

Pretest

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

1. After you examine the menu make your selection and stick to it.
A , B . C ? D None
2. The electrician said that the job would take only one day
F " G . H , J None
3. Jay, did you put bleach in the wash with Nanette's best blouse
A ? B ! C : D None
4. "I'll be coming in late tomorrow," said the clerk.
F " G , H ' J None
5. Mrs. Wong needs a babysitter on these evenings Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
A , B ; C : D None

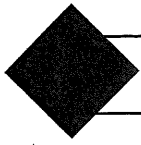
Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

6. Terence worked _____ on this project than he ever worked before.
F more hardly
G hardly
H harder
J more harder
7. She is one of those performers _____ are never boring.
A who
B they
C that
D her
8. The cashier _____ on the new computers before the store opened.
F train
G will have trained
H has trained
J had trained
9. After the show, the singer happily signed _____ fans' programs.
A hers
B her
C your
D their

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Read each set of sentences. Choose the sentence that is written correctly and has correct capitalization and punctuation.

10. F Alex asked, "How will we celebrate New Year's Eve"?
- G "Let's go dancing, Debbie said.
- H "Today's paper," she continued, "Lists events all around town."
- J The ad for the dinner-dance said that party hats were included.
11. A Took pencils for granted.
- B Where does the lead used in pencils come from?
- C Before pencils were invented.
- D People used quill pens they got the quills from birds.
12. F After Marnie rearranged the furniture, the room looked larger.
- G Nick called an interior designer next week.
- H He had compared prices before he makes up his mind.
- J As the adults talked, the children will fall asleep before the TV.
13. A Both my Father and aunt Edna like crossword puzzles.
- B Last july Edna bought a book of puzzles at mel's bookstore.
- C The theme of one puzzle was National Parks in the United States.
- D Some clues were photos of parks such as Mesa Verde in Colorado.
14. F What time do you raise in the morning?
- G The sound of some alarm clocks is loud enough to rise the dead.
- H I set my alarm for 7:00 A.M.
- J I also sit my clock far from my bed to force myself out of bed.
15. A Every music lover has an opinion about their favorite composer.
- B A conductor may have an opinion about an audience, and they're not always positive.
- C People in one audience cleared their throats loudly.
- D The conductor showed him irritation by stopping the music.
16. F Can you tell me where to find the manager?
- G Kindly repeat that again, please.
- H The loud, blaring, ear-splitting music drowned out your voice.
- J Because of the noise, I avoid this place and hardly ever come here.
17. A Nathan said "I read a funny story about President Coolidge."
- B "What could be funny," Lois asked, "about Silent Cal?"
- C Nathan replied "that someone bragged the president would say more than two words to him."
- D Coolidge said, "you lose".



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

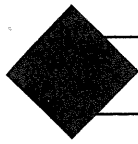
18. Karen bought a bottle of salad dressing.
The dressing was fat-free.
- F Karen bought a bottle of fat-free salad dressing.
G Karen bought a fat-free bottle of salad dressing.
H Karen, who bought a bottle of salad dressing, bought a dressing that was fat-free.
J Karen bought a bottle of salad dressing, but the dressing was fat-free.
19. Clouds drifted across the sky.
The clouds were white.
The sky was blue.
- A Clouds that drifted across the sky were white and blue.
B White clouds drifted across the sky, which was blue.
C Clouds that were white drifted across a sky that was blue.
D White clouds drifted across the blue sky.
20. Frank packed some clothes in his suitcase.
He packed his camera in his suitcase.
He packed some film in his suitcase.
- F Frank packed some clothes and his camera in his suitcase, and he packed some film.
G Frank packed some clothes, his camera, and some film in his suitcase.
H Frank packed some clothes in his suitcase and his camera in his suitcase and some film in his suitcase.
J Frank, in his suitcase, packed some clothes, and he packed his camera and film.
21. Margo set her watch forward one hour.
She traveled to a different time zone.
- A Margo set her watch forward one hour, or she traveled to a different time zone.
B Because Margo set her watch forward one hour, she traveled to a different time zone.
C Because Margo traveled to a different time zone, she set her watch forward one hour.
D One hour Margo set her watch forward, and it traveled to a different time zone.



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

22. _____ . From the time she was a baby gorilla, Koko was taught American Sign Language. She has proved her understanding of language in numerous ways. For example, at three years old, she expressed thirst and impatience by signing "Drink, hurry." When her mate Michael died, Koko signed such words as "sorry" and "cry." In happier moods, she tells jokes. One time she put a tube to her nose and signed "elephant."
- F Many pet owners claim that their pets can "speak" to them.
 - G Koko is one remarkable gorilla.
 - H American Sign Language has its own grammar rules.
 - J Gorillas are probably more intelligent than any other animal.
23. Do you want to transplant a small tree? Your job begins in the fall of the year before the move. Dig a circle around the plant up to a foot deep to cut off distant roots. _____. The following spring, when you dig up the tree, follow the line of the same circle. That way you will not disturb the new, healthy roots.
- A During the following weeks, the tree will develop new roots close to the base.
 - B If the tree is too big, call in a professional landscaper.
 - C If necessary, soak the ground first to make digging in it easier.
 - D Don't wait too long to begin the job.
24. Some words have interesting stories behind them. _____. An English nobleman liked playing cards better than doing anything else. He didn't even want to leave the card table to eat! He had his servants bring him meat and other foods placed between two slices of bread. Then he could eat at the card table without letting plates or silverware get in the way of the cards. Because the cardplayer was the Earl of Sandwich, his snack became known as a *sandwich*.
- F Nevertheless, consider the word *sandwich*.
 - G On the other hand, consider the word *sandwich*.
 - H For example, consider the word *sandwich*.
 - J Similarly, consider the word *sandwich*.

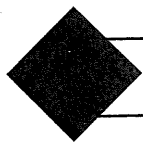


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25. In Greek mythology, the hero Hercules was given twelve extremely difficult tasks. One task was to clean the stables of the king Augeas. The stables held so many horses that it was impossible for a single person to sweep out more than one small area at a time. _____. With his great strength, Hercules changed the route of two rivers. The rivers then flowed into the stables and cleared the floors.
- A Consequently, Hercules used a river instead of a broom.
 - B In other words, Hercules used a river instead of a broom.
 - C Primarily, Hercules used a river instead of a broom.
 - D Afterward, Hercules used a river instead of a broom.
26. When Barb goes to the farmers' market held in a downtown parking lot, she doesn't want to miss a single stall. _____. Then she walks east, looking only at stalls on her left. At the end of the row, she turns around and walks west, again looking only to her left. She repeats the process for each row. Finally, after seeing every stall, she reverses her route. This time she stops along the way to buy things.
- F Even if the cost at the market is higher than at the supermarket, the quality of the vegetables is almost always better.
 - G She starts with the flower sellers in the northwest corner of the lot.
 - H The market is held every Saturday from May through October.
 - J She goes early in the morning to get the best produce.

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

27. Bill Veeck was one of the most entertaining team owners in major league baseball.
- A During his long career in baseball, Veeck owned three different major league teams: the Cleveland Indians, the St. Louis Browns, and the Chicago White Sox. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1991.
 - B Bill Veeck was born February 9, 1914, in Chicago, Illinois. He died in Chicago on January 2, 1986. In 1962, he wrote an autobiography, *Veeck—As in Wreck*.
 - C Veeck introduced the exploding scoreboard, used fireworks and contests to lure fans, and built exciting teams. His most famous stunt occurred in 1951. As owner of the St. Louis Browns, Veeck signed a midget to a contract and sent him into a game as a pinch hitter wearing a uniform with the number 1/8.
 - D Long called America's "national pastime," baseball now faces strong competition from football, soccer, and other sports. Players' strikes, high ticket prices, and other problems are wearing away baseball's fan base.

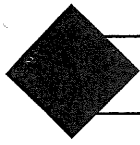


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28. Every community can, at relatively little cost, provide its residents with opportunities to recycle.
- F Some household materials that should be recycled are aluminum cans, glass, and paper. The cans can be melted and reused in new cans; glass can be ground up and used in new jars and bottles. Paper and cardboard can be reused not only in paper but also in insulation and other products.
 - G Establishing drop-off centers where residents can easily leave paper, glass, aluminum cans, and other materials is one way to encourage recycling. To make recycling even easier, a community can operate curbside collection programs.
 - H Every community faces many demands for services, of which waste collection is only one. Citizens who want their communities to get involved in recycling often need to express their opinions over a long period before they get a favorable response.
 - J A waste-processing plant has such equipment as conveyor belts and magnets to separate solid materials. Liquids, such as used motor oil, can also be recycled.

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

29. 1. In English, the names of the days come mostly from mythology. 2. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday honor Tiu, Woden, and Thor, all gods in German and Norse myths. 3. Friday honors Frigg, a Norse goddess. 4. Some of the names of months come from numbers and real people.
- A Sentence 1
 - B Sentence 2
 - C Sentence 3
 - D Sentence 4
30. 1. Whenever Daylight Savings Time begins and ends, Leonard is confused. 2. Most of the United States observes Daylight Savings Time. 3. The slogan "Spring forward; fall back" helps Leonard somewhat. 4. To be safe, however, he doesn't change his clocks till he hears a radio announcer state the time.
- F Sentence 1
 - G Sentence 2
 - H Sentence 3
 - J Sentence 4



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

(31) july 5 2004

Colossal Productions

(32) 449 Hay Street

(33) Fayetteville North Carolina 28301

(34) Dear sir or madam,

(35) Last night I attended the independence day concert your company presented,
(36) but I never heard the music. The sound system at the concert was more worser than any I had ever heard before! When those of us in the balcony complained, we were told nothing could be done to improve the sound. Since I did not get what I paid for, I'm requesting a refund. I have enclosed a photocopy of my ticket.

(37) My address and phone number are also on the photocopy.

(38) Your Dissatisfied Customer—

Roger Karnes

Roger Karnes

31. A july 5, 2004

B July, 5, 2004

C July 5, 2004

D Correct as it is

32. F 449 hay street,

G 449 Hay street

H 449, hay street

J Correct as it is

33. A Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301

B Fayetteville, North Carolina, 28301

C Fayetteville North Carolina, 28301

D Correct as it is

34. F Dear Sir or Madam;

G Dear Sir or madam,

H Dear Sir or Madam:

J Correct as it is

35. A Independence day concert

B Independence Day concert

C Independence Day: concert

D Correct as it is

36. F worser

G worse

H much badder

J Correct as it is

37. A my address and phone number

B My Address and Phone Number

C My address, and phone number,

D Correct as it is

38. F Your dissatisfied customer,

G Your Dissatisfied Customer,

H Your dissatisfied customer:

J Correct as it is

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- (39) The world's longest-running musical was an American play *The Fantasticks*.
(40) For almost forty-two years it was presented in a small off-broadway theater in New York. This musical was based on a play named *Les Romanesques*, or "The
(41) Romancers," by the noted French Writer Edmund Rostand. It tells of a girl and a boy more in love with love than with each other. At one point the girl, who wishes
(42) to be special, prays, "Dear God don't let me be normal!"

39. A play, *The Fantasticks*
B play, *the Fantasticks*
C play; *The Fantasticks*
D Correct as it is

41. A french writer Edmund Rostand
B french writer, Edmund Rostand
C French writer, Edmund Rostand
D Correct as it is

40. F off-broadway theater in New York
G off-Broadway theater in New York
H off-Broadway Theater in New York
J Correct as it is

42. F prays "Dear God don't
G prays, "Dear God dont
H prays, "Dear God, don't
J Correct as it is

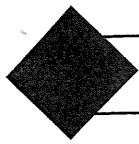
- (43) For many years, Geraldine's hobbies have been collecting teacups and to
(44) make Christmas tree ornaments. She will acquire three dozen teacups in different
(45) patterns even before she got her first apartment. Now her collection of teacups fill
(46) an entire display case in her living room. The huge case doesn't hardly leave any
room for her other furniture.

43. A to collect teacups and to make
B to collect teacups and making
C collecting teacups and she makes
D Correct as it is

45. A collection of teacups fill an
entirely display case
B collection of teacups fills an entire
display case
C collection of teacups entirely fill a
display case
D Correct as it is

44. F was acquiring
G will have acquired
H had acquired
J Correct as it is

46. F does'nt hardly leave any
G leaves hardly any
H doesn't leave no
J Correct as it is



Pretest Answer Key and Evaluation Chart

This Evaluation Chart will help you find the language skills you need to study. Circle the questions you answered incorrectly and go to the practice pages covering those skills.

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Key

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

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