

SENTENCE CORRECTION

Rules to Solve Sentence Corrections Questions

Rule #1

The article word A/An or the is not used with words such as (Kind of, sort of, Type of, etc.)

Example:

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| Incorrect | • What type of the books you like to read? |
| Correct | • What type of books you like to read? |

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| Incorrect | • What sort of an insect is that? |
| Correct | • What sort of insect is that? |

Rule #2

Sentences with words 'each of' 'one of' 'none of' is always followed by a plural form of noun.

Examples:

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| Incorrect | • Each of the player performed well in the match. |
| Correct | • Each of the players performed well in the match. |

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| Incorrect | • None of the student scored above 90% in boards. |
| Correct | • None of the students scored above 90 % in boards. |

Rule #3

The collective noun takes a plural verb when not used as a single unit.

Example:

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| Incorrect | • The resources was divided based on its expertise. |
| Correct | • The resources were divided based on their expertise. |

Rule #4

Use Present Continuous tense rather than simple present tense, when the recurring action is problematic.

Example:

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| Incorrect | • She always hits me without any reason. |
| Correct | • She is always hitting me without any reason. |

Rule #5

If in a sentence, two action clauses are to take place in future, use simple present tense for conditional clause and simple future tense for the other clause.

Example:

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| Incorrect | • The moment she will enter the room, we will start singing the birthday song. |
| Correct | • The moment she enters the room we will start singing the birthday song. |

Rule #6

For impossible past conditions, use past perfect and for its likely results use Would+Have+ 3 form of Verb. Past perfect is used for impossible past conditions.

Example:

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| Incorrect | • If Jacob would have called me. I would have picked him up from the Airports. |
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Correct

- If Jacob had called me, I would have picked him up from the airport.

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Practice Questions:

Directions: The sentences given below are grammatically incorrect. Pick out the best suitable option to correct the sentence.

1. The employees of this company demand higher salaries for a very long period of time.
 1. The employee of this company demand higher salary for a long time.
 2. The employees of this company demands higher salary for a very long time.
 3. The employees of this company are demanding higher salaries for a long time.
 4. The employees of this company have been demanding higher salaries for a very long time.

Answer: 4

2. The train is expected to arrive between 11 pm to 12 pm.
 1. The train is expecting to between by 11pm to 12pm
 2. The train is expected to arrive between 11pm and 12pm.
 3. The train is expected to arrive between 11pm or 12pm
 4. The train is expected for arrival between 11pm to 12pm.

Answer: 2

3. If the cab would have started on time, she would have reached office on time.
 1. If the cab would have started on time, she had reached office on time
 2. If the cab would have started on time, she would have reached the office on time.
 3. If the cab would have been started on time, she had reached office on time
 4. If the cab had started on time, she would have reached office on time.

Answer: 4

4. The renowned Birla's family is divided on the property.
 1. The renowned Birla's family are divided on the property.
 2. The renowned Birla family is divided for the property.
 3. The renowned Birla's family is divided into properties.
 4. The renowned Birla family divided on the property.

Answer: 1

5. What kind of a car do you want?

1. What kinds of car do you want?
2. What kind of car do you want?
3. What kind of a car are you wanting?
4. What are the kinds of car you want?

Answer: 2

6. Nishi said to the boy, "Can you take me home now?"
 1. Nishi asked the boy if he could take her home then.
 2. Nishi asked the boy that if he could take her to the home then
 3. Nishi asked the boy that if he would take her to home at once.
 4. Nishi asked the boy if he can take her to home then.

Answer: 1

7. Select the alternative that is the best substitute of the phrase. 'a loud, harsh, piercing cry'.
 1. howl
 2. Noise
 3. Scream
 4. Screech

Answer: 4

8. The payment was collected by the hardworking salesman.
 1. The hardworking salesman collects the payment
 2. The hardworking salesman was able to collect the payment
 3. The hardworking salesman collected the payment.
 4. To collect the payment the salesman had to work hard.

Answer: 3

9. Though very old, yet my grandfather is the **complete** head of the extended family.
 1. Absolute
 2. Overall
 3. Undisputed
 4. No correction

Answer: 3

10. Pick the correct word for the phrase '**Back to the drawing board**'.
1. An inventive person find fresh ways to solve a problem.
 2. To solve a problem go back to the root cause.
 3. An artist is always happy if he gets a chance to go back to painting.
 4. An idea has been unsuccessful and that a new one must be devised.

Answer: 4

11. If the screen of the computer (**was bright enough**), it would have been easier to read from here.
1. was any brighter
 2. was more brighter
 3. Was little brighter
 4. had been brighter

Answer: 4

12. By the time she reached there, **he left the place**.
1. By the time she reached there, he had leave the place.
 2. By the time she reached there, he leaved the place.
 3. By the time she reached there, he had left the place.
 4. No error

Answer: 3

13. This kingdom **has been belonging** to us since generations.
1. has belonged
 2. has belonging
 3. belongs
 4. Belonged

Answer: 1

14. Rama told his wife, he would not mind **standing and eat** the dinner.
1. Stand and eat the dinner
 2. Stand and eating the dinner
 3. Standing and eating the dinner
 4. No correction

Answer: 3

15. People in villages do not have enough water, **besides** many people in metro cities have water even for their swimming pools.

1. Where
2. But
3. And
4. Whereas

Answer: 4

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