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The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 $\frac{3}{4}$

November - April

Complete

1. What was Sabre wearing?

2. How did Adrian score on the Math test?

3. Why did Pandora burn her *Jackie* magazines?

4. How long did it take Adrian to create the Voice of Youth?

5. Why was Adrian's father laughing when Adrian got home from the hospital?

6. Why did Pandora get an extra mark?

7. What does Nurse Boldry offer to do?

8. What is the problem with the fur coat?

9. How do the Sugdens all look?

10. What did Adrian get Pandora for Christmas?

11. What did Pandora's parents argue about?

12. What did Pandora's gift to Adrian mean?

13. How many books does Adrian have?

14. Who is coming to visit at Christmas?

15. Why did Adrian forgive Pandora?

16. Where did Argentina attack?

17. What is Adrian's father's new job?

18. Why is the school having handwriting tests?

19. What will Adrian do as a parent?

20. Why did Pandora and E.S.B. fight?

What things make Adrian feel guilty about stealing the key ring?

Why is Adrian reading *Crime and Punishment*?

How does Adrian solve his problems? The phone bill, school magazine, fur coat. What does this tell us about Adrian's character?

How do you think Adrian felt towards his father's thought that the play was a comedy? What would you feel in that situation?

How might Pandora react to her Christmas gift of deodorant?

Introduction to Introductions

An introduction needs two things: Hook the reader and state the thesis statement, what the essay is about while making it interesting, grabbing the reader's attention, making him/her want to keep reading. Answer the questions below and rewrite this weak introduction to make it more exciting and focused.

I want to tell you about the plane trip from Montréal to London which was eight hours long. We were on a crowded plane. It was very long. There wasn't much to do.

1. Why is this introduction a poor way to begin?

Now rewrite it:

[illegible]

Write *only* an introduction for these essay topics. (Hook and thesis statement)

Is fashion important?

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New words: Match the words to the meanings

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| _____ Avant-garde | a) a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives, especially equally undesirable ones. |
| _____ Maintenance | b) lively festivities. |
| _____ Dilemma | c) to do harm. |
| _____ terrace | d) equivalent in seriousness to; virtually the same as. |
| _____ hypocritical | e) being of nobility. |
| _____ revelry | f) looking exhausted, unwell from fatigue, worry, or suffering. |
| _____ malicious | g) new, unusual or experimental ideas. |
| _____ Haggard | h) behaving in a way to suggest one has higher standards or more noble beliefs than one is in reality. |
| _____ Radical | i) affecting the fundamental nature of something; far-reaching or thorough. |
| _____ Tantamount | j) a level paved area or platform next to a building; a patio or veranda. |
| _____ Treason | k) the state of being not or no longer needed or useful. |
| _____ Aristocrat | l) the process of repairing or preserving someone or something. |
| _____ Redundancy | m) the crime of betraying one's country. |

Circle the correct verb that agrees with the subject.

- The piano as well as the pipe organ _____ to be tuned for the big concert.
HAS HAVE
- The mayor together with his two brothers _____ going to be indicted for accepting bribes.
ARE IS
- Neither of my two suitcases _____ adequate for this trip.
IS ARE
- There _____ a list of committee members on the head-table.
ARE IS

5. Everybody in the class _____ done the homework well in advance.

HAS HAVE

6. The jury _____ their seats in the courtroom.

TAKE TAKES

7. Neither the teacher nor the students _____ to understand this assignment.

SEEM SEEMS

8. _____ either my father or my brothers made a down-payment on the house?

HAS HAVE

9. Hartford is one of those cities that _____ working hard to reclaim a riverfront.

IS ARE

10. Some of the grain _____ gone bad.

HAVE HAS

Directions: Circle the correct verb in each of the sentences below. Check your answers at the bottom of this page.

1. Joanna and her grandparents (visit-visits) each other often.

2. Either the jewelry or the wigs (are-is) in the dishwasher.

3. Vince and Frieda (need-needs) to look for work.

4. There (is-are) a hockey stick, a cat, and a bird in the garage.

5. Neither Mom nor her brothers (was-were) at the court hearing.

6. Here into the main rink of the Ice Capades (come-comes) the trained elephants.

7. Either the workers or the truck (deliver-delivers) the goods.

8. The agency (work-works) hard for better school cafeteria meatloaf.

9. There (is-are) many things to do before the summer holidays.

10. The jury (was-were) polled for their verdicts.

11. Here (is-are) the tacks you need for the homework tasks.

12. Either Hemingway or Proust (was-were) here.

13. North America (is-are) a continent of contrast.

14. A sock and a wallet (was-were) lying on the floor.

15. The family (is-are) occupied with their party preparations.

Subject-verb agreement

Write the verb in the correct form to agree with the subject. Use only present tense.

1. Both candidates oppose increased defense spending. Neither of the two candidates (oppose)_____ the war in Iraq.

2. Not one of these cell phones belongs to me. One of the phones (belong)_____ to Merdine.

3. Most students take all of their classes in the morning. Nobody (take)_____ classes after 2:00.

4. One of my hobbies is collecting shopping bags. My hobbies (be)_____ unusual.

5. Gus and Merdine want a trial separation. Neither one (want)_____ to move out of the apartment.

6. Neither of the players admits that he made an error. Both players (admit)_____ that somebody made a mistake.

7. Both the manager and her assistant have been fired. Neither the manager nor her assistant (have)_____ been notified.

8. Where is your little brother? Several pages from my journal (be)_____ missing.

9. Professor Legree often goes for long walks in the rain. The lights in his house (go)_____ on at midnight.

10. The students in the back of the room play poker during breaks. The student who sits next to