

Grammar Exam #2 Practice

This is not a required assignment. This is simply an opportunity for you to take a practice exam, score yourself, and identify the concepts you need to study. If you need extra assistance, come see me before school or contact your study buddy. You can also attend tutoring which is offered on Late Start days.

Section 1: Parts of Speech

Read through each of the sentences below. You will see one underline word or one underlined word phrase in each sentence. Identify the part of speech for the underlined items below. On your answer sheet, write the letter which represents the correct answer. Some of the answers may not be used. Some of the answers may be used more than one time.

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| a. possessive pronoun | g. participle | m. plural noun |
| b. nominative pronoun | h. gerund | n. coordinating conjunction |
| c. objective pronoun | i. infinitive | o. subordinate conjunction |
| d. adverb | j. proper noun | p. article |
| e. adjective | k. noun | q. prepositional phrase |
| f. verb | l. possessive noun | r. object of the preposition |

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2. The answers to the test were blatant. They were actually written on the board but no one noticed.
3. For some people, Organic Chemistry, a class which pre-med students must take and pass while in undergrad, is perceived as an extremely difficult course.
4. The junior English teachers are in sync about the research paper. All of our students are selecting a topic from the same list. In addition, we are all requiring our students to use MLA format when citing and documenting their sources.
5. The valedictorian gave a thoughtful and humorous speech to her classmates, their family members and friends.
6. The president of the club decided to cancel the contract after the salesman was arrested for grand theft.
7. The defense team believed that the minister would be a reliable witness, since many people respect members of the clergy and view them as honest and virtuous.
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Section 2: Transitive and Intransitive Verbs

Read through each of the sentences below. You have two objectives. The first step is to identify the verb and the second step is to identify the verb as transitive or intransitive. On your answer sheet, you will write the verb as well as whether the verb is transitive or intransitive.

15. The actions of some people do not reflect the actions of everyone in a particular group.
16. People are emotionally charged when it comes to the subjects of government spending and a national health care plan.
17. The *War Powers Resolution of 1973* limits the power of the President of the United States of America.
18. Our BBC members are energetic!
19. Vista Murrieta High School was awarded the California Distinguished School award.
20. The students wrote letters of appreciation to the principal before their high school graduation.

21. My mom has a recipe for delicious and sweet chocolate fudge cookies with marshmallows.
22. One of the side effects of repeated drug use is lethargy.

Section 3: Participles and Participial Phrases

Read through each of the sentences below. Write the participles and the participial phrases. The second step is to write the word or words each participle or participial phrase modifies.

23. The rising moon was beautiful and bright.
24. Our Link Crew works to help freshmen become excited Broncos.
25. It's frustrating when you need to talk to someone and all you get is a terse reply.
26. The confident and prepared explorer visited Australia, Asia and Eastern Europe all by herself.
27. The full moon, suspended in the night sky, was bright and beautiful.
28. Relaxed after a two-week vacation, my cousin returned to work, ready to lead his team.

Section 4: Gerund and Gerund Phrases

Read through each of the sentences below. Write the gerund or the gerund phrase which appears in each sentence.

29. The boys enjoy fishing.
30. Daniel said, "My least favorite chore is mowing the lawn."
31. Piercing, which requires sharper implements, has the effect of enhancing an object's design.
32. Selling these masterful products is easily accomplished since many enjoy owning them.
33. His greatest passion was sailing.
34. Seeing all of her college friends gave her great joy.

Section 5: Infinitives and Infinitive Phrases

Read through each of the sentences below. Write the infinitive or the infinitive phrase which appears in each sentence.

35. Art has come to play a major role in the life of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
36. The city has two famous museums known to attract visitors from all over the country.
37. For those who wish to see nineteenth-century southern decorative art, the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts is the place to explore thoroughly.
38. Art lovers who have wanted to learn more about the various genres visit museums and take tours.
39. The Southern Center for Contemporary Arts (SECCA) was founded to encourage new Southern artists.
40. To volunteer is rewarding.

Answer Key for the Grammar Exam #2 Practice

1. i
2. e
3. j
4. f
5. a
6. o
7. e
8. e
9. m
10. d
11. b
12. k
13. q
14. e

15. transitive – do reflect – what? actions
16. intransitive – are – how? emotionally (“emotionally” is an adverb modifying the adjective “charged” and answers the question “how?”)
17. transitive – limits – what? power
18. transitive – are – what? energetic
19. transitive – was awarded – what? the California Distinguished School award
20. transitive – wrote – what? letters
21. transitive – has – what? a recipe
22. transitive – is – what? lethargy

For numbers 23-28, I highlighted the participles and the participial phrases in green. I highlighted the word that is being modified in yellow.

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24. Our Link Crew works to help freshmen become **excited Broncos**.
25. **It's frustrating** when you need to talk to someone and all you get is a terse reply.
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28. **Relaxed after a two-week vacation**, my **cousin** returned to work, ready to lead his team.

For numbers 29-34, I highlighted the gerunds and the gerund phrases in purple.

29. The boys enjoy **fishing**.
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31. **Piercing**, which requires sharper implements, has the effect of enhancing an object's design.
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33. His greatest passion was **sailing**.
34. **Seeing all of her college friends** gave her great joy.

For numbers 35-40, I highlighted the infinitives and the infinitive phrases in blue.

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