

ASSIGNMENT

A. Complete the following exercise using *a/an/the/0* (no article) in the underlined spaces where appropriate. Change capital letters to lower case letters at the beginning of a sentence if necessary.

Ms Parrot, (1) ___ most famous lady detective of (2) ___ twenty-first century, was born in (3) ___ United Kingdom in (4) ___ 1960s. Since then, she has been to many countries, including (5) ___ Portugal, Singapore and Australia, and has lived in (6) ___ northern hemisphere and (7) ___ southern hemisphere, as well as on (8) ___ equator. She has never been to (9) ___ Philippines or (10) ___ United States, but she speaks (11) English, French and Portuguese. Like Sherlock Holmes, (12) ___ famous detective, she plays (13) ___ violin, and sometimes practises up to five times (14) ___ day. She is also (15) ___ only person in (16) ___ world to have performed Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture [a long piece of music] in one breath on (17) ___ recorder.

She has been (18) ___ detective for thirty years and claims that although many people think that being (19) ___ detective is (20) ___ piece of cake, detectives generally work very hard and it's not all fun and games. (21) ___ detective is someone who solves mysteries, and (22) ___ people who contact Ms Parrot have some very unusual problems. Little information is available about some of (23) ___ cases she has solved, but quite (24) ___ few of her most famous cases have attracted worldwide attention and she has been offered up to (25) ___ thousand dollars (26) ___ hour to help solve mysteries such as (27) ___ case of (28) ___ Australian owl in (29) ___ uniform. (30) ___ bird laid (31) ___ egg in (32) ___ European nest in less than (33) ___ hour after its arrival. What (34) ___ strange problem!

With great (35) ___ modesty, she has either declined such (36) ___ fee or donated (37) ___ money to (38) ___ poor, or to (39) ___ Grammar Survival Fund, believing that (40) ___ detective should use their skills for the common good.

B. Fill in the correct prepositions:

Across; at; by; during; for; from; in; into; of; on; through; to; towards; with

1. Halloween is celebrated _____ the United States _____ October 31.
2. Are you going away for the weekend? – I don't know. It depends _____ the weather.
3. Don't kiss the prince. He might turn _____ a frog.
4. He felt bad _____ no reason at all.
5. I have been living here _____ ten years.
6. Have you been _____ the cinema recently? Yes I was there a few days ago.
7. I happened to meet an old friend _____ town.
8. Have you read the article? – It was _____ yesterday's newspapers.
9. He always drives _____ a tremendous speed because he's always _____ a hurry.
10. He is very fond _____ good food.
11. He married _____ the age of 28.
12. I bought many things _____ my stay in New York.

13. According _____ the guide there are three hotels _____ town.
14. I saw him standing _____ the queue but I don't know if he got _____ the bus.
15. I want to post this letter _____ a friend.
16. I'm going _____ Glasgow on Monday. Would you like to come with us?
17. John has got a very strange taste _____ clothes.
18. Mum sat _____ the back of the car.
19. I'm interested _____ basketball but I'm not very good _____ playing it.
20. I'm returning _____ Spain _____ the end of the month.
21. My parents met _____ the war, in 1943.
22. Is it true that your mother died _____ cancer.
23. It was embarrassing. I didn't have enough money _____ pay for the meal.
24. It was _____ the radio yesterday morning.
25. It's a quick journey _____ Manchester _____ Leeds.
26. Jane goes to the office early _____ Tuesdays.
27. I saw him sometime _____ June.
28. Meet me _____ the station.
29. The lights are moving _____ us.
30. My country is famous _____ great musicians.
31. Who is that girl over there _____ the red dress?
32. I live _____ Sweden but every summer I travel _____ Spain for my holidays.
33. Turn right _____ the end of the street and then it will be right in front of you
34. My sister has a beautiful apartment. She lives _____ the third floor.
35. Please sit down. Mr. Brown will be _____ you in a moment.
36. I have to apologize _____ being late.
37. She tried to prevent the children _____ jumping into the water.
38. Sometimes I have to walk to work and sometimes I go _____ bus.
39. Thank you _____ coming to visit us.
40. The boys met _____ the corner of the street.

C. Underline the real subject and choose the correct verb in the following sentences:

1. The citizens of this town (demand, demands) police protection.
2. Glenville's Glee Club always (give, gives) a fine concert.
3. Either Kathy or Dorothy (is, are) going.
4. Both Ruth and I (go, goes) to bed early.
5. The man, along with the two women, (was, were) delayed.
6. We (was, were) passed by six cars.
7. Few of the students (live, lives) in the dormitory.
8. The ice cream (melt, melts) at room temperature.
9. No one (has, have) stolen my secret ideas!
10. The first baseman and the catcher (has, have) made many errors.
11. Mrs. Laird (speak, speaks) with authority.
12. The guitar, accompanied by the bass viol, (play, plays) the tune.
13. Joe and his brother always (drink, drinks) too fast.
14. Thelma, as well as her sister, (is, are) good at sports.
15. Neither of my parents (is, are) home tonight.

16. The captain of the two teams (is, are) Dan.
17. Where (do, does) the Chester family live?
18. The golf team and the tennis team (win, wins) every match.
19. Why (do, does) Lisa and Tony disagree so much?
20. Mrs. Stum, together with her neighbors, (has, have) a sewing club.
21. Someone (has, have) to do the work.
22. Steve, along with Jim and Cindy, (was, were) there.
23. Where (is, are) you going?
24. There (go, goes) Emily and Claire.
25. Each of the members (has, have) contributed.
26. Meg and her mother (is, are) in the store.
27. The set of rules (control, controls) the game.
28. Neither the boss nor her assistant (was, were) present.
29. Here (is, are) an old and famous landmark.
30. Ralph, along with his father, (is, are) attending the game.
31. One often (ask, asks) for help from others.
32. Where (has, have) you and Rachel worked during the summer?
33. The leader of the choir (sing, sings) tenor.
34. The helpers, as well as the leader, (has, have) to work well.
35. Everyone (hope, hopes) to find a special friend.
36. A sign of the times (is, are) the fashion in clothes.
37. There (is, are) opportunities for all.
38. The travelers, with their translators, (visit, visits) the museum.
39. The better of the two seats (has, have) been sold.
40. Where (is, are) my hat and coat?

D. Find the mistakes in the following letter and correct them!

Dear Mr. Jackson

I write to you to say how angry I am with the state of the road outside my house. It's a really mess. A few days ago my neighbor has got the back wheel of her car stuck in one of the huge holes outside my gate. She was really upset and we will had to get two people from the garage to pull her out.

Why have we got these holes in the road? Well, because of the terrible weather we have late with all those ice and snow. But that was for two months.

So why haven't you done anything about it? You should send a road repair team around here as soon as possible. It will also be a good idea if you were better prepared in the future so you could get things done more quick.

I hope hearing from you very soon about this problem.