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**Adjective or Adverb Exercise 1**

Choose the correct item:

1. He (correct, correctly) defined the terms. The answer sounded (correctly, correct).

2. She (quickly, quick) adjusted the fees. She adapted (quick, quickly) to any situation.

3. He measured the floor (exact, exactly). They proved to be (perfectly, perfect) (exact, exactly) measurements.

4. The stillness of the tomb was (awfully, awful). The tomb was (awfully, awful) still.

5. It was a (dangerously, dangerous) lake to swim in. The man was (dangerous, dangerously) drunk. The gas smelled (dangerously, dangerous).

6. She performed (magnificent, magnificently). It was a (magnificent, magnificently) beautiful performance.

7. Her voice sounds (beautifully, beautiful). She sang the song (exact, exactly) as it was written. We heard it (perfectly, perfect).

8. He was a very (sensibly, sensible) person. He acted very (sensible, sensibly).

9. Mike wrote too (slow, slowly) on the exam. He always writes (slow, slowly).

10. Talk (softly, soft) or don't talk at all. The music played (softly, soft).

11. Andrea knows the material very (good, well). She always treats us (good, well).

12. You must send payments (regular, regularly). We deal on a (strictly, strict) cash basis.

13. The mechanic's tools were (well, good). The foreman said that his work was (good, well) done.

14. She worked (careful, carefully) with the sick child. She was a very (careful, carefully) worker.

15. He did not pass the course as (easy, easily) as he thought he would.

16. I find this novel very (interesting, interestingly). It was (interesting, interestingly) written.

**\*\* I highlighted the word that I originally chose. When I went back and checked my answers, if I was correct then I made the answer text green. If my answer was wrong (like #12), I made the answer text red to indicate I choose the wrong word.**

**Articles Exercise 1**

Directions: Fill in the blank with the appropriate article, ***a***, ***an***, or ***the***, or leave the space blank if no article is needed.

1. I want \_\_an\_\_ apple from that basket. Correct

2. \_\_The\_\_ church on the corner is progressive. Correct

3. Miss Lin speaks \_\_\_\_ Chinese. Correct

4. I borrowed \_\_a\_\_ pencil from your pile of pencils and pens. Correct

5. One of the students said, "\_the\_ professor is late today." Correct

6 Eli likes to play \_\_\_\_ volleyball. Correct

7. I bought \_\_an\_\_ umbrella to go out in the rain. Correct

8. My daughter is learning to play \_\_\_\_ violin at her school. Incorrect. I should have used “the” as the article.

9. Please give me \_\_the\_\_ cake that is on the counter. Correct

10. I lived on \_\_\_\_ Main Street when I first came to town. Correct

11. Albany is the capital of \_\_\_\_ New York State. Correct

12. My husband's family speaks \_\_\_\_ Polish. Correct

13. \_An\_\_\_ apple a day keeps the doctor away. Correct

14. \_\_The\_\_ ink in my pen is red. Correct

15. Our neighbors have \_\_a\_\_ cat and \_\_a\_\_ dog. Correct, correct

**Affect/Effect Spelling Exercise**

Fill in the blank with either *affect* or *effect*.

1. Wars \_\_\_\_\_affect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everybody, and their destructive \_\_\_\_\_\_effects\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ last for generations. Correct, correct

2. Television has a strong \_\_\_\_\_\_effect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on public opinion. Correct

3. My mood can \_\_\_\_\_\_affect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my thinking, too. Correct

4. I see that you're trying to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_affect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ apathy, but I know that you really do care. Correct

5. Falling on my head had a bad \_\_\_\_\_\_effect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on my memory. Correct

6. His years of smoking have negatively \_\_\_\_\_affected\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his health. Correct

7. This plan will surely \_\_\_\_\_effect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ significant improvements in our productivity. Correct

8. The patient shows normal \_\_\_\_\_\_effect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and appears to be psychologically stable. Incorrect. This should have been “affect”.

9. The principal's new rules \_\_\_\_\_affect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the school. Correct

10. Supply and demand have a direct \_\_\_\_\_\_\_effect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the prices of commodities. Correct

11. The \_\_\_\_\_effect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the speech was visible on the faces of the sleeping audience. Correct

12. He's just trying to seem cool; his indifference is completely \_\_\_\_\_\_affected\_\_\_\_\_. Correct

13. We may never know the full \_\_\_\_\_\_effect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the radiation leak. Correct

14. The early frost will \_\_\_\_\_\_affect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the crops. Correct

15. What kind of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_effect\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can this quiz have on your dinner tonight? Correct

**Subject and Verb Agreement Exercise**

Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject.

1. Annie and her brothers (is, are) at school. Correct

2. Either my mother or my father (is, are) coming to the meeting. Correct

3. The dog or the cats (is, are) outside. Correct

4. Either my shoes or your coat (is, are) always on the floor. Correct

5. George and Tamara (doesn't, don't) want to see that movie. Correct

6. Benito (doesn't, don't) know the answer. Correct

7. One of my sisters (is, are) going on a trip to France. Correct

8. The man with all the birds (live, lives) on my street. Correct

9. The movie, including all the previews, (take, takes) about two hours to watch. Correct

10. The players, as well as the captain, (want, wants) to win. Correct

11. Either answer (is, are) acceptable. Correct

12. Every one of those books (is, are) fiction. Correct

13. Nobody (know, knows) the trouble I've seen. Correct

14. (Is, Are) the news on at five or six? Correct

15. Mathematics (is, are) John's favorite subject, while Civics (is, are) Andrea's favorite subject. Correct, correct

16. Eight dollars (is, are) the price of a movie these days. Correct

17. (Is, Are) the tweezers in this drawer? Correct

18. Your pants (is, are) at the cleaner's. Correct

19. There (was, were) fifteen candies in that bag. Now there (is, are) only one left! Correct, correct

20. The committee (debates, debate) these questions carefully. Correct

21. The committee members (leads, lead) very different lives in private. Correct

22. The Prime Minister, together with his wife, (greets, greet) the press cordially. Correct

23. All of the CDs, even the scratched one, (is, are) in this case. Correct

**Eliminating Wordiness Exercise 1**

Revise these sentences to state their meaning in fewer words. Avoid passive voice, needless repetition, and wordy phrases and clauses. The first sentence has been done as an example.

1. Many local farmers plan to attend next Friday's meeting.

2. Although Bradley Hall is regularly populated by students, close study of the building as a structure is seldom undertaken by them.

Bradley Hall is regularly populated by students who don’t study the structure of the building. Correct

3. He dropped out of school on account of the fact that it was necessary for him to help support his family.

He dropped out of school to support his family. Correct

4. It is expected that the new schedule will be announced by the bus company within the next few days.

The bus company is expected to announce its new schedule in the next few days. Correct

5. There are many ways in which a student who is interested in meeting foreign students may come to know one.

There are many ways that an interested student can meet foreign students. Correct, the answer given is structured differently but I think mine is also simplified.

6. It is very unusual to find someone who has never told a deliberate lie on purpose.

It is unusual to find someone who has never told a deliberate lie. Correct. Rarely (as in the example) could replace “It is unusual” in my answer and make it even less wordy.

7. Trouble is caused when people disobey rules that have been established for the safety of all.

People cause trouble when they disobey safety rules. Correct. The example answer uses “Disobeying safety regulations causes trouble” which is still less wordy than my answer.

8. A campus rally was attended by more than a thousand students. Five students were arrested by campus police for disorderly conduct, while several others are charged by campus administrators with organizing a public meeting without being issued a permit to do so.

At a campus rally, with more than a thousand students, five were arrested for disorderly conduct and others were charged by campus administrators with organizing a meeting without a permit. Correct in terms of combining the sentences, but the beginning could have been simplified, more like the example answer provided.

9. The subjects that are considered most important by students are those that have been shown to be useful to them after graduation.

The subjects that are useful after graduation are considered most important by students. Correct. The sentence is different than the example answer given, but I think it still sounds simplified.

10. In the not too distant future, college freshmen must all become aware of the fact that there is a need for them to make contact with an academic adviser concerning the matter of a major.

College freshman will soon need to contact an academic advisor to discuss a choose of major. I think this is correct, I left out the part about the freshman needing to become aware of the fact, so maybe partially incorrect.

11. In our company there are wide-open opportunities for professional growth with a company that enjoys an enviable record for stability in the dynamic atmosphere of aerospace technology.

Our company has opportunities for professional growth and stability in dynamic aerospace technology. Correct

12. Some people believe in capital punishment, while other people are against it; there are many opinions on this subject.

Capital punishment has people who believe in it and people who are against it. Correct.