



Structure Session



STRUCTURE & WRITTEN EXPRESSION

GENERAL STRATEGIES

- Be familiar with the directions.
- Begin with questions 1 through 15.
- Continue with questions 16 through 40.
- If you have time, return the questions 11 through 15.
- Guess to complete the section before time is up.



THE STRUCTURE QUESTIONS

- Example:
- Pepsin _____ an enzyme that is used in digestion.
- (A) that
- (B) is
- (C) of
- (D) being

STRATEGIES FOR THE STRUCTURE QUESTIONS

- First study the sentence.
- Then study each answer based on how well it completes the sentence.
- Do not try to eliminate incorrect answers by looking only at the answers.
- Never leave any answers blank.
- Do not spend too much time on the Structure questions.

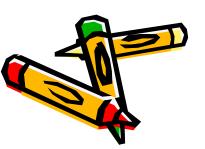
SKILL 1: SUBJECTS AND VERBS

Example

____ was ringing continuously

for hours.

- (A) Loudly
- (B) In the morning
- (C) The phone
- (D) The bells





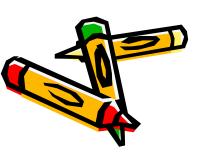
 During the Precambrian period, the Earth's crust formed, and life in the seas.

- (A) First appeared
- (B) First to appear
- (C) Is first appearing
- (D) Appearing



Diane Feinstien of California _____\
 to the House or Representatives in 1986 and to the Senate in 1996.

- (A) when elected
- (B) Elected
- (C) who was elected
- (D) was elected



SUBJECTS AND VERBS

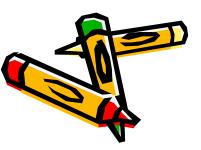
A sentence in English must have at least one subject and one verb. The first thing you should do as you read a sentence in the structure section of the TOEFL test is to find the subject and the verb.

SKILL 2: OBJECTS OF PREPOSITION

Example

To Mike ____ was a big surprise.

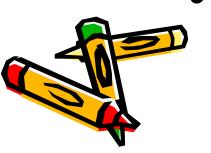
- (A) really
- (B) the party
- (C) funny
- (D) when





OBJECTS OF PREPOSITIONS

A preposition is followed by a noun or pronoun that is called an object of the preposition. If a word is an object of a preposition, it is not the subject.



SKILL 3: PRESENT PARTICIPLES

Example:

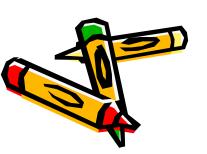
The film ____ appearing at the local theater is my favorite.

- (A) now
- (B) is
- (C) it
- (D) was



Humans living at high elevations ___ to the lower level of oxygen in the air by producing more red blood corpuscles.

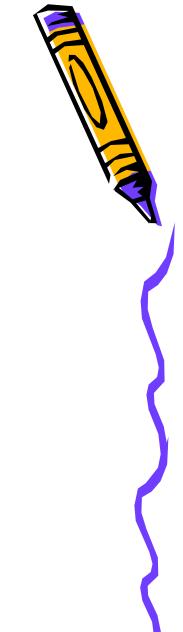
- (A) adjust
- (B) to adjust
- (C) the adjustment
- (D) adjusting



The radiation piercing the atmosphere ___ of tanning or burning in humans

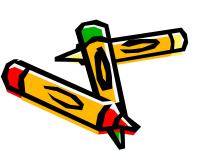
- (A)it is the cause
- (B) causing it
- (C) is the cause
- (D) the cause





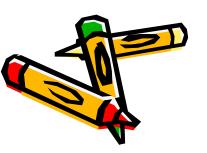
On November 19, 1863, Abraham Lincoln, speaking from notes on an old ___ the famous Gettysburg Address in only two minutes time.

- (A) gave the envelope
- (B) envelope giving
- (C) envelope, gave
- (D) gift of an envelope



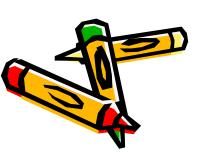
Thomas Jefferson, ___ a personally designed and constructed lap-top desk, wrote the Declaration of Independence in the summer of 1776.

- (A) he used
- (B) had used
- (C) the use of
- (D) using



PRESENT PARTICIPLES

A present participle is the -ing form of the verb. The present participle can be (1) part of the verb or (2) an adjective. It is part of the verb when it is accompanied by some form of the verb be. It is an adjective when it is not accompanied by some form of the verb be.



SKILL 4: PAST PARTICIPLES

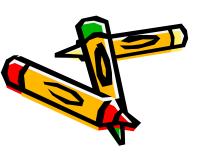
Example:

The reactor core of a nuclear reactor is housed in a steel vessel ____ by a thick layer of concrete.

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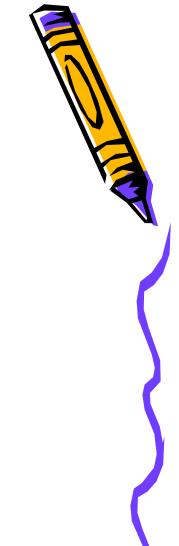
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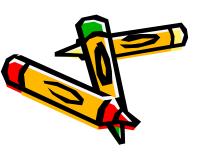
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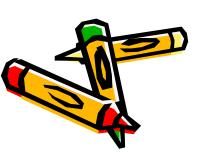
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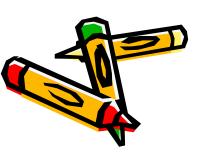
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PAST PARTICIPLES

A past participle often ends in -ed, but there are also many irregular past participles. For many verbs, including -ed verbs, the simple past and the past participle are the same and can be easily confused. The -ed form of the verb can be (1) the simple past, (2) the past participle of a verb, or (3) an adjective.



SKILL 5: COORDINATE CONNECTORS

Example:

The ear is a flexible organ, ___ simply was not designed to withstand the noise of modern living.

- (A) but it.
- (B) it
- (C) but
- (D) its



Like a mountain, the Empire State Building creates its own updrafts, have been observed to fall up.

- (A) and snow and rain
- (B) snow and rain
- (C) of snow
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- (B) underwater archeologists
- (C) archeologists are underwater
- (D) with archeologists underwater



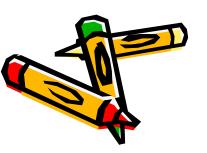
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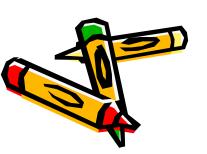
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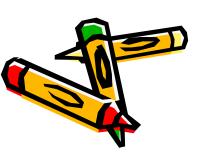
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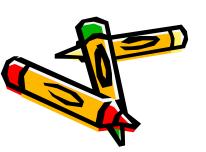


COORDINATE CONNECTORS

and but or so

S V coordinate connector S V

It was raining, but Bill went out to play.



SKILL 6: ADVERB CLAUSE CONNECTORS

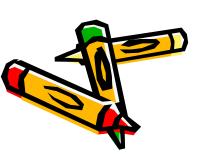
Example:

Prior to the discovery of anesthetics in 1846, surgery was done ___ was still conscious.

- (A) while the patient
- (B) the patient felt
- (C) during the patient's
- D) while patiently

Parent flamingos lose their intense pink coloring until ___

- (A) weaning young
- (B) their youths
- (C) they wean their young
- (D) young





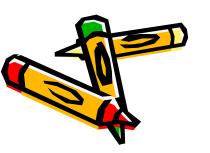
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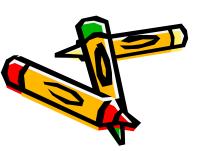


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ADVERB CLAUSE CONNECTORS

TIME		CAUSE	CONDITION	CONTRAST
after	until	because	if	although
as	when	since	whether	even though
before	while			though
since				while



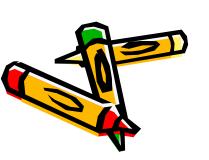
SKILL 7: NOUN CLAUSE CONNECTORS

I don't know why he said such things.

NOUN CLAUSE AS OBJECT OF VERB

I am thinking about why he said such things.

NOUN CLAUSE AS OBJECT OF PREPOSITION



NOUN CLAUSE CONNECTORS

Example:

The properties of every protein depend on how ___ are arranged in the molecular chain.

- (A) all the amino acids
- (B) all of the amino acid
- (C) all of the aminos acidify
- (D) of all the amino acids

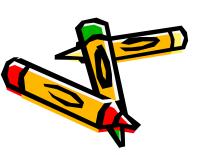
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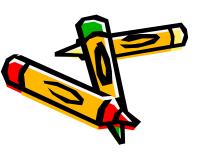
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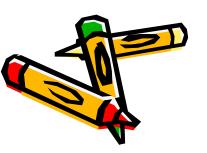
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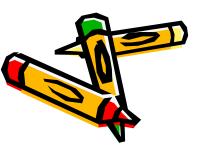
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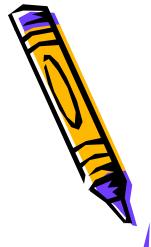


NOUN CLAUSE CONNECTORS

- · what, when, where, why, how
- · whether, if
- that



SKILL 8: NOUN CLAUSE CONNECTOR/SUBJECTS



I know what happened yesterday

NOUN CLAUSE AS OBJECT OF VERB

We are thinking about what happened yesterday.

NOUN CLAUSE AS OBJECT OF PREPOSITION



NOUN CLAUSE CONNECTOR/SUBJECTS

Example:

The drastic decline of the beaver helps to illustrate what ___ to the ecosystems of the North American continent.

- (A) happening
- (B) the happening
- (C) has happened
- (D) about happening

Environmentalists are earnestly trying to determine ___ of the ozone layer over the poles.

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- (C) what is causing the deterioration
- (D) the deterioration is causing



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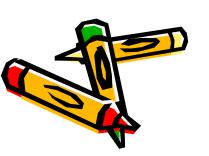
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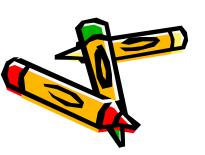
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NOUN CLAUSE CONNECTOR/ SUBJECTS who what which noun clause connector/subject Al told what happened me



SKILL 9: ADJECTIVE CLAUSE CONNECTORS



Genes control all of the physical ___ we inherit.

- (A) that traits
- (B) that are traits
- (C) traits that.
- (D) traits are that

Skin color is determined by a chemical called melanin, ___ in greater or lesser amounts.

- (A) which human skin contains
- (B) human skin contains
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- (D) there is in human skin



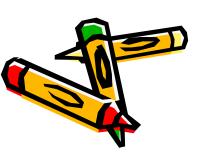
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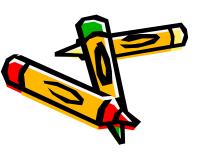
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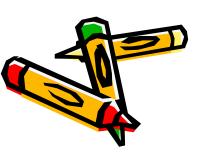
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- (A) that
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- (C) by which
- (D) how

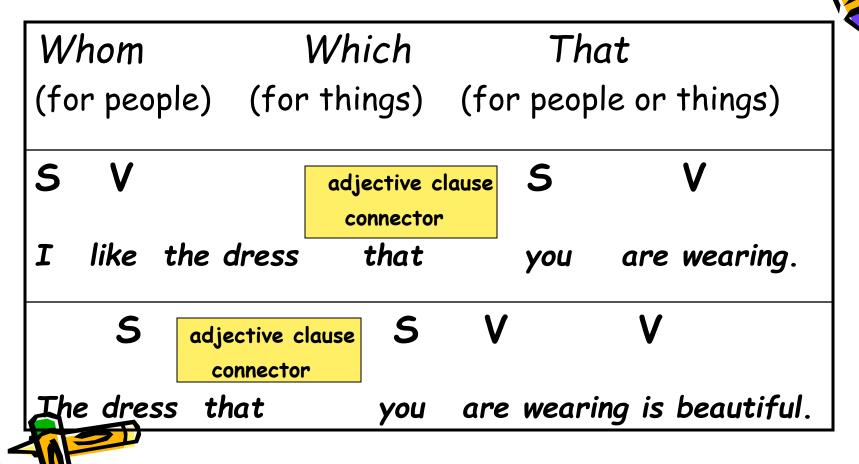


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ADJECTIVE CLAUSE CONNECTORS

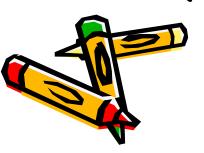


SKILL 10: ADJECTIVE CLAUSE CONNECTOR/ SUBJECTS

Example:

Yeast is an organic catalyst ___ known to prehistoric humanity.

- (A) was
- (B) which was.
- (C) which it
- (D) which



The first mention of the cultivation of tea ___ in a Chinese dictionary which dates about the year 350.

- (A) finding
- (B) to be found
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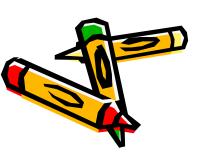




Bank employees collect worn-out dollar bills, ___ to a central office to be destroyed in a furnace.



- (B) which are sent
- (C) who are sent
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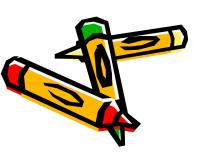
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This sentence has a main clause Seabird lay... and an incomplete adjective clause ... less likely... The adjective clause needs a connector, a subject, and a verb to be complete. The second answer is the best answer because it contains the connector/subject which and the verb are. The first answer is missing a connector and a subject, the third answer is missing a connector, and the last answer has an adverb transition with incorrect punctuation.



SKILL 10: ADJECTIVE CLAUSE CONNECTOR/ SUBJECTS

Who	Which	That
(for people)	(for things)) (for people or things)
S	Adjective clause connec	ctor/Subject V
I bought the dress that		was on sale.
S Adjective clause conne	ector/Subject V	V
The dress that	was	on sale was beautiful.

NOTE: Although adjective clause connectors (skill 9) can be omitted in informal English, adjective clause connector/subjects (skill 10) can never be omitted.

THE WRITTEN EXPRESSION QUESTIONS

STRATEGIES FOR THE WRITTEN EXPRESSION QUESTIONS

- First look at the underlined word or groups of words.
- If you have been unable to find the error by looking only at the four underlined expressions, then read the complete sentence.

Never leave any answers blank.

SKILL 11: AGREEMENT AFTER PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES



Example:

The largest of <u>all</u> the <u>herd animals are</u> the musk ox.

A

B

C

D

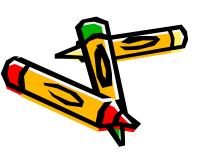
Nothing <u>living</u> on the earth <u>are capable</u> of <u>outrunning</u> a cheetah.

A

B

C

D



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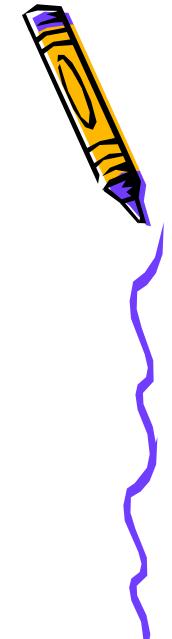
A

B

C

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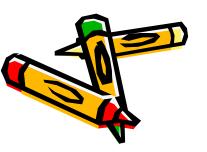


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SUBJECT/ VERB AGREEMENT WITH PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

S (prepositional phrase) V

When a prepositional phrase comes between the subject and the verb, be sure that the verb agrees with the subject.

SKILL 12: AGREEMENT AFTER EXPRESSIONS OF QUANTITY

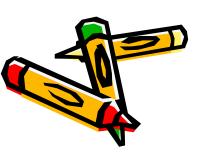


Example:

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SKILL 12: AGREEMENT AFTER EXPRESSIONS OF QUANTITY

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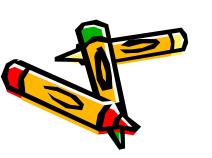
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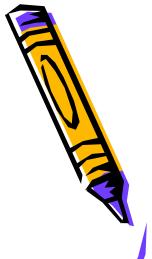


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C D





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B

C

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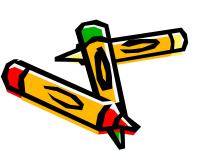
C

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D

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added strength.



SUBJECT/ VERB AGREEMENT AFTER EXPRESSIONS OF QUANTITY

all
most
some of the (object) V
half
part

When an expression of quantity using of is the subject, the verb agrees with the ebject.

Example:

No one <u>are</u> quite sure <u>how</u> the electricity that <u>causes</u>

B

C

lightning builds up.

D

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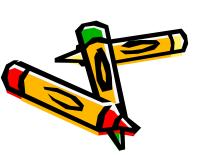


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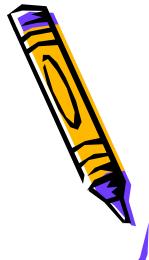




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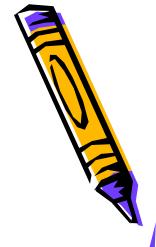
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SUBJECT/ VERB AGREEMENT AFTER CERTAIN WORDS



These words or expressions are grammatically singular, so they take singular verbs:

anybody everybody nobody somebody each (+ noun) anyone everyone no one someone every (+ noun) anything everything nothing something



SKILL 14: PARALLEL STRUCTURE WITH COORDINATE CONJUNCTIONS

The job of the coordinate conjunctions (and, but, or) is to join together equal expressions. These conjunctions can join nouns, or verbs, or adjectives, or phrases, or clauses; they just must join together the same structures.

SKILL 14: PARALLEL STRUCTURE WITH COORDINATE CONJUNCTIONS

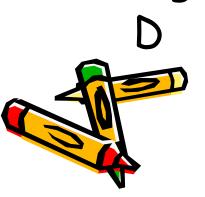
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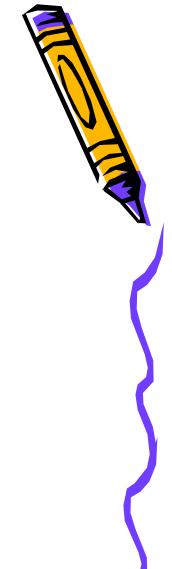
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SKILL 15: PARALLEL STRUCTURE WITH PAIRED CONJUNCTIONS

The paired conjunctions both... and, either....or, neither....nor, and not only....but also require parallel structures.

- The lecture was both informative and enjoyable.
- Either the history exam or the physics exam is on Tuesday.
- The missing papers are neither on his desk nor in the file.
 - He visited not only his cousin but also his grandmother.



SKILL 15: PARALLEL STRUCTURE WITH PAIRED CONJUNCTIONS

Example:

Many of the great mountain ranges of A B C the world are neither dead nor die.



Many of the great mountain <u>ranges</u> of A B

the world are neither dead nor die.

D

The verb *die* is not parallel to the adjective *dead*.

The correct answer is dying



SKILL 16: PAST PARTICIPLES AFTER HAVE

Example:

The popular board games chess,

A

checkers, <u>and</u> backgammon have <u>all</u>

exist for many centuries.





SKILL 17: PRESENT PARTICIPLES OR PAST PARTICIPLES AFTER BE

Example:

In Texas in the 1830s, thousands of

A

Longhorn <u>cattle</u> were <u>ran</u> <u>wild</u> on the

 $B \qquad C \qquad D$

plains.





SKILL 18: BASE FORM VERBS AFTER MODALS

Example:

A wave may <u>struck</u> the shore with a A

force <u>equal to</u> the pressure of 6,000 B

pounds per square foot.

C



SKILL 19: SINGULAR & PLURAL NOUNS

Example:

In the fifteenth century, Leonardo da Vinci <u>drew</u> several rough <u>sketch</u> of a B

contraption that looked like a bicycle.

C





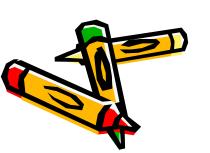
SKILL 20: COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

Example:

Great amounts of cells of many kinds

form the bodies of <u>such</u> creatures as

insects and mammals.





SKILL 21: SUBJECT AND OBJECT PRONOUNS

Example:

When a bighorn sheep ewe is about to

A

give birth, her leaves the band for a

secluded ledge.





SKILL 22: POSSESSIVES

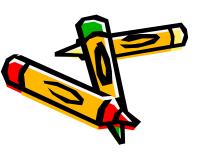
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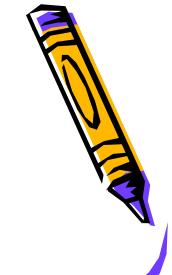
Carpenter bees tunnel into wood

A E

in order to build theirs nests.

C D





SKILL 23: PRONOUN REFERENCE

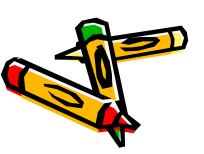
Example:

When you <u>look</u> into a mirror, <u>it</u> seems

as if one is standing behind the glass

C D

looking out.



Example:

Unlike soaps, detergents are

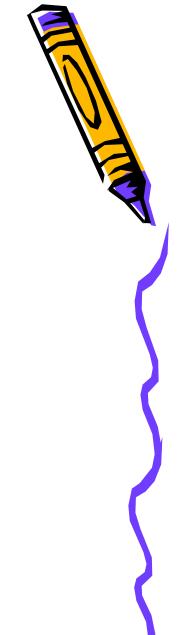
A

synthetics that do not form easy

B

biodegradable waste products.



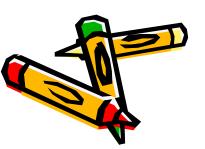


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C

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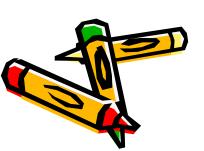


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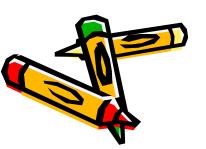


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An adverb should be used to describe an adjective





SKILL 25: ADJECTIVES AFTER LINKING VERBS

Example:

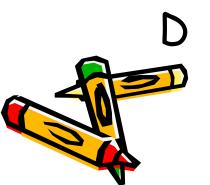
Perfumes are generally alcoholic

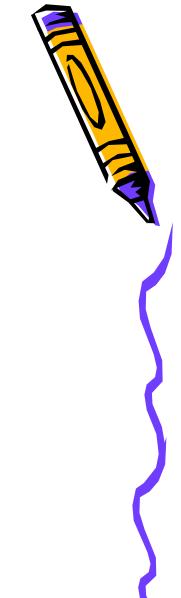
A

solutions of <u>substances</u> that smell

C

pleasantly when combined.





Example:

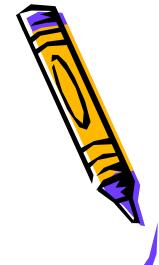
If a virus enters the throat and

A

infects it, the throat will feel inflamed

and uncomfortably.





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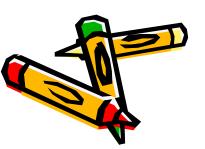
A

foreboding to first-time visitors

B

when they see the wind-blown ice and

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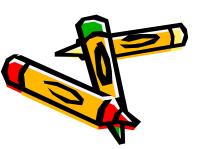
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when they see the wind-blown ice and

C

D

snow.





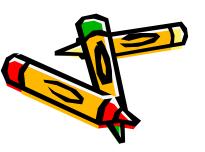


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B





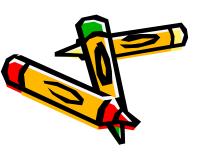
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