

Pre-Assessment, Linking Blocks Intermediate Course

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Note to student: These questions cover the material in the Intermediate Course that you will study this term. You might not know many of the answers yet. Please do the best you can. This test just measures how much you know at the beginning of the course.

1. Underline the simple subject in the following sentence:

The skillful and patient painter finally completed his masterpiece.

2. Underline the simple predicate in the following sentence:

Mother bought some grapes at the grocery store.

3. Underline all the object nouns in the following sentence:

A little child shouted "Santa!" from the back of the audience.

4. Write a sentence that has a proper noun in it _____

5. Tell whether the verb in the following sentence is a compound verb or a verb phrase:

The ocean waves pounded the rocks and splashed high into the air.

_____ compound verb _____ verb phrase

6. Which of the following is a compound sentence? Put a check mark by your choice:

_____ While Nick played the guitar, Trevor played the drums.

_____ Nick played the guitar, and Trevor played the drums.

_____ Nick played the guitar as Trevor played the drums.

7. Write a compound sentence _____

8. Underline the proper adjective in the following sentence:

The Chinese children greeted us excitedly with happy smiles.

9. Write a sentence that uses an intensifying adverb. _____

10. Underline all the adverbs in the following sentence:

The really long train effectively delayed the traffic for several minutes.

11. Write a sentence that has an adverb phrase. _____

12. Write a sentence that has an adjective phrase. _____

13. Underline all the prepositional phrases in the following sentence:

Toward evening we gathered on the patio to watch the sunset.

14. Underline the indirect object in the following sentence:

Brianna gave our guests a cool glass of lemonade.

15. Which word in the following sentence is a predicate nominative?

Nanci was a cheerleader for the team last year.

- A. Nanci
- B. was
- C. cheerleader
- D. team
- E. last

16. Write a sentence that uses a predicate adjective. _____

17. Which of the following sentences is an imperative sentence?

- A. Remember to turn off the lights.
- B. Can Eric come to the game with us?
- C. Wow! That was exciting!
- D. I'll remember to call you.
- E. Jeff was the first person off the bus.

18. Re-write the following sentence to eliminate the comma splice.

Birds roost in trees, rabbits live on the ground.

19. Add commas where they are needed in the following sentence.

Mayor Erickson said "This new bridge will help our city grow and prosper."

20. Add commas where they are needed in the following sentence.

San Diego California has Balboa Park a wonderful zoo and Sea World.

21. Tell if the semi-colon is used correctly in the following sentence:

I forgot an umbrella; therefore, I got wet in the storm.

_____ Yes _____ No

22. Underline any compound nouns in the following sentence:

Mitch Anders installs guardrails along the highway.

23. Underline the correct verb in the following sentence:

A swarm of bees (live, lives) in the hollow tree.

24. Underline the appositive in the following sentence:

Mr. Adams, the man next door, grows beautiful flowers in his yard.

25. True or false: Appositives are always set off by commas.

26. Tell whether the verb in this sentence is a regular verb or an irregular verb:

The news story told of the forest fire.

_____ Regular _____ Irregular

27. How does a regular verb usually form the past tense? _____

28. Write the present tense and the past perfect tense of the verb "deliver." _____

29. Give the three principal parts of the irregular verb "begin." _____

30. Write the past tense and the past participle form of the verb "give." _____

31. Underline the correct verb in the following sentence:
Alicia will (sit / set) the dishes on the dinner table.
32. Underline the correct verb in the following sentence:
On this winter day, I want to (lie / lay) in the sun.
33. Underline the correct verb in the following sentence:
Many adventurers wanted to (rise / raise) the Titanic.
34. Underline the correct pronoun in the following sentence:
Carlos is a friend of you and (me / I).
35. Underline the correct pronoun in the following sentence:
Jeff and (I / me) are going to the game tonight.
36. Underline the correct pronoun in the following sentence:
The students picked up (their/they're) books and went home.
37. Choose the correct word in the following sentence:
The frightened cat hissed and showed (its / it's) claws.
38. Which word in the following list is not a demonstrative pronoun?
- A. This
 - B. That
 - C. Them
 - D. These
 - E. Those
39. Tell whether the adjective in the following sentence is in positive, comparative, or superlative degree:
My Jeep is more powerful than your dune buggy.
- A. positive
 - B. comparative
 - C. superlative

40. Tell whether the adjective in the following sentence is in positive, comparative, or superlative degree:

That weather was least likely to occur in the summer.

- A. positive
- B. comparative
- C. superlative

41. Tell whether the adverb in the following sentence is in positive, comparative, or superlative degree:

Jen followed her mother more closely than Missie did.

- A. positive
- B. comparative
- C. superlative

42. True or False: the following statement is a clause:

Alex loves football.

43. Tell whether the following sentence is a compound sentence or a complex sentence:

The lightning flashed, and thunder boomed seconds later.

- A. compound
- B. complex

44. Write a sentence with an adverb clause. _____

45. True or False: A sentence may begin with an adverb clause.

46. Where in a sentence will you find an adjective clause?

- A. Next to another adjective
- B. After a verb phrase
- C. Before a preposition
- D. At the beginning of the sentence
- E. After a noun

47. Underline the adjective clause in this sentence:

The visitor who had come from Alaska told us amazing stories.

48. Underline the noun clause in this sentence:

Harold usually does whatever he is told.

49. Underline the noun clause in this sentence:

The surprise came from you know who.

50. Underline the noun clause in this sentence:

Whatever that café serves will be delicious.