

## Posttest

Decide which punctuation mark, if any, should be added to each sentence.

1. "Do you know how to run this machine?" asked Ben.

A .      B ,      C "      D None

2. Has the rain stopped yet

F ,      G ?      H '      J None

3. "Remember to sign your check," said Grace.

A .      B '      C ?      D None

4. Answer the phone Melissa.

F ,      G ?      H "      J None

5. Wouldnt you like another cookie before you go?

A '      B ,      C !      D None

Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

6. Which walks \_\_\_\_\_, a turtle or a snail?

F more slower

G more slowly

H most slowliest

J most slowly

8. The phone rang several times, but no one \_\_\_\_\_ it.

F has answer

G answer

H was answered

J answered

7. The main roads and the bridge \_\_\_\_\_ snow-covered and slippery.

A is

B are

C was

D has been

9. Each morning I walk the dog and \_\_\_\_\_ the goldfish.

A fed

B will feed

C feed

D has fed

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For each item, choose the sentence that is written properly and has correct capitalization and punctuation. Be sure the sentence you choose is complete.

10. F "I love Japanese art," said Jill.  
G what is the score?  
H that cereal is on sale this week.  
J "pick any card," said the magician.
11. A Turn the screen, so that Dan can see.  
B Write me, when you get work.  
C If you see Yvonne wave.  
D During the night, we heard a shout.
12. F Give me a refill my coffee is cold.  
G I can't believe it, I won the lottery!  
H Today's crossword puzzle is easy.  
J I'll come, whenever you call my name.
13. A This Halloween, Cheryl is going to two parties.  
B The Smith family took an Elevator to the top of the Empire State Building.  
C Cal planted a european beech tree in his Back Yard.  
D Are you inviting dr. Vargo and her Husband?
14. F My uncle lost his job, but she got a new one quickly.  
G Timmy caught a turtle and put it in an aquarium.  
H Noah blames themselves for the accident.  
J The girl which wanted mint ice cream got chocolate by mistake.
15. A Give your application to he.  
B Is this bike yours or mine?  
C Can you ask yours brother for a lift to the garage?  
D Leave them dirty boots outside the door.
16. F I could hardly wait to get home.  
G Sean can't hardly reach the shelf.  
H Tina hasn't never ridden in a plane.  
J Don't let no one into the store.
17. A Can you find Akron, Ohio on a map?  
B Barry lives at 124 Davis Street, Portland Oregon.  
C In Acme, Pennsylvania, there are more deer than people.  
D Crystal City Texas, calls itself the spinach capital of the world.

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Read each pair of underlined sentences. Then choose the sentence that best combines those two sentences.

18. Jed likes country music.  
Andy likes country music.
- F The music that Andy and Jed like is country.
  - G Andy likes country music, so Jed does, too.
  - H Jed likes country music, so does Andy.
  - J Jed and Andy like country music.
19. Maria watched a late-night movie.  
The movie was scary.
- A The movie that Maria thought was scary came on late at night.
  - B Maria watched a scary late-night movie.
  - C The movie that Maria watched was a late-night movie, and it was scary.
  - D Maria watched a movie that was scary, and the scary movie came on late at night.
20. Anna turned on her bedroom television.  
Anna flipped through the channels.
- F The television in Anna's bedroom was turned on by her, and she also flipped through the channels.
  - G In her bedroom, Anna flipped through the channels of the television that was also in her bedroom.
  - H Anna turned on her bedroom television and flipped through the channels.
  - J Anna turned on her bedroom television, and Anna flipped through the channels, too.
21. The baby was happy.  
The baby had just been fed.
- A The baby was happy and had just been fed, too.
  - B The baby had just been happy and fed.
  - C The happy baby had just been fed.
  - D The baby was happy, and the baby had just been fed.

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Read each paragraph. Then choose the sentence that best fills the blank.

22. \_\_\_\_\_ . Never leave food out. Store all foods in a bear-proof container. Don't bring anything that smells like food into your tent at night. You don't want to get between a hungry bear and its next meal.
- F Bears in the wild can be dangerous.
  - G Be extra careful with food when you camp in bear country.
  - H Camping is fun.
  - J Choose the foods for a camping trip carefully.
23. After the play, the audience clapped for five minutes. They even stood and cheered for the cast. The next day, critics praised the play in their reviews. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A I have a ticket to tonight's play.
  - B My sister has a role in the latest hit play.
  - C Many people enjoy plays.
  - D Clearly, the play was a big success.
24. The salesman was taught to follow these steps. First, introduce yourself to the customer. Next, tell him or her what you are selling. \_\_\_\_\_ . Finally, say how much the product costs and ask how many the customer wants.
- F Then ring the doorbell.
  - G Then give the customer a receipt.
  - H Then explain why the customer needs the product.
  - J Then thank the customer for the sale.
25. Dee hosed all the dirt off her dusty car. Then she washed the car with soapy water. \_\_\_\_\_. Finally, she dried the car with soft rags. At last Dee's car was clean.
- A She washes her car every week.
  - B Next, she rinsed the soap off.
  - C Next, she drove her clean car to work.
  - D Next, Dee waxed and buffed her car.

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Read each topic sentence. Then choose the answer that best develops the topic sentence.

26. The Mustangs are likely to win the championship for two reasons.
- F Fans are excited. They sense that victory is near.
  - G The Mustangs have not won it for a long time. They finished third last year.
  - H Ticket sales this year are above average. The ballpark is always full.
  - J The Mustang pitchers are the best in the league. The team's hitters have been coming through in the clutch.
27. Sara is always willing to try new foods.
- A She recently dined on chocolate-covered ants. She has tried eating fish eggs and squid.
  - B Foods that one person thinks are strange may be normal for another. Likes and dislikes may depend on what foods you are used to.
  - C Some foods make her sick. She cannot eat bananas, for example.
  - D Some people eat worms and raw fish. Others stick to more normal foods.
28. It is clear that Matt needs a new sweatshirt.
- F Matt almost always wears an old red cap. His friends make fun of it, but he doesn't care.
  - G His old sweatshirt is torn and stained. No amount of washing will make it smell fresh again.
  - H Matt's sweatshirt is gold and blue. The name of his favorite football team is printed on it.
  - J A new sweatshirt could cost \$30. A really nice one might cost as much as \$75.

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Read each paragraph. Then choose the sentence that does not belong in the paragraph.

29. 1. Trees are useful in many ways. 2. Both oaks and maples grow on the streets of our town. 3. Trees provide wood for new houses. 4. Trees also give off oxygen and help clean the air.
- A Sentence 1
  - B Sentence 2
  - C Sentence 3
  - D Sentence 4
30. 1. I took my nephew to the playground yesterday. 2. Playground equipment is often dangerous. 3. A child can fall from the top of a tall slide. 4. Swings can hit a passing child in the head.
- F Sentence 1
  - G Sentence 2
  - H Sentence 3
  - J Sentence 4
31. 1. Today was a busy day at the shop. 2. It seemed like the phone would never stop ringing. 3. Customers kept asking questions and making demands. 4. My brother works at the shop, too.
- A Sentence 1
  - B Sentence 2
  - C Sentence 3
  - D Sentence 4
32. 1. The Tuckers split up the Sunday paper, as usual. 2. Cal took the comics. 3. The Sunday paper costs two dollars. 4. Leslie took the front page.
- F Sentence 1
  - G Sentence 2
  - H Sentence 3
  - J Sentence 4

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Read the following paragraphs and look at their underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

(33) It hadn't rained for weeks, the land was dry and dusty.

(34) Precious topsoil was lift and blown through the air. None of the

(35) farmers could remember a more drier summer in years. Most of

(36) them said that their crops would surely be ruined if the weather didn't change soon.

33. A weeks the land  
B weeks. The land  
C weeks. the land  
D Correct as it is

35. A drier  
B more drily  
C most drily  
D Correct as it is

34. F lifts  
G lifting  
H was lifted  
J Correct as it is

36. F said that, "Their crops  
G said, "that their crops  
H said, "That their crops  
J Correct as it is

(37) A new restaurant has opened on Carroll Street? This reporter

(38) hasn't never seen such excitement about a new restaurant before.

Everyone is buzzing about the Thirsty Camel. Diners are flocking to

(39) the place for fresh soups, salads, and sandwiches. Kids love the

(40) new childrens' menu.

37. A Carroll Street,  
B Carroll Street.  
C Carroll Street  
D Correct as it is

39. A soups, salads, and, sandwiches.  
B soups, salads and sandwiches.  
C soups salads and sandwiches.  
D Correct as it is

38. F didn't never  
G hasn't hardly ever  
H has never  
J Correct as it is

40. F children's  
G childrens  
H childrens's  
J Correct as it is

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Read the following letter and look at its underlined parts. Choose the answer that is written correctly for each underlined part.

(41) June 15 2005

Sun Safety

527 Redwood Road

(42) Phoenix, AZ 85020

(43) Dear sir or madam:

(44) I know that people often say, "I look better with a suntan." These people don't think about the damage the sun can do. As a lifeguard, I want to share that knowledge. Please send me a copy of your booklet

(45) "safety in the sun." I will read it to my students.

(46) Sincerely

*Hal Meeker*

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41. A june 15 2005  
B June 15 2005,  
C June 15, 2005  
D Correct as it is

42. F Phoenix, AZ, 85020  
G Phoenix Az 85020  
H phoenix, az 85020  
J Correct as it is

43. A Dear sir or madam,  
B Dear Sir or Madam:  
C Dear Sir or madam,  
D Correct as it is

44. F say, I look better  
G say "I look better  
H "say, I look better  
J Correct as it is

45. A "Safety in the sun."  
B "Safety In The Sun."  
C "Safety in the Sun."  
D Correct as it is

46. F sincerely  
G Sincerely,  
H Sincerely:  
J Correct as it is



# Posttest Answer Key and Evaluation Chart

The Posttest checks your mastery of the language skills studied. Circle the question numbers that you answered incorrectly and review the practice pages covering those skills.

### Key

1.	C	29.	B
2.	G	30.	F
3.	D	31.	D
4.	F	32.	H
5.	A	33.	B
6.	G	34.	H
7.	B	35.	A
8.	J	36.	J
9.	C	37.	B
10.	F	38.	H
11.	D	39.	D
12.	H	40.	F
13.	A	41.	C
14.	G	42.	J
15.	B	43.	B
16.	F	44.	J
17.	C	45.	C
18.	J	46.	G
19.	B		
20.	H		
21.	C		
22.	G		
23.	D		
24.	H		
25.	B		
26.	J		
27.	A		
28.	G		

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