per quiz question.

1. Just wait 'til you see one of the most unique buildings in the Midwest.
  - Just wait 'til you see one of the unique buildings in the Midwest.
2. I always buy Acme products because it's a company who really cares about the consumer.
  - I always buy Acme products because it's a company which really cares about the consumer.

3. I was amazed by the enormity of his hands, which held me in a vice-like grip.
  - I was amazed by the size of his hands, which held me in a vice-like grip.
4. It's not everyday that I get to spend several hours on my favorite past time.
  - It's not every day that I get to spend several hours on my favorite pastime.
5. He's one of the premiere actors of our generation, irregardless of his messy personal life.
  - He's one of the premier actors of our generation, regardless of his messy personal life.
6. It won't phase me in the least if you just sit your drink on the chair next to you.
  - It won't faze me in the least if you just sit your drink on the chair next to you.
7. He never graduated high school because he always flaunted the school rules.
  - He never graduated high school because he always flouted the school rules.
8. He wore a gold metal when he lead the parade yesterday.
  - He wore a gold medal when he led the parade yesterday.
9. I think it was a fashion misnomer to wear such a miniscule ring with such a big bracelet.
  - I think it was a fashion mismatch to wear such a minuscule ring with such a big bracelet.
10. Even here in earthquake country, that tremblor was a frightening phenomena.
  - Even here in earthquake country, that tremor was a frightening phenomenon.
11. I don't have to show up until 10 a.m. in the morning.
  - I don't have to show up until 10 in the morning.

## Effective Writing Quiz - 1

Rewrite these sentences to make them more effective. Your sentences may be different from the answers given in the book. Answers are in Chapter Seven.

1. While I am in town. Let's visit Golden Gate Park.
  - Let's visit Golden Gate Park while I am in town.
2. Walking aimlessly down the street, a bus almost clipped me.
  - While walking aimlessly down the street, I was almost clipped by a bus.
3. Good employees are prompt, courteous, and they help you when you need it.
  - Good employees display promptness, courtesy, and helpfulness when you need it.
4. Several items of evidence were overlooked by police who were investigating the scene of the crime.
  - The police investigating the scene of the crime overlooked several pieces of evidence.
5. It is expected that you will report for work by no later than nine o'clock.
  - You are expected to report for work no later than 9 o'clock.

6. There is just one more thing that I want to say before I finish up.
  - There is one final point that I would like to make before I conclude.
7. The patient is not unresponsive.
  - The patient is responsive.
8. Raised in Italy, my grandfather's broken English created problems early on.
  - My grandfather's broken English, which was a result of being raised in Italy, created problems early on.
9. Students will benefit themselves by listening, taking notes, and they should always pay attention.
  - Students will benefit themselves by listening, taking notes, and always paying attention.
10. The cars were worn down by the taxi drivers.
  - The taxi drivers wore down the cars.
11. After tossing and turning, the alarm came on much too early.
  - After tossing and turning, I realized the alarm had come on much too early.
12. I have always believed in being thrifty, loyal, and I do high-quality work.
  - I have always believed in being thrifty, loyal, and doing high-quality work.
13. One thing I could say without hesitation is that he is not unreliable.
  - One thing I can say without hesitation is that he is reliable.

## Effective Writing Quiz - 2

Rewrite these sentences to make them more effective. Your sentences may be different from the answers given in the book. Answers are in Chapter Seven.

1. We will utilize the attorneys we have employed to engender the dissolution of our marriage.
  - We will use our lawyers to get a divorce.
2. The boy was hit in the face by the pie as it left the girl's hand.
  - The girl's hand hit the boy in the face as she threw the pie.
3. It was not likely that no one would want to claim ownership of the new sports car.
  - It was unlikely that no one would want to claim ownership of the new sports car.
4. We washed the dishes, swept the floor, and the tables were dusted.
  - We washed the dishes, swept the floor, and dusted the tables.
5. While singing in the shower, the bar of soap slipped from her hands.
  - The bar of soap slipped from her hands while she was singing in the shower.
6. Maria encountered a stranger clad in her parka and blue jeans.
  - Maria encountered a stranger who was wearing her parka and blue jeans.

7. The weather had adverse impacts on our boat, resulting in the necessity of rescuing us from the water.
  - The adverse weather conditions had a severe impact on our boat, which led to us being rescued from the water.
8. On a hike with my wife, a bear climbed a tree.
  - A bear climbed a tree while I was on a hike with my wife.
9. Looking back, the dog was following us.
  - When I looked back, the dog was following us.
10. Jordan did not believe that Serena had embarrassed him unintentionally.
  - Jordan believed that Serena had intentionally embarrassed him.
11. Martin could not juggle watching Timmy, making breakfast, and he had a report to write.
  - Martin could not juggle watching Timmy, making breakfast, and writing a report.
12. Like others we questioned, his name was not announced.
  - His name was not announced, like others we questioned.
13. I was wearing the sweater that Amy knitted at the concert.
  - The sweater I was wearing at the concert was knitted by Amy.
14. Lying on a stretcher, they carried him out.
  - He was carried out on a stretcher.

## Grammar Mastery Test

Correct the following sentences. Place a check mark in front of sentences that are correct.

1. Some of the desserts was left by the end of the birthday party.
  - Some of the desserts were left by the end of the birthday party.
2. It was myself and maybe two other people.
  - It was I and maybe two other people.
3. Dr. Cresta is one of those professors who does whatever it takes to get his point across.  
✓
4. Your brilliant excuses almost makes up for your tardiness.
  - Your brilliant excuses almost make up for your tardiness.
5. Neither Jackson nor Jenna is playing hooky.  
✓
6. Neither Jackson nor his family are going camping this weekend.
  - Neither Jackson nor his family is going camping this weekend.

7. Either of us is capable of winning.

✓

8. All of the class is willing to take part in the prank.

➤ All of the students in the class are willing to take part in the prank.

9. One-third of the eligible population tend not to vote in national elections.

➤ One-third of the eligible population tends not to vote in national elections.

10. Not even one-third of the voters tends to cast their ballots in national elections.

➤ Not even one-third of the voters tend to cast their ballots in national elections.

11. Here's the paper clips you requested.

➤ Here are the paper clips you requested.

12. She is one of those doctors who make house calls.

➤ She is one of those doctors who makes house calls.

13. Her and him are always fighting.

➤ She and he are always fighting.

14. When Toni and him come over, we always have a great time.

➤ When Toni and he come over, we always have a great time.

15. It is we who must decide whether to tax ourselves or cut spending.

✓

16. Between you and I, this class is a joke.

➤ Between you and me, this class is a joke.

17. Whom do you think you are to give me advice about dating?

➤ Who do you think you are to give me advice about dating?

18. Who makes up these English rules anyway?

✓

19. Whom do you think should win?

✓

20. Who are you voting for?

✓

21. She is one of the only teachers who does what it takes to help her students learn joyfully.

➤ She is one of the few teachers who do what it takes to help her students learn joyfully.

22. Whomever has the keys gets to be in the driver's seat.

➤ Whoever has the keys gets to be in the driver's seat.

23. We are willing to work with whoever you recommend.

✓

24. The thoughts that Ted presented at the meeting were worthwhile.

✓

25. The thoughts that Ted presented, that were about shifting national priorities, were well received.

- The thoughts that Ted presented, which were about shifting national priorities, were well received.

26. When you do a job so good, you can expect a raise.

- When you do a job so well, you can expect a raise.

27. I, as most people, try to be considerate of others.

✓

- Like most people, I try to be considerate of others.

28. Harry smells good. What is the aftershave he is wearing?

✓

29. Lisa did so well on the test that she was allowed to accelerate to the next level.

✓

30. Our puppy is the least hungriest of the litter.

- Our puppy is the least hungry of the litter.

31. He's a man whom I think defines greatness.

- He's a man who I think defines greatness.

32. Karen should of known that her cheap umbrella would break in the storm.

- Karen should have known that her cheap umbrella would break in the storm.

33. Sometimes the effects of our generosity may seem minimal, but our good intentions do make a difference.

✓

34. Ben thought he had lain my jacket on that bench.

- Ben thought he had laid my jacket on that bench.

35. Our company policy will not allow me to except a gift worth more than \$50.

- Our company policy will not allow me to accept a gift worth more than \$50.

36. They thought we were late, but my wife and I were all ready at the restaurant.

- They thought we were late, but my wife and I were already at the restaurant.

37. Irregardless of who was there first, we were all very hungry and ready to eat.

- Regardless of who was there first, we were all very hungry and ready to eat.

38. We could hardly believe the Giants could loose the game by that many runs.  
➤ We could hardly believe the Giants could lose the game by that many runs.
39. Isn't it amazing how long that mime can remain completely stationery?  
➤ Isn't it amazing how long that mime can remain completely stationary?
40. The department's principal concern is the safety of all employees.  
✓
41. How did they manage to serve cold ice cream in the middle of the vast dessert?  
➤ How did they manage to serve cold ice cream in the middle of the vast desert?
42. The boss complemented Ari on his excellent presentation.  
➤ The boss complimented Ari on his excellent presentation.
43. The judge did not believe any of there stories.  
➤ The judge did not believe any of their stories.
44. Ilana said she wanted to become a FBI agent when she grew up.  
➤ Ilana said she wanted to become an FBI agent when she grew up.
45. It's not good when your always late like this.  
➤ It's not good when you're always late like this.
46. To be a good billiards player, you've got to think farther ahead than just the next shot.  
➤ To be a good billiards player, you have to think farther ahead than just the next shot.
47. I think I'll go lay down awhile.  
➤ I think I'll go lie down for a while.
48. The golf course at the resort is lovely, but I prefer it's swimming pool.  
➤ The golf course at the resort is lovely, but I prefer its swimming pool.
49. Sam and myself paid the cab fare, and Alejandro paid for dinner.  
➤ Sam and I paid the cab fare, and Alejandro paid for dinner.
50. Marta completed five less problems than I did in the same amount of time.  
➤ Marta completed five fewer problems than I did in the same amount of time.