

Posttest

Decide which punctuation mark, if any, is needed in each sentence.

1. "When is the meeting scheduled to begin?" asked Lorraine.
A ' B . C " D None
2. Bring the following items to the workshop: scissors, paste, and construction paper.
F " G : H , J None
3. Look out below!
A ? B ! C . D None
4. "When Mr. Lambert arrives" said the mayor, "show him into my office."
F " G , H ; J None
5. Nikki, can you give me a hand with this box?
A , B : C . D None

Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

6. Irene and I _____ the entire house tomorrow.
F vacuum
G vacuumed
H will vacuum
J have vacuumed
7. Jake needs a new car, but _____ can't afford it now.
A he
B they
C you
D it
8. Mary Ann _____ in the park every morning before she began working the night-shift.
F have walked
G walks
H walk
J had walked
9. Last summer the environmental club _____ up the riverbank.
A clean
B cleaned
C will clean
D cleans

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Choose the sentence in each set that is written correctly and has correct capitalization and punctuation. Be sure the sentence you choose is complete.

10. F A perfect day for baseball.
G The umpire near first base who was signaling the runner.
H Ran out onto the field.
J The coach signaled to the batter.
11. A Dana likes the Mall on center Street.
B Don't you love to sit quietly in a Japanese Garden?
C Is the garbage collection on Thursday or on Friday this week?
D My Doctor gave me a Shot.
12. F The bus company is ^{raising} rasing the fares again next month.
G Grandma is learning Courtney how to quilt.
H The train schedule is lying on the counter.
J Lay down for a few minutes.
13. A The children were tired, they had been busy all day.
B The audience is restless; the band is an hour late.
C Every night at the same time.
D The sun has set it's getting cold.
14. F The garage sale was a success.
G "how can I help?" Brian asked.
H Sara writes for the *Springfield observer*.
J Stephen Foster wrote the old song "beautiful Dreamer."
15. A "Do you think you'll be finished on time" asked the customer.
B "The cabinets," said the contractor, "Are on the way."
C "I'll be glad when this project is done." said Adam.
D Faith cried, "How beautiful my new kitchen looks!"
16. F I'm not sure they're coming.
G Didnt we send them invitations?
H Do you have the host's' address?
J Len will park all the guests' cars.
17. A I don't have no idea what he said.
B Tony won't never come back.
C The pilot could hardly see through the dense fog.
D There wasn't nothing anyone could do to improve the situation.
18. F Try more harder next time.
G I chose the slowest checkout line.
H Of all the photos of my vacation, I like this one better.
J Please speak more slowlier.
19. A My cold was terrible, but it didn't last long.
B Can you find the light switch, and turn the lights on?
C The day was; hot Rob went jogging anyway.
D Some people take chances but, others like to play it safe.

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

20. Sleep sofas are on sale today.
Easy chairs are on sale today.
- F Sleep sofas and easy chairs are on sale today.
 - G Today, sleep sofas are on sale and so are easy chairs on sale.
 - H On sale today are sleep sofas, and easy chairs are on sale today, too.
 - J Sleep sofas with easy chairs are on sale today.
21. Kali waved to the bus driver.
Kali waved frantically.
He didn't see her.
- A Frantically, the bus driver didn't see Kali even though she was waving.
 - B Kali waved to the bus driver frantically, and he didn't see her waving.
 - C Kari waved frantically to the bus driver, but he didn't see her.
 - D Waving to the bus driver frantically, he didn't see Kali.
22. Francine wore a new dress to the party.
The dress was black.
- F Wearing a new black dress, Francine went to the party.
 - G At the party, Francine wore a dress that was both new and black.
 - H Francine wore a new black dress to the party.
 - J The dress that Francine wore to the party was new, and it was black.
23. Many people paid for the concert tickets with cash.
Other people paid for the concert tickets with credit cards.
- A At the concert, many people paid for tickets using cash and credit cards.
 - B Many people paid for the concert tickets with cash, and others paid with credit cards.
 - C Cash was the way some people paid for the concert tickets, but credit cards were the way other people paid for the concert tickets.
 - D Even though many people like to pay cash for things like concert tickets, it sometimes happens that other people pay for concert tickets using credit cards.

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

24. Michael follows the same routine every morning. After getting up and getting dressed for work, he picks up the newspaper from the front step. _____ While the coffee is being made, he reads the front page. When the coffee is ready, he pours himself a cup, picks up the paper, and runs for the bus.
- F Next he puts sugar and cream in his coffee.
 - G Next he puts on a pot of coffee.
 - H Next he opens the front door.
 - J Next he decides what to wear to work that day.
25. Gene and Olivia went to their favorite restaurant. _____. While they waited for the pizza to come, they talked about what had happened to them that day. When the pizza finally came, they dove in with enthusiasm.
- A They paid their check and left.
 - B They couldn't decide what to order when the server came to their table.
 - C They asked for more napkins because the pizza was messy.
 - D They ordered a pizza with mushrooms and onions.
26. _____. They washed and waxed all the hardwood floors in the main rooms. They dusted and vacuumed the bedrooms. They washed the windows, and they even cleaned the attic and the basement.
- F The house was large, with five bedrooms and large living and dining rooms.
 - G Spring cleaning is an annual tradition in our household.
 - H The cleaners we hired did a thorough house cleaning.
 - J The house looked so much better after it was clean.
27. _____. Perhaps a big grandfather clock would enhance your home's decor. Maybe your tastes run to a simple school clock, with its clean face and easily visible numbers. You may just need an alarm clock for your bedroom or a decorative clock to set on your mantel.
- A There is bound to be a clock to match your needs.
 - B Grandfather clocks must be wound every week, or they will run down.
 - C The alarm on my clock is annoying, but it works well.
 - D Not many local stores have a good selection of clocks.



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

28. Natasha spent all day in the old barn.
- F A barn-raising is an event for the entire community. Everyone does his or her part.
 - G She married Paul ten years ago. They have two daughters and a son.
 - H The air was cool and smelled of sweet hay. Sunlight filtered in through cracks between the boards.
 - J She has short dark hair, with a little gray at the temples. Her eyes are light brown.
29. Preserving historic buildings should be a national priority.
- A Old buildings are a link to our past. Preserving them will allow us to enjoy the beauty of these places now and in the future.
 - B Many old buildings have been allowed to deteriorate badly. Some may even be dangerous and should be torn down.
 - C Buildings built long ago do not conform to modern building requirements. Almost none of them have good plumbing or heating systems.
 - D Should old buildings be outfitted with air conditioning? Or would installing air conditioning make the buildings less historic?
30. William Shakespeare's plays are still popular.
- F William Shakespeare was a playwright who was born in England around 1564. He did most of his work in London, England.
 - G Shakespeare wrote both tragedies and comedies. One of his most famous plays is *Romeo and Juliet*.
 - H In Shakespeare's days, women were not allowed to be actors. For that reason, the female roles were originally played by men.
 - J Every year, high schools all over the country put on Shakespeare's plays. Annual drama festivals usually feature one or more of his works, and the festivals are always well attended.



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

31. 1. The Thanksgiving Day Parade is a favorite among local clubs and organizations. 2. Troops from the Girl Scouts and Boys Scouts always march in it. 3. City government always sends some representatives, especially those who plan to run for office soon. 4. To see the parade best, stand on Main Street near the library.
- A Sentence 1
 - B Sentence 2
 - C Sentence 3
 - D Sentence 4
32. 1. San Marino, just east of Florence, Italy, is one of the smallest countries in the world. 2. It has a population of only about 4,179. 3. Italy has attracted tourists for centuries. 4. San Marino's total area is a tiny 24 square miles.
- F Sentence 1
 - G Sentence 2
 - H Sentence 3
 - J Sentence 4
33. 1. Martin has been having trouble with his computer lately. 2. Computer prices have been going down steadily. 3. When Martin turns the computer on, it is taking longer and longer for the opening screen to appear. 4. Every now and then, for no obvious reason, the computer screen freezes.
- A Sentence 1
 - B Sentence 2
 - C Sentence 3
 - D Sentence 4
34. 1. At work, we dress in casual clothes on Friday. 2. Maintaining a business-like appearance is essential for many jobs. 3. Receptionists must look neat and attractive. 4. Professional people must dress in a way that inspires confidence.
- F Sentence 1
 - G Sentence 2
 - H Sentence 3
 - J Sentence 4

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

- (35) Listening to the radio October 30, 1938, a panic swept America. An urgent voice over the radio reported that aliens from Mars had landed
- (36) in New Jersey. Listeners didn't realize that the story was fictional.
- (37) Frightened people bombarded the radio station with phone calls, some jumped into their cars and tried to escape. When the play was done, people were relieved but also angry to discover that the broadcasters
- (38) had fooled them. *The War of the Worlds* had just been too real for comfort.

35. A Americans panicked
B a panicky feeling was felt
C the announcer made Americans panic
D Correct as it is

36. F didn't
G didn't
H didn't
J Correct as it is

37. A phone calls some
B phone calls. Some
C phone calls. some
D Correct as it is

38. F fool
G fools
H has fooled
J Correct as it is

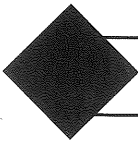
- (39) This year's film festival includes the following classic movies: *Gone with the Wind* and *The Maltese Falcon*. The response to our
- (40) request for suggestions were overwhelming. At our next meeting,
- (41) Senator Alfonso Lopez will share a list of his favorite political
- (42) thrillers. The meeting promises to be the most interestingly of the season. See you there!

39. A movies;
B movies
C movies,
D Correct as it is

40. F was
G have been
H are
J Correct as it is

41. A senator Alfonso Lopez
B Senator Alfonso Lopez
C Senator Alfonso Lopez
D Correct as it is

42. F more interestingly
G most interesting
H interestingest
J Correct as it is



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(43) June 13, 2003

Barnes Consulting Service

(44) p.o. box 472

(45) Portland oregon 97205

(46) Dear Ms. allen;

(47) I am writing in response to your ad in the portland register. I understand that you are planning to expand your department. My

(48) resume is attached. Please keep I in mind for any available position.

Sincerely yours,

Sam Lewis

Sam Lewis

43. A June 13; 2003

B June, 13, 2003

C june 13 2003

D Correct as it is

46. F Dear Ms. Allen:

G dear Ms. Allen;

H dear Ms. Allen:

J Correct as it is

44. F P.o. Box 472

G P.O. Box 472

H P.O. box: 472

J Correct as it is

47. A *Portland register*

B *portland Register*.

C *Portland Register*

D Correct as it is

45. A Portland Oregon 97205

B Portland oregon, 97205

C Portland, Oregon 97205

D Correct as it is

48. F mine

G me

H my

J Correct as it is

Posttest Answer Key and Evaluation Chart

This Posttest has been designed to check 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	31.	D
2.	G	32.	H
3.	B	33.	B
4.	G	34.	F
5.	A	35.	A
6.	H	36.	G
7.	A	37.	B
8.	J	38.	J
9.	B	39.	D
10.	J	40.	F
11.	C	41.	C
12.	H	42.	G
13.	B	43.	D
14.	F	44.	G
15.	D	45.	C
16.	J	46.	F
17.	C	47.	C
18.	G	48.	G
19.	A		
20.	F		
21.	C		
22.	H		
23.	B		
24.	G		
25.	D		
26.	H		
27.	A		
28.	H		
29.	A		
30.	J		

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