

Exercises

I- Prepositions :

Exercise one : complete the sentences with the appropriate preposition.

1. Please come _____ my office and have a seat.
2. My train is _____ 2:30 this afternoon.
3. My daughter will be _____ college next fall. We are so proud of her!
4. When you get _____ the bus, ask the driver if the bus goes downtown.
5. I need to buy some milk and bread _____ the convenience store.
6. Jason is waiting for us _____ the corner.
7. Let's meet _____ the mall entrance _____ two hours.
8. I live _____ Mulberry Street.
9. I have to be _____ work this afternoon.
10. Let's do our homework _____ the kitchen table.
11. Let's go _____ this store for a minute. I want to check the price of something.
12. The office is located _____ 4250 Park Street.
13. Would you like to come to our picnic _____ the Fourth of July?
14. _____ China, people use chopsticks to eat.
15. I am afraid that I'm not very good _____ sports.

Exercise two : complete the sentences by circling the correct answer.

1. Let's sit (**near/in**) the window.
2. She is (**from/to**) Italy.
3. Everyone in the neighborhood is angry (**with/about**) noise from the new airport.
4. I'd like some ketchup (**with/without**) my french fries.
5. She lived in Chicago (**from/to**) 2006 (**from/to**) 2008. Then she moved (**from/to**) Mexico.
6. In case of fire, go (**out of/over**) the building immediately.
7. He went (**into/on**) the store.
8. I put a beautiful antique bowl (**on top of/between**) the new china cabinet.
9. They are interested (**in/of**) learning more English.
10. The drugstore is (**between/on**) the restaurant and the convenience store.
11. Tim has lived in Cleveland Park (**for/since**) 2015.
12. He has worked for that company (**for/since**) two years.
13. He always wears a baseball cap (**on/over**) his head.
14. Your appointment is (**in/at**) an hour.
15. Dr. Lewis is not free (**by/until**) 4:15.
16. (**During/While**) the blizzard, we stayed inside and watched TV.
17. (**After/Before**) the big game, we celebrated our team's win with a pizza.
18. You can pick me up (**on/in/at**) the bus stop in front of my office.
19. That jewelry store is located (**on/in/at**) the first floor.
20. The health club is (**on/in**) Marketplace Mall.

II- Determiners :

Exercise one : complete the following sentences with « the, a, some, an , or zero article. »

1. We need _____ flour, oil, and salt to fry the fish.
2. Let's send her _____ big bunch of flowers for her birthday.
3. Scientists in California have discovered _____ new kind of orchid.
4. Please buy _____ pens and pencils at the store.
5. The artist painted _____ beautiful picture of the sunset.
6. I asked a man for directions. _____ man told me to walk north three blocks and turn right.
7. On the sixtieth wedding anniversary it's traditional to give _____ diamonds as a present.
8. Doctors say that _____ gum is terrible for your teeth.
9. My uncle says that he wants to retire in _____ Bahamas.
10. Let's play _____ baseball after work.

Exercise two : circle the correct answer.

1. (**This/Those**) apples are delicious.
2. Let's move (**this/that**) couch to the basement. (far)
3. (**These/That**) concert was great.
4. Please put your coat in (**this/that**) closet. (near)
5. (**This/Those**) computer is not working.

III- Imperatives :

Exercise one : read each situation, and write an imperative or a polite request.

1. There is a bowl of fruit near your friend. You want him to pass you an orange.

2. A child is hitting his sister. You want him to stop hitting his sister.

3. You're in a friend's car. The friend is speeding. You don't want her to speed.

4. You and a friend are going to go to the movies. You want to see *Transformers 3*.

5. It's very cold outside. A window is open. Your friend is near the window. You want her to close it.

6. You're at a restaurant. You want baked chicken. Make a polite request.

7. You want your son to put his shoes by the door.

8. A guest is in your house. You want the person to sit on the sofa.

9. You and a friend are in a supermarket. You are both ready to check out.

10. A friend is leaving on a long car trip. You want to wish her a safe trip.

IV- Agreement in Writing :

Exercise one : say whether the following sentences contain a grammatical error or not. And then underline the error.

1. We knew Lawrence must of missed the appointment because train service was disrupted for three hours this morning.

2. Every year, a few committed citizens exceeds our expectations and work tirelessly to improve our community programs in significant ways.

3. Each of the employees have had a half-hour evaluation meeting with his or her supervisor.

4. Here are one of the three keys you will need to unlock the office door tomorrow.

5. Soon after Donovan left to walk to work, he realized that he would forget his umbrella.

6. Someone from the garage phoned to say that the car had been fixed and asking if we would pick it up by 5:00.

7. In 1963, Betty Friedan's exposé of domesticity, *The Feminine Mystique*, became an immediate bestseller and creating a national sensation.

8. The staff at the university library deserve recognition for helping to locate the many sources needed for the successful completion of my doctoral dissertation.

9. Homesteaders on the Great Plains had to build homes, find water in a semiarid land, and to learn to understand the blessings of the environment.

10. During the winter season, homeowners should change their disposable furnace filters at least once a month; a dirty filter reduce furnace efficiency.

11. The chief executive officer and the chairman of the board agrees that the new benefit package should include a dental health plan as well as eye care.

Solution of the Exercises

I- Prepositions :

Exercise one :

1. in
2. at
3. in
4. on
5. at
6. at *or* on
7. at, in
8. on
9. at
10. on *or* at
11. in
12. at
13. on
14. In
15. at

Exercise two :

1. near
2. from
3. about
4. with
5. from, to, to
6. out of
7. into
8. on top of
9. in
10. between
11. since
12. for
13. on
14. in
15. until
16. During
17. After
18. at
19. on
20. in

II- Determiners :

Exercise one :

1. some
2. a
3. a
4. some
5. a

6. The
7. zero
8. zero
9. the
10. zero

Exercise two :

1. Those
2. that
3. That
4. this
5. This

III- Imperatives :

1. Pass (*or give or hand*) me an orange, (please).
2. Don't hit your sister. *Or Stop hitting your sister.*
3. Don't speed. *Or Don't drive so fast. Or Stop speeding.*
4. Let's see "Transformers 3." *Or Let's go to "Transformers 3."*
5. Close the window, (please).
6. Can (*or Could*) I have the baked chicken, (please)? *Or I'd like the baked chicken, (please).*
7. Please put your shoes by the door. Can (*or Could*) you put your shoes by the door? I'd like you to put your shoes by the door.
8. Have a seat.
9. Let's check out.
10. Have a good trip.

IV- Agreement in writing :

1. **a.** The verb is formed incorrectly; *must of missed* should be replaced by *must have missed*.
2. **b.** This is an error in subject-verb agreement. The subject, *committed citizens*, is plural and requires a plural verb form. In this case, the correct form is *exceed*, not the singular form, *exceeds*.
3. **b.** The error is grammatical; there is no subject-verb agreement in this sentence. The subject *Each* is singular and requires a singular verb form. In this situation, the correct form is *has had*.
4. **a.** This is an error in agreement. The singular noun *one* requires the singular verb *is*. When the subject (in this case *one*) follows the verb, as in a sentence beginning with *here* or *there*, be careful to determine the subject. In this sentence, the subject is not the plural noun *keys*.
5. **d.** This sentence has an illogical shift in verb tense. The sentence should read: *He realized that he had forgotten his umbrella*.
6. **d.** In this sentence, there is faulty parallelism. The word *asking* should be replaced by the verb *asked*. This sentence is in the past tense, so the two verbs *asked* and *phoned* should be parallel.
7. **d.** The use of the present participle *creating* results in a sentence with faulty parallelism. A form of the verb *create* should be parallel with the preceding verb *became*, which is in the past tense. The word *creating* should be replaced by *created*.
8. **b.** There is no subject-verb agreement in this sentence. The singular collective noun *staff* requires a singular verb form. Therefore, the plural form *deserve* should be replaced with the singular *deserves*.
9. **d.** This sentence has faulty parallelism. There are three items in a series in this sentence: *build homes*, *find water*, and *learn to understand the blessings*. To make these three items parallel, the word *to* should be deleted in the underlined portion represented by choice d.
10. **d.** There is no subject-verb agreement in the sentence. The subject of the second independent clause is *filter*, a singular noun. Therefore, the singular form of the verb should be used. The verb *reduce* should be replaced by the verb *reduces*.
11. **b.** This sentence has a problem with subject-verb agreement. The two subjects of the sentence, *chief executive officer* and *chairman of the board*, require a plural verb. In this case, the singular form *agrees* should be replaced by the plural form *agree*.