

# Assessment of Grammar Skills

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1. What do nouns do?

- A. They show action
- B. They modify verbs
- C. They name persons, places, things, or ideas
- D. They show relationships

2. Circle the nouns in this sentence:

Bob feeds three cats.

3. What do verbs do?

- A. They show action
- B. They modify nouns
- C. They name persons, places, things, or ideas
- D. They tell how many or which ones

4. Circle the simple subject in the following sentence:

Farm animals must be fed.

5. Circle the simple predicate in the following sentence:

Sue sang a birthday song to her sister.

6. Write a simple sentence of two words. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name three conjunctions. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Circle the compound subject in the following sentence:

Joe and Tim like bikes and cars.

9. Circle the compound verb in the following sentence:

Jen and Camilla went and stayed till dark.

10. Write a compound sentence.

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11. Put commas where they belong in the following sentence:

Pat bought cups plates napkins and balloons for the party.

12. Circle conjunctions in the following sentence:

The long, noisy train stopped; and Joe and I were delayed.

13. Rewrite the following sentence to use a semicolon (;) properly.

Jeff left, but Mia stayed.

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14. What does a pronoun do?

- A. It comes before a noun
- B. It substitutes for a noun
- C. It modifies a noun
- D. It completes the meaning begun by a noun

15. Which of the following words is a pronoun?

- A. when
- B. after
- C. but
- D. he

16. What do we call the word that is replaced by a pronoun?

- A. the predicate
- B. the antecedent
- C. the preposition
- D. the opposite

17. Write a sentence that uses two pronouns in a compound subject.

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18. Which of the following is a verb phrase?

- A. blue cars
- B. six birds
- C. ran quickly
- D. will come

19. List three helping verbs.

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20. Circle the verb phrase in the following sentence.

Ed will come to church next week.

21. Make the following sentence interrogative (make it ask a question).

Ann will come home.

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22. Make the following sentence declarative.

Will we give gifts?

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23. Circle the adjectives in the following sentence:

Six black dogs ran after the fat cat.

24. Which words in the following list are articles?

A. car, truck, bus

C. loudly, softly, quickly

B. a, an, the

D. around, beside, under

25. Circle the articles in the following sentence.

The tree has a birdhouse and an orange feeder.

26. Tell if the subject in the following sentence is singular or plural: \_\_\_\_\_

Boys like to run.

27. Circle the correct verb for the following sentence:

The words in this book ( is / are ) easy.

28. Circle the correct verb for the following sentence:

The time of all three games ( is / are ) 5:00 p.m.

29. Write a sentence with an adverb modifying a verb.

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30. Which of these endings typically belongs to adverbs?

A. -ful

C. -ous

B. -tion

D. -ly

31. Write a sentence with an intensifying adverb modifying another adverb.

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32. Write a sentence with an intensifying adverb modifying an adjective.

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33. What part of speech may be used for a direct object?

A. noun or pronoun

C. adjective or adverb

B. verb

D. article

34. Circle the direct object in the following sentence:

Jill ate pie at our house.

35. Circle the direct object in the following sentence:

Bob eats pizza at the fair.

36. Circle the direct object in the following sentence:

Sue gave a long list to Jill.

37. Write a sentence with a compound direct object.

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38. What part of speech may be used for an indirect object? \_\_\_\_\_

39. Circle the indirect object in the following sentence:

Molly gave Jim the new dime.

40. Tell whether the verb in the following sentence is an action verb or a linking verb:

Ed was very tired at the game. \_\_\_\_\_

41. Tell whether the verb in the following sentence is an action verb or a linking verb:

That man built the house. \_\_\_\_\_

42. What two complements follow action verbs?

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43. What two complements follow linking verbs?

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44. A prepositional phrase must always begin with what part of speech?

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45. What part of speech may be used for the object of a preposition? \_\_\_\_\_

46. List five prepositions. \_\_\_\_\_

47. Circle the prepositional phrases in the following sentence:

The souvenir ball from the game stays in the display cabinet.

48. Tell whether the prepositional phrase in the following sentence is an adjective phrase or an adverb phrase.

The dog in the store window wagged his tail. \_\_\_\_\_

49. What kind of word is *ouch* in the following sentence?

Ouch! That's hot!

A. Imperative                      C. Interjection

B. Interactive                      D. Interruptive

50. Circle the contraction in the following sentence:

I need to call home because it's getting late.