Grammar
Lesson 1
Kinds of Sentences: Declarative and Interrogative

A sentence is a group of words that expresses a complete thought. Different kinds of sentences have different purposes. A declarative sentence makes a statement. It begins with a capital letter and ends with a period. An interrogative sentence asks a question. It begins with a capital letter and ends with a question mark.

My hobby is reading mystery books. (declarative)
Have you read the latest Nancy Drew book? (interrogative)

Exercise 1 Write in the blank dec. before each declarative sentence and int. before each interrogative sentence.

int. Have you ever played a mandolin?
1. Sleet and ice kept us housebound last weekend.
2. Do you know how to word process?
3. How much do these sweaters cost?
4. Those shelves smell like lemon oil.
5. Do you think my hair is too long?
6. Tamara worked long hours to finish her painting.
7. Are you going to Richard's party?
8. Was the English test difficult?
9. Da-chun and his dad won the sack race.
10. I think blue is my favorite color.
11. The rusty hinges creaked as Grant opened the old door.
12. Were you born in Montana, or did you move here?
13. Could you help me with my homework tonight?
15. Clear expression is an art.
16. Grandma is the computer games champion in our family.
17. Have you ever seen purple cotton candy?
18. This year’s starting quarterback is a math genius.
19. Who’s going to bring the noisemakers?
20. Did the squirrels eat all the tulip bulbs?

**Exercise 2** Write **dec.** before each declarative sentence and **int.** before each interrogative sentence. Add correct punctuation and capitalization where needed.

**dec.** 1. the library has several good books on the subject.
1. Have you met Nadine
2. will you help me with my home economics project?
3. Polly perched briefly on Aunt Kara’s shoulder
4. all the leaves had fallen from the tree within a day or two
5. Can you name that tune
6. Zahara is visiting with her aunt this week
7. Ricardo makes dinner on Tuesdays while his mom studies
8. have you looked it up in the encyclopedia
9. we can’t leave until I finish my chores
10. Mirna lives in the apartment above Mrs. Ting
11. Have you taken any classes at the art museum
12. Will you make a copy of that photograph for me?
13. how did Katherine tear the cartilage in her knee
14. Kenny walked across the floor on his hands
15. Have you heard Amelia sing her solo
16. Did you see that boy in the plumed hat?
17. would you like to go to the park with us
18. the refrigerator is almost empty
19. this spider web wasn’t here yesterday
20. A strand of ivy was painted around Marcia’s room.
Lesson 2
Kinds of Sentences: Exclamatory and Imperative

The purpose of an **exclamatory sentence** is to express strong feeling. It begins with a capital letter and ends with an exclamation point.

* I aced the test! (exclamation)

An **imperative sentence** gives a command or makes a request. Its subject is not stated directly, but is understood to be *you*. Imperative sentences also begin with a capital letter and usually end with a period. A strong command may end with an exclamation point.

* (You) Put your essay on my desk when you are finished. (imperative)
* (You) Give me a break! (strong imperative)

▶ **Exercise 1** Write in the blank exc. before each exclamatory sentence and imp. before each imperative sentence. If a sentence is neither exclamatory nor imperative, write neither.

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<td>8. Call 911 in an emergency.</td>
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<td>10. Be particularly careful with this antique clock.</td>
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14. The dense grass felt like smooth carpet.
15. Let me try!
16. Listen to me!
17. Wear protective clothing.
18. Kiss the Blarney Stone before you leave Ireland.
19. That’s a great idea!
20. Remember to stand when Dr. Chou enters the room.
21. I can’t believe it!
22. Please pass the honey.
23. Joachim dressed as a chocolate bar for the costume party.
24. Are you interested in going to a movie?
25. Move the picnic table to the shade.
26. Apricot jam is a good glaze for baked ham.
27. How clever of you!
28. Be alert to rapidly changing weather conditions.
29. Give me a chance!
30. I don’t believe it!
31. Be careful.
32. Never disturb nesting birds.
33. Tuck your pants inside your socks when hiking.
34. Our new neighbors moved in yesterday.
35. Define the word *monsoon*.
36. Did you notice the price of that saddle?
37. There is a Thai restaurant around the corner from us.
38. Hold that pose while I adjust the camera lens.
39. What a mess your room is!
40. Raise the flag at sunrise.
Lesson 3
Subjects and Predicates

Every sentence has a subject and a predicate, which together express a complete thought. The subject of a sentence tells whom or what the sentence is about. The predicate of the sentence tells what the subject does or has. It can also tell what the subject is or is like.

SUBJECT    PREDICATE
Sunlight    shone through the cracks in the old shed.

The simple subject, usually a noun or a pronoun, is the main word or group of words in the complete subject. The complete subject is the simple subject with all of its modifiers. The simple predicate, which is always a verb, is the main word or group of words in the complete predicate. The complete predicate is the simple predicate with all of its modifiers.

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Exercise 1 Draw a line between the complete subject and the complete predicate. Underline each simple subject once and each simple predicate twice.

Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle.

1. The rolling, green landscape glows against its blue backdrop.
2. Mild temperatures keep the lush vegetation deep green.
3. Regular rainfall keeps the soil dark and moist.
4. Trees once added greatly to the greenness.
5. Little woodland remains in Ireland today, however.
6. Farmlands cover most of central Ireland.
7. Many mountain ranges rise near the coasts.
8. Ireland’s highest peak is in the Mountains of Kerry.
9. Kerry is one of Ireland’s twenty-six counties.
10. Kerry is a beautiful area of lakes and mountains.
11. Ireland’s beautiful landscape inspired her many writers and artists.
12. Dramatists from the Emerald Isle include Padraic Colum, Sean O'Casey, and John Synge.

13. These playwrights’ works appear at the Abbey Theater in Dublin.

14. William Butler Yeats started this theater.

15. Yeats was a memorable Irish poet and dramatist.

16. He lived during the time known as the Irish Literary Revival.

17. Other writers of this age were James Joyce, George Augustus Moore, and George Russell.

18. Joyce is the most famous of the three.

19. He often wrote about Dublin and about the Irish people.

20. The influence of Irish writers extended beyond their native country.

21. George Bernard Shaw was popular in English and American theaters.

22. Shaw’s works include *Arms and the Man*, *Man and Superman*, and *Pygmalion*.

23. Oscar Wilde also found fame in England and the United States.

24. Wilde is the author of *A Woman of No Importance* and *The Importance of Being Earnest* as well as the novel *The Picture of Dorian Gray*.

25. Several Irish painters perfected their craft with the help of the Royal Hibernian Academy.

26. Two Irish artists are Maurice MacGonigal and Estella Solomon.

27. Artists from Ireland produced great treasures over the years.

28. Each captured the beauty of the Emerald Isle.
Lesson 4
Compound Subjects and Predicates

A sentence may have more than one simple subject or simple predicate. Two or more simple subjects that have the same predicate form a compound subject. The subjects are joined by and, or, or but.

Keisha or Alex can fix that bike for you.

A compound predicate has two or more simple predicates, or verbs, that have the same subject. The simple predicates are connected by and, or, or but.

Wasps drink nectar and eat other insects.

Exercise 1 Draw one line under each part of a compound subject. Draw two lines under each part of a compound predicate.

Furniture and knickknacks were available at the craft show.

1. Sally and Mike will lead the parade.
2. Spaghetti and manicotti were the restaurant's specialties.
3. The people in the village first resisted but then accepted the new factory.
4. New carpet or wallpaper would brighten this old kitchen.
5. Before the show, Simon and Ashley practiced their dialogue.
6. The lucky quarter rolled and bounced down the steps.
7. Pink or peach will be the color of the bridesmaids' gowns.
8. A clown with shoes the size of clipper ships sang and danced at Carley's birthday party.
9. Lindsay and Neil filled food baskets for the homeless in their community.
10. The speaker hesitated but soon began his presentation.
11. Sleet or rain is predicted for the tri-state area tonight.
12. Jake baked brownies and cooked pasta for the surprise party.
13. Mr. Lawson wrote, directed, and produced this musical.
14. The old car's engine sputtered but eventually roared to life.
15. The crowd called and waved to the three astronauts.
16. Leave your jacket on the coat rack or hang it in the closet.
17. In the program, Claire and Sue were listed before Scott.
18. Crocuses or daylilies would grow well there.
19. Basil, olive oil, and spinach are used in that recipe.
20. The tailback slashed, spun, and pounded his way through the opposing team’s defense.
21. The Spanish Club and field hockey are Dora’s favorite extracurricular activities.
22. Our soccer team played hard but lost the game in the last minute.
23. Joan, Tom, or Wing will head the decorations committee.
24. On election day, the levy will pass or fail.
25. Cake and ice cream were served to all the guests.
26. Alligators or sea lions will be the topic of her report.
27. Books, clothes, and other items had been collected and sold at the fundraiser.
28. Sven hurried but missed his plane.
29. Dr. Tarini writes or phones every participant in the study once a week.
30. Cards and letters on behalf of the popular television program poured into the network’s corporate offices.
31. The pinch hitter swung at every pitch but missed the ball each time.
32. Pizza or cherry pie is Arthur’s favorite snack.
33. The Thomases and the Jordans are planning a trip to Costa Rica.
34. Suits and ties are worn daily at that all-boys school.
35. The rings of Saturn and the moons of Jupiter have been seen through this telescope.
Lesson 5
Sentence Fragments

A sentence must have a subject and a predicate and must express a complete thought. A group of words that does not have both a subject and a predicate is an incomplete sentence, or sentence fragment.

The truck, an old red one. (lacks a predicate)
Slowly climbed the steep hill. (lacks a subject)
On the country road outside of town. (lacks a subject and a predicate)

➡ Exercise 1 Write sent. in the blank if the group of words is a sentence and write frag. if it is a fragment.

frag.  Learned about bees.

sent.  1. Geneticist Warwick Kerr studied honeybees.

frag.  2. At the University of São Paulo in Brazil.

sent.  3. In 1956 he imported some African queen bees.

sent.  4. These bees had a savage reputation.

sent.  5. Attacked animals and people without warning.

sent.  6. However, African bees sting only to defend their nest.

sent.  7. Most stinging incidents occur during the swarming season.

sent.  8. The hot summer months.

sent.  9. Stinging incidents by large numbers of bees are uncommon.

sent.  10. Dr. Kerr carefully kept the bees in enclosures.

frag.  11. Not another beekeeper.


sent.  13. The African bees readily nested in the wilds of Brazil.


sent.  15. The African honeybees began to spread.

sent.  16. In all directions.
Exercise 2 Write S in the blank if the fragment lacks a subject and P if it lacks a predicate. If the sentence is complete, write sent.

P

Honey bees, digger wasps, and red ants.

1. Live together in colonies.

2. Did you know that a colony may contain thousands of insects?

3. One queen.

4. Produce all the eggs.

5. A special room or cell for the queen.

6. Bees, wasps, and ants undergo a complete metamorphosis.

7. The four stages of these insects.

8. The egg, the larva, the pupa, and the adult.


10. Workers have many jobs.

11. Collect food and take care of the nest, the queen, and her offspring.

12. Some workers protect the nest from enemies.

13. Search for food to bring back to the colony.


Writing Link Write four complete sentences containing both a subject and a predicate.

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Lesson 6
Simple and Compound Sentences

A simple sentence has one subject and one predicate. However, a simple sentence may have a compound subject, a compound predicate, or both.

Saturn and Jupiter are the two largest planets in our solar system. (compound subject)
Queen bees survive the winter and lay eggs in the spring. (compound predicate)
Juan and Luis throw and catch the softball. (compound subject and compound predicate)

A compound sentence contains two or more simple sentences joined by a comma and a coordinating conjunction or by a semicolon. (and, but, or, nor or for)
Priscilla enjoys reading about technology, but she doesn’t care for science fiction.
Paramecium are very small; a microscope is needed to examine them.

A run-on sentence is two or more sentences incorrectly written as one sentence. To correct a run-on sentence, divide it into separate sentences or add the necessary words or punctuation to form one complete sentence.

Run-on: The movie was long I got restless.
Corrected: The movie was long. I got restless.
Corrected: The movie was long, and I got restless.

Exercise 1 Write S in the blank before each simple sentence, C before each compound sentence, and R before each run-on sentence.

S The directions are simple and straight-forward.

1. Florida and Georgia are the only southern states I’ve visited, but I’ve been in every state in New England.
2. Skating and skiing are Aaron’s favorite cold weather sports.
3. Turn right at the stop sign go left at the next corner.
4. Six inches of snow are predicted, I’d better find my boots.
5. Both Kuma and Angie enjoy hiking and backpacking.
6. Try it, you’ll like it.
7. Liam had a solo in last year’s concert; he hopes to have one this year, too.
8. Niabi plays both the oboe and the piano and plays them very well.

9. George and Helene can’t agree on a country for their report, but they want to choose one in Eastern Europe.

10. Lately, all of my clothes seem too small.

11. The meal ended with carrot cake and tea.

12. Why do I have to clean my room and the bathroom?

13. I have too many clothes, my closet is stuffed.

14. We went to the reptile house, and later we saw the pachyderms.

15. I always agree with Marta, and Marta always agrees with me.

16. The shelves are filled with books, but I can’t find one I want.

17. Tia can’t come she has to baby-sit.

18. Conserve resources, use them wisely.

19. Please be kind to Amy; she needs a friend right now.

20. Should I take the bus to school, or should I walk?

21. Rain forced cancellation of the game, it is rescheduled for next week.

22. Beth and Ricardo need a ride to the pep rally tomorrow.

23. The storm blew down a tree on our street, but there was no other damage.

24. We have a new system for recycling at home.

25. Don’t use a stapler, use paper clips.

26. Look for Jeff and Dominic in the crowd.

27. Yoko’s aunt lives in California, and her uncle lives in Arizona.

28. A canoe is not as stable as a rowboat, be careful not to tip it.

29. Terry has just moved here, and she doesn’t know very many people.

30. The accident ruined the car, fortunately no one was seriously injured.
Unit 1 Review

Exercise 1 Write **dec.** before each declarative sentence, **int.** before each interrogative sentence, **imp.** before each imperative sentence, and **exc.** before each exclamatory sentence.

**imp.** Button your sweater.

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1. How much memory does that computer have?
2. Tricia, your hair’s on fire!
3. The Lopez family enjoys watching old movies together.
4. How can I get this project done on time?
5. Georgia knows that author.
6. Try to have supper ready at six o’clock.
7. You look elegant!
8. That combination of colors is quite striking.
9. Put out the trash on Wednesday morning.
10. Both soccer and tennis have great teams this year.
11. Get the fire extinguisher!
12. Will you turn out the lights before you go to bed?
13. Turn out the lights before you go to bed.
14. Pull the thorn out before your finger blisters.

Exercise 2 Draw one line under the complete subject and two lines under the complete predicate.

1. Marla’s pet monkey chatters all day long.
2. Enrico’s mom has photos of her trip to South America.
3. The population of the United States is increasing.
4. Do you know how to make snickerdoodles?
5. I am so excited!
6. Larry hid Easter eggs in his neighbor’s backyard.
Exercise 1  Write S next to each simple sentence, C next to each compound sentence, frag. next to each sentence fragment, and R next to each run-on sentence. Draw one line under each simple subject and two lines under each simple predicate in the simple and complex sentences.

Too sweet to be forgotten.

frag.

1. Lucy practices jai alai four hours a day.

2. Mount Fuji, one of the most famous volcanoes in Japan.

3. I played the marimba, and George played guitar.

4. The musty cave housed ancient Mayan carvings.

5. The judge banged the gavel, and a hush fell instantly over the courtroom.

6. The candle cast a dim glow upon the curtain, the scene looked eerie.

7. The success of the demonstration.

8. Max rode Lightning through the stream and up the hill.

9. Shot a few hoops with Jim yesterday.

10. Shovel the walks, please.

11. Díaz and Benny coach a little league team.

12. Josh washed and polished the car.

13. Enlisted in the Coast Guard at eighteen.

14. The sleepy lion with the orange mane.

15. Rain fell for hours the basement flooded.

16. Ivan the Great was the first czar of Russia; however, Ivan the Terrible was more powerful.

17. Sergei’s family is from Moscow.

18. The wolf huffed and puffed.

19. Moved round the cove and next to the cliffs.

20. The job was easy, but the pay was low.
Lesson 7
Nouns: Proper and Common

A noun names a person, place, thing, or idea. A singular noun names one person, place, thing, or idea. A plural noun names more than one. Plural nouns are usually formed by adding -s or -es to the singular noun.

**SINGULAR:** student bench hotel truth
**PLURAL:** students benches hotels truths

A proper noun names a specific person, place, thing, or idea. A common noun names any person, place, thing, or idea.

**PROPER:** Thomas Alvarez Canada Sears Tower the Bronze Age
**COMMON:** man country building age

▶ **Exercise 1** Write sing. in the blank if the italicized word is a singular noun. Write pl. if it is plural.

_____ Juanita suggested that my boys visit the circus.

_____ 1. Circus Royale was the name of the circus that came to town last week.

_____ 2. The opening parade was a great introduction to the event.

_____ 3. The nine elephants were trained by a man named Zingarelli.

_____ 4. One of the best acts was a family of acrobats from Paris.

_____ 5. A juggler managed to juggle eight saucers at once.

_____ 6. A band played marches by Sousa and rags by Joplin.

_____ 7. The ringmaster’s voice was loud enough to be heard without a microphone.

_____ 8. When the wildcat act appeared, the audience applauded with glee.

_____ 9. Besides lions and tigers, a cheetah and a panther were in the act.

_____ 10. After the wildcat act, fourteen clowns emerged from a tiny car.

_____ 11. Do you have any idea how all of them could fit into that tiny car?

_____ 12. Although they used a net, the Flying Greiners were thrilling on the trapeze.

_____ 13. My little sister, Nina, wants to learn to perform on the high wire.
14. However, my favorite act was the magician.

15. I would go to circuses every week if I had the chance.

**Exercise 2** Draw one line under each common noun and two lines under each proper noun.

P.T. Barnum has a name that reminds many people of the circus.

1. He was born in Bethel, Connecticut, as Phineas Taylor Barnum.

2. In 1841, Barnum began to work in New York City, managing the American Museum.

3. Charles Dickens and Edward VII were among those who came to the museum.

4. Charles S. Stratton probably brought in the most money.

5. Only 25 inches tall, Stratton called himself “General Tom Thumb.”

6. In 1871, William Cameron Coup joined Barnum to take the circus on the road.

7. They called it “The Greatest Show on Earth.”

8. The two showmen amazed many government leaders, including Abraham Lincoln and Queen Victoria.

9. During the run of the circus, Barnum served a term as mayor of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

10. After some time in politics, Barnum visited the London Zoo.

11. There, he acquired a large African elephant.

12. The elephant, named Jumbo, weighed over six tons!

13. James A. Bailey, a later partner of Barnum, helped to improve the circus.

14. Before his death in 1891, Barnum hosted many famous people, including Mark Twain.

15. In 1907, after Bailey died, the Ringling Brothers bought the show.

**Writing Link** Write two or three sentences about what job you would like to have in a circus. Include both common and proper nouns.

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Lesson 8
Nouns: Concrete, Abstract, and Collective

Concrete nouns name things that you can recognize with your senses.

Abstract nouns name ideas, qualities, or feelings.

A collective noun gives a single name to a group of individuals. When referring to a group as a unit, the noun is singular. When referring to the individual members of the group, the noun is plural.

The mob was waiting at the door for the store to open. (a unit, singular)
The panel are discussing the issues with each other. (individual members, plural)

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Exercise 1 Write in the blank concrete or abstract to identify the type of noun in italics.

abstract

The boys had great sympathy for Juan’s situation.

1. Why did Sharon begin playing the tuba?
2. The entire house was decorated with excellent taste.
3. Barry’s adoration for his grandmother brought her much joy.
4. The hissing of the radiator distracted him.
5. The barbershop quartet rehearsed in the cafeteria.
6. The spectators saw the entire production on a huge monitor.
7. Cleanliness is important to my mother.
8. If anyone has a better idea, I’ll support it.
9. Dad enjoyed listening to music on his new car CD player.
10. My friend brought some oranges back from Florida.
11. The success of the recycling program depended on everyone’s cooperation.
12. Margit’s new bedspread is very colorful.
13. It took courage to sing the solo in front of so many people.
14. Aside from one baby, the audience was extremely quiet.
15. Bella showed great ability for solving logic problems.

Exercise 2  Draw two lines under the verb that agrees with the collective noun subject.

The band (is, are) polishing their instruments before the competition.
1. A new committee (has been, have been) formed to plan the field trip.
2. The team (selects, select) their officers by secret ballot.
3. The Audubon Society (promote, promotes) the conservation of wild birds.
4. The audience (is, are) aware that they were lucky to get tickets.
5. Because it is fed only once daily, the flock (eats, eat) very fast.
6. The trio (performs, perform) at many local festivities.
7. My family (begin, begins) the holiday at six o’clock.
8. The jury (is, are) all members of the community.
9. The team (has, have) an awards banquet at the end of the regular season.
10. A panel of judges (presides, preside) over the Supreme Court.
11. Although it is small, our orchestra (is, are) well rehearsed.
12. The school club (provides, provide) assistance to local charities.
13. The committee (disagrees, disagree) with each other about proper procedure.
14. Outside my bedroom window, the swarm of bees (buzzes, buzz) loudly.
15. The matinee audience (is, are) usually smaller than the evening crowd.

Writing Link  Write a short paragraph about selecting officers for a club to which you belong. Use examples of concrete, abstract, and collective nouns.
Lesson 9
Nouns: Compound and Possessive

**Compound nouns** are nouns that are made up of two or more words. To form a plural of a compound noun written as one word, add -s or -es. Add -es to words ending in ch, sh, s, x, and z. When the compound noun is hyphenated or written as more than one word, make the most important part of the noun plural.

doorknobs  mailboxes  great-grandmothers  dining rooms  sisters-in-law

A **possessive** noun names who or what owns or has something. To form the possessive for all singular nouns and for plural nouns not ending in -s, add an apostrophe and an -s. To form the possessive of all plural nouns already ending in -s, add only an apostrophe.

a girl’s coat  Hans’s job  children’s voices  boys’ shoes  bakeries’ cakes

**Exercise 1** Write in the blank the correct plural form of the compound noun in parentheses.

_________________________  During the holidays, we visit both of my (grandmother).

1. The (teardrop) fell from her check as she sobbed.

2. (Moonbeam) cut through the trees of the forest.

3. After school, we hurled (snowball) at our friends.

4. (Earthworm) improve the soil in our garden.

5. At the end of the contest, the (runner-up) collected their awards.

6. This Olympics is filled with (record holder).

7. My Aunt Minya collects (nutcracker).

8. Before bedtime, Carla’s father reads her two (nursery rhyme).

9. Our family tradition calls for all (mother-in-law) to bake a pie at Thanksgiving.

10. Just before sunrise, the (morning star) twinkle beautifully.

11. (Lighthouse) protect the coastline of Maine.

12. The (lifeguard) at the amusement park do a noble job.
Exercise 2 Write in the blank the possessive form of the noun in italics.

Ann’s calculator was missing from her bookbag.


2. Sonja was surprised by her son interests.

3. Charles new bike sparkled in the sun.

4. The class projects exceeded the teacher’s expectations.

5. My part-time job fits most students needs.

6. Her science project name was “Food Production Without Soil.”

7. For the poster, we clipped words and pictures from my mother magazines.

8. Fresh vegetables flavor often exceeds that of canned ones.

9. Many countries goals include less crime.

10. The animals habitats are quickly being destroyed.

11. A crop yield can supply hundreds with food.

12. Marta Evans hobbies include skiing and dancing.

13. Some believe that the atmosphere ozone layer is disappearing.

14. The two teachers classes all followed the same theme.

15. The football team hopes were dashed in the playoffs.

Writing Link Write a short paragraph about a favorite leisure activity. Be sure to include compound and possessive nouns (both singular and plural).
Lesson 10
Nouns: Distinguishing Plurals, Possessives, and Contractions

Some plural nouns and possessive nouns sound alike, but their spellings and meanings differ.

The farmers harvested the corn. (plural noun)
The farmers’ harvests were plentiful. (plural possessive noun)
The farmer’s harvest is finished. (singular possessive noun)

A contraction is a word made by combining two words into one by leaving out one or more letters and adding an apostrophe.

Katarina’s homework is perfect. (possessive)
Katarina’s preparing for the test. (contraction of Katarina is)

Exercise 1 Write possessive, contraction, or plural to identify the type of noun in italics.

possessive

The Old West’s method of delivering mail was the Pony Express.

1. The Pony Express’s name comes from the mail carriers riding ponies.

2. The service’s route stretched between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California.

3. The Pony Express was around in the early 1860s.

4. Senator William H. Russell’s freighting firm funded the Pony Express.

5. Russell’s better known than Senator William Gwin, the man who helped him.

6. The mail prices once cost five dollars for a one-half-ounce letter.

7. However, the costs soon dropped to only one dollar.

8. The rider’s equipment included a special mailbag and sometimes a weapon.

9. Some famous Pony Express riders included historical figures like “Buffalo Bill” Cody.

10. Another of the Express’s famous riders was “Pony Bob” Haslam.

11. It was amazing the way the riders could change horses so quickly.
12. As a result, the Pony Express’s average speed was two hundred miles per day.

13. Although they faced many troubles, few riders were seriously hurt.

14. After the transcontinental telegraph opened, the Pony Express shut down in two days.

15. The Pony Express—that’s the basis for the modern American postal system.

**Exercise 2** Underline the noun in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

(Telephones, telephone’s) have changed greatly over the past few years.

1. Speaker (phones, phone’s) are already commonplace in some American homes.

2. The cellular (phones, phone’s) mobility is very convenient.

3. Many (satellites, satellite’s) have replaced familiar phone lines.

4. Satellite communication eliminates many (delays, delay’s).

5. New (horizons, horizon’s) are upon us as we enter the twenty-first century.

6. Telephones that include video (images, image’s) are already being perfected.

7. These (videophones, videophone’s) may soon become standard communication.

8. Many (computers, computer’s) regulate the phone lines.

9. Business (executives, executives’) travels are simplified with this technology.

10. Can you imagine the (problems, problem’s) people used to have with the old phones?

11. Now salespeople can show their (products, products’) on television.

12. Then, (payments, payment’s) can be completed over the phone.

13. A regular telephone (visits, visit’s) a good cure for loneliness.

14. Taking place over phone lines, online data (services, service’s) connect people across the world.

15. Soon, most people will have access to all (types, type’s) of communication.

16. A (persons, person’s) going to be amazed at all the new possibilities.
Lesson 11
Appositives

An appositive is a noun placed next to another noun to identify it or add information about it.

My brother, Jean, will accompany me to the boat.

An appositive phrase is a group of words that includes an appositive and other words that describe the appositive. Many appositives are set off by commas.

Raji Pabijan, a distinguished geologist, will speak at the Science Club meeting.

Exercise 1 Underline each appositive or appositive phrase.

Connie, my neighbor, waters her yard every day.

1. Trucks, large and small cargo carriers, come in all colors.
2. A toy poodle, the smallest house dog, makes an excellent pet.
3. Jerry, my uncle from Wisconsin, took me to the Packers’ game.
4. Macy’s, a large department store, is centered in New York.
5. In that movie I had a job as an extra, an actor in a group scene.
6. The bald eagle, our national bird, soared above the trees.
7. Flying a Spitfire, a plane used in World War II, was once my grandfather’s job.
8. Benito Grasselli, a friend of mine, is a professional artist.
9. Ken and Joyce, Ken’s wife, are business partners.
10. Min, the leader of our club, had the final decision.
11. I finished the hole with a birdie, only two strokes.
12. Michelle, the more experienced of the two, was promoted over Janil.
13. I would love a bright red Porsche, a sports car.
14. The car, a battered green sedan, was parked in the driveway.
15. I invited Dale, my friend from Washington, to have breakfast.
16. Camelot was defended by King Arthur’s court, the knights of the Round Table.
17. The pyramid of Khufu, the Great Pyramid, loomed over the explorers.
18. Carla and Ramón, the writers of the school play, came on stage to take a bow.

19. The Special Olympics, an international program, supports physical fitness for mentally or physically challenged athletes.

20. An excellent librarian, my grandma worked in a library all her life.

Exercise 2 Underline each appositive or appositive phrase. Add commas.

Kayley, my dog, is a mixture of German shepherd and collie.

1. Alice visited Dave her second cousin.

2. That car the green Ford belongs to my grandmother.

3. The oak a slow-growing tree is highly prized for lumber.

4. The nylon tent a new model sleeps six.

5. She drives a foreign car a Japanese model.

6. He saw Jack Miller the well-known painter before he came home.

7. Mrs. Hernandez our principal is new to our school.

8. Jogging a vigorous exercise is good for one’s circulation.

9. Carl’s son, Tomás, is nine years old.

10. Penicillin an antibiotic is used to treat bacterial infections.

11. Annette the tallest girl in school plays center on the basketball team.

12. The chainsaw an old one broke.

13. Have you met Mrs. Fernandez our substitute teacher?

14. Kareem the new boy at school sings very well.

15. We always look forward to Thanksgiving dinner a wonderful meal.

16. The house a log cabin had a green door.

17. Vegetables the leafy kind make excellent contributions to the diet.

18. Trigger a palomino was Roy Rogers’ horse.


20. A talented man my father was often asked to play the piano at parties.
Unit 2 Review

Exercise 1 Write in the blank plural, possessive, contraction, or appositive to identify the word in italics.

________ 1. The children laughed at the monkeys in the cage.
________ 2. The Newmans’ vacation was last month.
________ 3. Sheila’s on her way to the skating rink.
________ 4. Molly, my friend, wants to borrow my bicycle.
________ 5. After the dance, Helmut’s leaving for Rome.
________ 6. Do you know if the cat’s come back?
________ 7. Conestogas were the famous wagons of the western trails.
________ 8. Give it to Jake, the butler.
________ 9. All the mechanic’s tools were missing.
________ 10. John lost his baseball, a souvenir.
________ 11. Rosita married my cousin Harry.
________ 12. Jimmy’s not home.
________ 13. The scene was crowded with ambulances and workers.
________ 14. Rover’s not the smartest dog who ever lived.
________ 15. The bright lights of the midway attracted every child in town.
________ 16. Is there a beginner’s position available?
________ 17. His father’s name is Amahl.
________ 18. Marta, a petite woman, could wear her daughter’s clothes.
________ 19. The waves from the large boats disturbed the swimmers.
________ 20. Can you see this from a teacher’s point of view?
Exercise 1  Draw a vertical line between the complete subject and the complete predicate. Underline the nouns in the complete subject and circle the nouns in the complete predicate.

2. The class toured the new factory.
3. The kitchen, filled with pots and pans, sparkled.
4. At the campground, the counselors split the children into four groups.
5. The computer in my father’s office can do some amazing tricks.
6. My boss asked the employees to work extra hours.
7. The writer of the play is a complete genius.
8. The uncomfortable family waited patiently in the lobby.
9. Who is going to the theater with us?
10. Andy removed the magazine from the office.
11. The Lin family enjoyed a holiday at the Grand Canyon.
12. The history test is on Thursday.
13. Grandma was shocked to be in the Queen’s ceremony.
14. Honda has plants all over the world.
15. Uncle Miller’s prize pig won the contest at the fair.
16. The store is on the corner of Pearl Street and Maple Lane.
17. *Air Force One* is reserved for the president.
18. Those radishes are as large as turnips!
19. The actors argued with the director over the scene.
20. Luis bought a new set of paintbrushes from the hobby shop.
Lesson 12
Action Verbs

An action verb is a word that names an action and tells what a subject does. It may contain more than one word. Action verbs can express physical actions or mental actions.

She kicks the ball. (physical action) She likes piano lessons. (mental action)

Have, has, and had are often used before verbs. They can also be used by themselves as action verbs when they name what the subject owns or holds.

The sports arena has 20,000 seats. Our coaches had a new playbook.
The opponents have blue uniforms. We have played this team before.

Exercise 1 Draw two lines under each action verb. Write physical or mental in the blank to indicate whether the verb expresses physical action or mental action.

 physical Many athletes successfully represented the United States in the modern Olympics.

 physical 1. African American Jesse Owens broke world records in track and field events.

 physical 2. Owens attended The Ohio State University.

 physical 3. At a 1935 event in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Owens broke three world records.

 physical 4. Many people consider Owens the greatest track-and-field athlete ever.

 physical 5. Owens won four gold medals at the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin, Germany.


 physical 7. Owens wore the victor’s oak leaf crown during the presentation ceremony.

 physical 8. Owens later gave many speeches about values and moral principles.

 physical 9. Another African American athlete captured the world’s attention in the 1960 Italy games.
10. Cassius Clay boxed his way to the light heavyweight gold medal.

11. Clay later changed his name to Muhammad Ali.

12. Ali gained the title of heavyweight champion of the world four years later.

13. Other Americans in the 1960 Olympics challenged their opponents, too.

14. Wilma Rudolph dazzled the crowds in the track-and-field competition.

15. Rudolph ran for gold medals in the 100- and 200-meter track events.

16. Al Oerter, an American discus thrower, dominated his event from 1956 to 1968.

17. Oerter claimed four gold medals for his accomplishments.

18. During practice in 1964, Oerter ripped the cartilage from his rib cage.

19. In bandages and ice packs, he competed despite his injury.

20. He threw for another Olympic record and his third straight gold medal.

21. That same year, American swimmer Dawn Fraser clocked an Olympic record in the 100-meter event.

22. Eight years later, American swimmer Mark Spitz achieved additional recognition for the United States.

23. In Mexico City four years earlier, Spitz had promised himself six gold medals.

24. However, he won only two medals.

25. For the next four years, Spitz pushed himself to the limit.


27. This time he promised nothing.

28. He remembered the disappointment of the Mexico City games.

29. In Munich, he beat all previous times in four individual events.

30. Spitz also teamed with three other Americans in three relay races.

31. They all earned gold medals.

32. In total, Spitz won seven gold medals in a single Olympics.
Lesson 13
Verbs: Transitive and Intransitive

Depending on its use in a particular sentence, an action verb can be either transitive or intransitive. A transitive verb is followed by a word or words called the direct object that answers the question what? or whom? An intransitive verb is an action verb that does not have a direct object.

TRANSITIVE: Shawn painted landscapes and portraits. (Landscapes and portraits make up the compound direct object that answers the question what? Shawn painted.)

INTRANSITIVE: Shawn painted beautifully. (There is no direct object answering the question what? or whom? Shawn painted.)

Exercise 1 Draw two lines under each action verb. Draw one line under each direct object. In the blank, write T if the verb is transitive or I if the verb is intransitive.

T   Aaron painted his house white.

1. Hiroko plays softball and tennis every summer.

2. The pigeon drank water from the muddy puddle.

3. The eagle soared higher and higher in the sky.

4. The stern judge gave a harsh sentence to the defendant.

5. The happy baby wore a toothless grin.

6. New Zealand lies about 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) southeast of Australia.

7. City council meets once a week.

8. Maria prepares dinner for the family.

9. The artist paints colorful, geometric designs.

10. The news reporter lifted her eyebrows in disbelief.

11. The news of war shocked the nation and the world.

12. The timid man muttered under his breath.

13. Most dinosaurs resembled birds in their leg and foot structure.

14. The assistant coach made a suggestion.

15. The buffalo herd stampeded across the prairie.
16. Mr. Armstrong bragged about his five children. 
17. The magician pulled a bird out of his sleeve. 
18. The proud peacock displayed its feathers. 
19. The dental technician cleaned teeth with expertise. 
20. The sad clown wiped his eyes with an oversized handkerchief. 
21. The small airplane landed safely in the snowstorm. 
22. Alma poured syrup over her waffle. 
23. Bette Davis won two Academy Awards for best actress in the 1930s. 
24. Most diamond crystals have eight sides. 
25. The giant octopus lives in the Pacific Ocean. 
27. The skillful waitress carried four plates of food to the table. 
28. Latoya lit a candle after the power outage. 
29. The ball dropped in Times Square on New Year’s Eve. 
30. The rugged trail wound over hills and through a thick forest. 
31. The comedian amused everyone in the audience. 
32. The elevator stopped on the tenth floor. 
33. The friendly dog barked happily. 
34. The chess champion challenged her rival to another match. 
35. The choir sang holiday songs. 
36. In 1980, Mount St. Helens erupted in a huge blast. 
37. The drummer played a drum solo. 
38. Fred studied science and history in study hall. 
39. Water flooded the basement after the downpour. 
40. The boy grumbled about his responsibility to take out the garbage. 
41. To Neal’s dismay, the teacher assigned homework over the weekend. 
42. The canoe floated peacefully in the large pond.
Lesson 14
Verbs with Indirect Objects

In addition to a direct object, an indirect object may follow an action verb. An indirect object answers the question to whom? or for whom? an action is done.

The doctor gives the patient some medicine. (To whom did the doctor give medicine?)
Mario reserved us a seat. (For whom did Mario reserve a seat?)

The indirect object always comes between the verb and the direct object. To determine if a word is an indirect object, put the preposition to or for in front of it, and change its position in the sentence. If it is an indirect object, the sentence will still make sense.

I gave Jo a game. (Jo is the indirect object before the direct object, game.)
I gave a game to Jo. (To determine whether it is an indirect object, Jo can be placed behind the preposition to and the sentence still makes sense.)

Exercise 1 Write in the blank whether the word in italics is a DO (direct object) or an IO (indirect object).

IO Mrs. Cruz made her children lunch.

DO 1. The electrician installed the light fixture.

IO 2. The eager student showed the teacher her latest poem.

DO 3. The game show host asked the contestants difficult questions.

IO 4. Alice explained the movie plot to Troy.

DO 5. The young girl could not describe her feelings.

IO 6. Fluffy white clouds covered the sky.

DO 7. Alex sent his teacher a get-well card.

IO 8. The roller coaster gave me an upset stomach.

DO 9. The voters elected a newcomer to office.

IO 10. The seamstress carefully stitched the hem of the dress.

DO 11. The coach brought the team a healthful snack.

IO 12. The assistant gave his boss some phone messages.
13. Jason bought his *grandmother* stationery for her birthday.


15. We fed our *cat* leftover turkey.

16. The junior high teacher graded *papers* at night.

17. The gourmet chef tasted her new *entree*.

18. Mitsuyo’s father saved *us* seats at the baseball game.

19. Eric took his brother’s *advice*.

20. The slugger hit the *ball* out of the park.

**Exercise 2** Draw two lines under each action verb and one line under each indirect object.

Jason brought his mother his report card.

1. The catcher threw the pitcher a new ball.

2. The football punter kicked the ball to the other team.

3. The Book Club president brewed coffee for the members.

4. The company sent its employees holiday bonuses.

5. The curious toddler pulled the puppy’s ears.

6. The clerk sold the customers three computers.

7. The noisy dog disturbed the quiet neighborhood.

8. The conductor praised the violin players.

9. The firefighters showed the students the procedure for putting out a fire.

10. Jamaal showed his friends his baseball card collection.

11. The school board president presented Superintendent Stover a plaque at his retirement banquet.

12. The pediatrician gave the boy a flu shot.

13. Raul’s mother made him a chocolate milkshake.

14. The earthquake shook our house.

15. Jeff threw his dog the Frisbee.

16. Jessica’s friends gave her a bridal shower before her wedding.
Lesson 15
Linking Verbs and Predicate Words

A linking verb connects the subject of a sentence with a word in the predicate that identifies or describes the subject. *To be* in all its forms is the most common linking verb.

George Washington *was* a general. (The linking verb *was* links *general* to the subject, *George Washington*.)

The computer *will be* useful. (The linking verb *will be* links *useful* to the subject, *computer*.)

**COMMON LINKING VERBS**

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Exercise 1  Draw two lines under each verb. Place a check (✔) in the blank next to each sentence that contains a linking verb.

✔ Niagara Falls looks breathtaking.

1. Niagara Falls is a most spectacular natural wonder!

2. The water plunges over a cliff in two separate waterfalls.

3. The American Falls lies within the United States.

4. Its home state is New York.

5. The Horseshoe Falls lies within Canada.

6. Ontario is its home province.

7. The Niagara River is the source of both of these waterfalls.

8. This river becomes part of the border between the United States and Canada.

9. It carries the overflow from four of the Great Lakes.

10. Niagara Falls is about halfway between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.

11. Goat Island separates the Horseshoe Falls and the American Falls.

12. A huge amount of water roars over the cliffs every second.

13. Eighty-five percent of the water flows over the Horseshoe Falls.

14. The water supply seems unending.
15. Niagara Falls is a great source of power.
16. The water moves through hydroelectric power plants downstream.
17. The Robert Moses power plant is a facility on the American side of the river.
18. Two Sir Adam Beck power plants are Canadian.
19. The falls provides electricity for many nearby industries.
20. The name Niagara is an old Iroquois word.
21. The actual word was onguiaahra, “the strait.”
22. The waterfalls formed about twelve thousand years ago.
23. Lake Erie overflowed with water from a great ice sheet.
24. This overflow became the Niagara River.
25. The river flowed over a high cliff.
26. The water gouged a deep gorge at the bottom of the cliffs.
27. The gorge remains deep.
28. The gorge grows larger and larger over time.
29. In fact, it reaches about seven miles beyond Niagara Falls.
30. Nearly three miles below Niagara Falls, the Whirlpool Rapids begin.
31. The rushing water erodes the underlying rock layers.
32. Over time, the violent current carved a round basin out of the rock.
33. The Cave of the Winds exists behind the American Falls.
34. It formed under a shelf of hard limestone.
35. The formation of such a cave seems very interesting.
36. Hard, thick limestone layers cover softer layers of limestone, sandstone, and shale.
37. Water erodes the softer under layers first.
38. Because of this, the hard top layers soon extend beyond the other layers in certain places.
A linking verb connects the subject of a sentence with a noun or an adjective in the predicate. A **predicate noun** follows a linking verb and tells what the subject is. A **predicate adjective** follows a linking verb and describes what the subject is like. Predicate nouns or predicate adjectives may be compound.

Lance is my **brother** and my best **friend**. (compound predicate noun)

He is **loyal** and **trustworthy**. (compound predicate adjective)

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**Exercise 2**

Draw two lines under each verb. Write **PN** above each predicate noun and **PA** above each predicate adjective. Not all sentences contain a PN or PA.

- **PN**
  - A trip to Niagara Falls is a treat.

- **PA**
  1. The air grows misty near the waterfalls.
  2. You feel the mist on your face.
  3. A thunderous noise greets visitors upon their arrival.
  4. The never-ending din is horrific.
  5. Tourists seem awestruck by the environment.
  6. At night, wide beams of colorful lights look beautiful on the cascades of water.
  7. Each year about ten million people visit Niagara Falls.
  8. Recreational parks remain areas of enjoyment near the falls.
  9. Visitors seldom grow weary of the beautiful sights of the area.
  10. Many hotels and gift shops look successful.
  11. Tourism is big business at Niagara Falls.
  12. Many industries also operate close by.
  13. Some people feel angry about the nearby businesses and industries.
  14. To them, businesses ruin the area’s scenic beauty.
  15. Steamers are the transportation for the tourists.
16. The steamers, all called *The Maid of the Mist*, stay close to the base of the falls.

17. Some people on the steamers get wet from the falls’ foam and mist.

18. The water smells extremely musty.

19. Also, the thunderous water sounds especially loud.

20. However, the view from the steamers is spectacular.

21. Some people are afraid of the fierce water.

22. Such sites as Prospect Point, Table Rock, and Terrapin Point seem safer.

23. From these areas, rainbows are arches of beauty in the mist.

24. Rainbow Bridge spans the gorge below Niagara Falls.

**Writing Link**  Write a paragraph using linking verbs, predicate nouns, and predicate adjectives to describe a tour you might lead as a guide for a travel agency.
Lesson 16
Verb Tenses: Present, Past, and Future

The tense of a verb tells when an action takes place.

The present tense of a verb names an action that is happening now or happens regularly. It can also express a general truth.

In the present tense of a verb, the base form of the verb is used with all subjects except singular nouns and he, she, or it. When the subject is a singular noun or he, she, or it, -s or -es is added to the verb.

Lou hears the airplane overhead. (happening now)
I speak to my uncle once a week. (happens regularly)
The president serves a four-year term. (expresses a general truth)

The past tense of a verb names an action that already happened. The past tense of many verbs is formed by adding -ed to the base form of the verb.

The teacher graded papers yesterday.

The future tense of a verb names an action that will take place in the future. In the future tense the word will is used before the verb. Sometimes shall is used when the pronoun I or we is the subject.

They will see the play tomorrow night. We shall be late.

Exercise 1 Draw two lines under each verb. Write its tense, present, past, or future, in the blank.

____ present ______ Winter officially starts in December.

____ 1. John Steinbeck earned the 1962 Nobel Prize in literature.

____ 2. Squirrels gather nuts every autumn in preparation for winter.

____ 3. Carlos will play second base in tomorrow’s game.

____ 4. Wilma fielded the ball very well in yesterday’s game.

____ 5. Polar bears often wander into populated areas in Canada.

____ 6. Great brown bears weigh up to 1,540 pounds (700 kilograms).

____ 7. Canada contains one third of the world’s supply of fresh water.

____ 8. Mai visited her relatives in Vietnam two years ago.

____ 9. Na and his uncle will travel to the United States next year.
10. During the holidays, people enjoy family traditions.

11. Jared carved the turkey last Thanksgiving.

12. Sally lists her resolutions every New Year’s Day.

13. The choir will visit the retirement home next week.

14. The plant-eating stegosaurus lived many years ago.

15. Mrs. Johnson will test her students tomorrow.

16. The pilot carefully landed the airplane during the storm last night.

17. The craters on the moon look like dark spots.

18. The running back scored four touchdowns in our last game.

19. Aunt Rosa will walk at least one mile a day.

20. The bus stops at Lincoln and Reed once every hour.

21. Lawanda plays with her baby brother every night before bedtime.

22. The stock market crashed in October of 1929.

23. The puppy followed its master everywhere.

24. Our country will elect a new leader.

25. My grandparents remember the old radio dramas.

26. Laura’s great-grandmother lived in Europe during World War II.

27. Alkas often talks about her after-school job.


29. Last night our dog destroyed the throw pillows on our couch.

30. Americans vote for a president every four years.

**Exercise 2** Write in the blank the tense of the verb as indicated in parentheses.

Kurt ______ will absorb ______ himself in each new project. (absorb, future)

1. The student council ______ communication between teachers and students. (help, present)

2. Who ______ in your home in ten years? (live, future)

3. The president ______ to Europe in one month. (travel, future)
4. The continent of Europe \textit{borders} Asia. \textit{(border, present)}

5. Mrs. Samuels \textit{attends} a Book Club meeting every Tuesday. \textit{(attend, present)}

6. Bruno \textit{will help} his brother with his homework. \textit{(help, future)}

7. The frisky puppy \textit{chased} the ball when I threw it. \textit{(chase, past)}

8. The sick baby \textit{coughs} a lot at night. \textit{(cough, present)}

9. The school newspaper always \textit{lists} the students on the honor roll. \textit{(list, present)}

10. When she was a child, Mrs. Nguyen \textit{wanted} to go to college. \textit{(want, past)}

11. The letter \textit{triggered} fond memories of last summer. \textit{(trigger, past)}

12. The garden \textit{will flourish} in Grandpa’s capable hands. \textit{(flourish, future)}

13. Every day after school, Lindsay \textit{gulps} down a glass of milk. \textit{(gulp, present)}

14. Barney \textit{fetches} sticks only for his master. \textit{(fetch, present)}

15. We \textit{jiggled} the lock, but it still would not work. \textit{(jiggle, past)}

16. The leaves \textit{swirl} busily in the fall breeze. \textit{(swirl, present)}

17. Bryce \textit{will imitate} various politicians in the variety show. \textit{(imitate, future)}

18. The old cloth quickly \textit{absorbed} the child’s spilled milk. \textit{(absorb, past)}

19. They \textit{wedge} the door open with this piece of wood. \textit{(wedge, present)}

20. The tiny spring \textit{trickles} merrily. \textit{(trickle, present)}

21. The crowd \textit{gasped} in surprise. \textit{(gasp, past)}

22. On Sunday they \textit{will dedicate} the new organ. \textit{(dedicate, future)}

23. The committee \textit{will vary} the evening’s music. \textit{(vary, future)}

24. Anna \textit{accomplishes} most of her work in the morning. \textit{(accomplish, present)}

25. The young pianist \textit{trembled} as he began his performance. \textit{(tremble, past)}

26. The couple \textit{strolls} through the mall each evening. \textit{(stroll, present)}

27. Storms often \textit{delay} one’s travel plans. \textit{(delay, present)}

28. The strong clap of thunder \textit{jolted} the campers awake. \textit{(jolt, past)}
29. The kindergartener ________________ his coat by himself. (fasten, past)
30. The two sides ________________ to accomplish the task. (unite, future)
31. Kelly ________________ to the senior citizen center every Monday after school. (go, present)
32. The Broadway singer ________________ her first solo. (remember, past)
33. Tomorrow we ________________ the solar eclipse. (watch, future)
34. Bears ________________ in the winter. (hibernate, present)
35. Our cat Taboo ________________ a mourning dove in our backyard. (stalk, past)
36. The computer ________________ repair. (need, past)
37. We ________________ around the block every evening after dinner. (walk, present)
38. Margo ________________ the test when she returns to school. (take, future)
39. Emilio ________________ the dishes whenever his parents work late. (do, present)
40. I ________________ to knit from my grandmother. (learn, past)

►Writing Link  Write a paragraph sharing something about your past, your present, and your hopes for the future. Use the past, present, and future tenses of verbs.

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Lesson 17
Main Verbs and Helping Verbs

Verbs have four principal parts that are used to form all tenses.

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A helping verb helps the main verb tell about an action or make a statement. A verb phrase consists of one or more helping verbs followed by a main verb.

The girl is calling her parents. (*is* is the helping verb, and the present participle *calling* is the main verb. Together they form a verb phrase.)

The most common helping verbs are *be*, *have*, and *do*. Forms of the helping verb *be* include *am*, *is*, and *are* in the present and *was* and *were* in the past. They combine with the present participle of the main verb. Forms of the helping verb *have* include *have* and *has* in the present and *had* in the past. They combine with the past participle form of a verb.

We have explored this cave. (*Have* is the helping verb, and the past participle *explored* is the main verb. Together they form a verb phrase.)

Exercise 1
Draw two lines under each participle. Write in the blank whether it is a *pres. part.* (present participle) or a *past part.* (past participle).

**pres. part.** The sailor is anchoring the sailboat.

__________ 1. Every year my aunts have shopped together on the day after Thanksgiving.

__________ 2. Wars have claimed countless lives throughout history.

__________ 3. Advancements in telecommunication technology are enhancing our daily lives.

__________ 4. Has your father called the bank about your savings account?

__________ 5. Usually by April, the winter’s snow has melted.

__________ 6. On the far side of the lake, the two are fishing at their favorite spot.

__________ 7. The set of instructions with the kit was confusing to everyone.

__________ 8. The sculptor has molded the clay into a bud vase.
9. The special weather report had advised viewers against unnecessary travel.

10. As a special project for school, I am interviewing our state representative.

11. The carpenters were altering our house plans unnecessarily.

12. The Quick Lunch Deli is catering the dinner next Saturday.

13. Fran had apologized for her tardiness.

14. The car’s fan belt has squealed several times before.

15. The special invitation was requesting our presence at the gala affair.

16. Because of bad weather, the program has been postponed indefinitely.

17. Our close family friends are inviting us to their lakeside cabin.

18. In the final scene of the film, the horse and rider were fading into the sunset.

19. While in Florida, we had plucked grapefruit right from the tree.

20. I am currently residing in an apartment in New York City.

21. Feng Ying was preparing the food for the banquet.

22. We have looked everywhere for the missing pen.

23. They had already discovered the rust spot on the car.

24. I am looking forward to my grandma’s visit.

25. The fish were becoming ill from the dirty water.

**Exercise 2** Draw two lines under the correct form of the helping verb in parentheses.

The children (was, were) playing on the swingset.

1. The school (had, have) changed very little over the years.

2. Sue (was, were) looking at the beautiful rainbow.

3. The bird (is, are) soaring over the purple mountains.

4. The determined team (was, had) practicing for two hours each night.

5. Environmentalists (were, have) urged people to recycle.

6. The owl (were, was) looking for a place to nest in the abandoned barn.
7. The cat (was, had) spied a plump mouse scurrying across the floor.
8. The home owner (was, were) thinking about tearing down the old garage.
9. The cattle (had, were) grazing contentedly in the field.
10. The excited children (were, had) watched their favorite movie.
11. The snow (is, has) stopped coming down.
12. The colorful fruit salad (were, was) chilling in the refrigerator.
13. The whole school (has, is) depending on us.
14. The heat wave (had, was) making people miserable.
15. The funny clown (is, were) performing with the touring circus.
16. Last year Hilda (is, had) wished for a new gerbil.
17. The crab (was, have) crawling across the hot sand.
18. The starfish (is, had) washed up on the seashore.
19. The lifeguard (was, has) shielding her eyes from the sun.
20. The children (had, were) picked up seashells in the morning.
21. My dad (was, had) finishing the spaghetti when Mom asked for more.
22. The city council member (was, had) advocated new lights for our streets.
23. The Drama Club (was, had) meeting in the auditorium.
24. We (are, have) waiting for the pep rally to begin.
25. Our best soccer player (was, has) wounded his knee.

Exercise 3  Draw two lines under the correct form of the helping verb in parentheses and two lines under each participle to complete each verb phrase. Write in the blank whether the participle is a pres. part. (present participle) or a past part. (past participle).

pres. part. The soft music (was, had) relaxing to me.

__________ 1. Surfers (are, was) riding the waves with abandon.
__________ 2. Vincent (was, has) putting on his new shoes for the first time.
__________ 3. The train (have, had) derailed late last night.
__________ 4. The helicopter (were, is) hovering over the accident.
__________ 5. The movie (were, has) played for eight weeks.
6. The car (has, was) moving very slowly up the hill.
7. The grasshopper (has, is) hopping energetically through the field.
8. After lunch, the chef (was, are) preparing for dinner.
9. The actress (has, is) learned all her lines for the play.
10. The nervous speaker (are, was) stumbling over his words.
11. The lion (has, is) pacing back and forth in his cage.
12. The truck’s headlights (were, had) scared the deer.
13. The elevator (are, has) stopped at the tenth floor.
14. Industrial pollution (has, is) caused acid rain in some areas.
15. Oil spills (have, are) happened all around the world.
16. Scientists (are, have) studied dinosaurs for more than 160 years.
17. My dad (had, was) disguised himself well.
18. The early American settlers (were, had) struggled to survive.
19. The Vikings (is, had) landed on American shores hundreds of years before other Europeans.
20. During the basketball game, some parents (were, have) selling popcorn.

**Writing Link** Write a paragraph about going to a music store with a friend. Use main verbs and helping verbs with both present and past participles.
Lesson 18
Progressive Forms: Present and Past

The **present progressive form** of a verb names an action or condition that is continuing in the present. The present progressive form of a verb consists of the present form of the helping verb *be* and the present participle of the main verb.

**PRESENT PROGRESSIVE FORM**

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The **past progressive form** of a verb names an action or condition that was continuing for some time in the past. The past progressive form of a verb consists of the past form of the helping verb *be* and the present participle of the main verb.

**PAST PROGRESSIVE FORM**

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**Exercise 1** Write the present progressive (pres. prog.) form or past progressive (past prog.) form of the verb given in parentheses.

Historians are discovering more about the exploration of the New World.
*(discover, pres. prog.)*

1. Native Americans lived in the Americas for many years before Christopher Columbus arrived. *(live, past prog.)*
2. They dwelled in well-established civilizations. *(dwell, past prog.)*
3. Native Americans migrated from Asia. *(migrate, past prog.)*
4. Many Native Americans died from diseases brought from Europe. *(die, past prog.)*
5. Columbus sailed on behalf of the Spanish rulers. *(sail, past prog.)*
6. He hoped to chart a new course to Asia. *(hope, past prog.)*
7. Researchers are studying Columbus’s early voyages. *(study, pres. prog.)*
8. Other countries __________________________ voyages to the New World. (make, past prog.)
9. The English __________________________ to the mid-Atlantic coast. (travel, past prog.)
10. The French __________________________ in the Northeast. (settle, past prog.)
11. In the late 1400s, rulers and merchants __________________________ more and more traveling expeditions. (finance, past prog.)
12. They __________________________ for increased trade and riches. (hope, past prog.)
13. The spice trade in Asia __________________________ profitable. (become, past prog.)
14. Columbus’s ships __________________________ gold, spices, birds, and plants. (carry, past prog.)
15. These early explorers __________________________ some attention. (receive, present prog.)

Exercise 2 If the verb in parentheses is in the present tense, write its present progressive form in the blank. If the verb is in the past tense, write its past progressive form.

were claiming  
Spanish explorers (claimed) lands in North, Central, and South America in the early 1500s.

1. Amerigo Vespucci (claimed) he arrived in mainland America before Columbus.

2. A German mapmaker (decided) to name America after this Italian explorer.

3. Most historians (dismiss) Amerigo Vespucci’s claim.

4. Juan Ponce de León, a Spaniard, also (explored) the New World.

5. In 1493, he (sailed) on Christopher Columbus’s second voyage.

6. Ponce de León (founded) a Spanish settlement in Puerto Rico in 1508.

7. He (governed) the island for three years.

8. He (learned) about the legendary Fountain of Youth from the Native Americans.

9. The explorer, with an expedition, (searched) for it.

10. He (discovered) other lands, including present-day Florida, during his search.
Lesson 19
Perfect Tenses: Present and Past

The present perfect tense of a verb names an action that happened some time in the past. It also names an action that happened in the past and is still happening now. The present perfect tense consists of the helping verb have or has and the past participle of the main verb.

PRESENT PERFECT TENSE
SINGULAR
I have traveled.
You have traveled.
He, she or it has traveled.
PLURAL
We have traveled.
You have traveled.
They have traveled.

The past perfect tense of a verb names an action that happened before another event or action in the past. The past perfect tense of a verb consists of the helping verb had and the past participle of the main verb.

I had traveled.
You had traveled.
They had traveled.

Exercise 1 Write in the blank the present perfect tense of the verb in parentheses.

Some students [have missed] school because of the weather. (miss)
1. The townspeople [prepare] for the cold winter. (prepare)
2. Thousands [purchase] new snow shovels. (purchase)
3. E & Z Salting [check] all of its salt trucks. (check)
4. Many families [install] their storm windows. (install)
5. Some car owners [acquire] chains for their tires. (acquire)
6. Parents [retrieve] boxes of warm winter clothing from storage. (retrieve)
7. Children [ask] for new snow sleds. (ask)
8. The weather reporter [warn] people about frostbite. (warn)
9. Many people [wish] for a mild winter. (wish)
10. Even the squirrels [prepare] for winter. (prepare)
11. They [gather] an assortment of nuts. (gather)
12. Many animals’ coats [thicken] in preparation for a cold winter. (thicken)
13. Many of the birds [travel] south already. (travel)
14. Some, such as cardinals, ___________ for the winter. (remain)
15. My dog ___________ to stay inside more than usual. (like)
16. My brother always ___________ the cold weather. (enjoy)
17. He ___________ big forts out of snow. (construct)
18. He ___________ snow into big balls to make snowmen. (roll)
19. My parents ___________ an old hat for the snowman. (provide)
20. My father ___________ wood for my grandmother’s fireplace. (collect)

**Exercise 2** Write in the blank the past perfect tense of the verb in parentheses.

My baby sister ___________ her first winter. (experience)
1. Everyone ___________ for an early spring. (hope)
2. The frigid winter ___________ people to stay indoors. (cause)
3. The snowstorms ___________ the bus service for a few days. (stop)
4. Driving in so much snow ___________ in many accidents. (result)
5. Only a small amount of the ice below the snow ___________. (melt)
6. The snowplows ___________ only the main streets. (reach)
7. By the time we shoveled our walk, six inches of new snow ___________. (arrive)
8. Authorities ___________ school for two days in a row. (cancel)
9. Ice and extremely cold temperatures ___________ power lines to snap. (cause)
10. At one point, the mayor ___________ an emergency town meeting. (call)
11. Some families ___________ in with relatives. (move)
12. I ___________ very few people exercising outside. (notice)
13. People were worried because the snow ___________ for three days. (continue)
14. Truck drivers ___________ their routes because they could not travel through the snow-filled city streets. (alter)
15. People ___________ that they needed to stock up on supplies. (realize)
Lesson 20
Irregular Verbs I

The irregular verbs below are grouped according to the way their past form and past participle are formed.

### IRREGULAR VERBS

**PATTERN**
One vowel changes to form the past and the past participle.

**BASE FORM**
begin
sing
spring
swim
bring
catch
feel
get
keep
lead
leave
lose
make
pay
say
seek
sit
think
win

**PAST FORM**
began
sang
sprang or sprung
swam
brought
caught
felt
got
kept
led
left
lost
made
paid
said
sought
sat
thought
won

**PAST PARTICIPLE**
begun
sung
sprung
swum
brought
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got or gotten
kept
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### Exercise 1
Write in the blank the past tense or the past participle of the verb in parentheses.

Several recent presidents have _________ a lasting impression on the American public. (make)

1. Before his presidency, John F. Kennedy had ________ involved in World War II as an officer in the United States Navy. (get)

2. He _________ recognition for saving a disabled sailor after their PT boat was destroyed. (win)

3. Despite an injured back, he _________ safely to shore towing the crewman. (swim)
4. As president, Kennedy __________ to put the first man on the moon. (seek)
5. He __________ that it was important to accomplish this before the Soviet Union did. (feel)
6. Kennedy __________ that the goal was to reach the moon before the end of the 1960s. (say)
7. The United States __________ Kennedy to an assassin’s bullet in 1963. (lose)
8. The Soviet Union __________ ahead of the United States space program. (keep)
9. However, the Americans finally __________ up with the Soviet Union in the “space race.” (catch)
10. In 1969, the United States astronauts __________ it to the moon. (make)
11. Neil Armstrong was the first person who __________ his footprints on the moon. (leave)
12. Many Americans have __________ praises of Kennedy for inspiring this event. (sing)
13. After Kennedy’s death, Lyndon Johnson __________ the country. (lead)
14. Johnson __________ the 1964 election with 61 percent of the popular vote. (win)
15. President Johnson __________ a “War on Poverty.” (begin)
16. He __________ increased U.S. involvement in Vietnam. (seek)
17. Some Americans have __________ that Johnson was wrong to send so many troops. (think)
18. Many think we __________ a dear price in Vietnam. (pay)
19. The war also __________ unhappiness and unrest at home. (bring)
20. Partially provoked by the Vietnam war, public demonstrations __________ up during the 1960s. (spring)
22. After Johnson, Richard M. Nixon __________ in the Oval Office. (sit)
23. Nixon __________ his campaign focused on traditional values. (keep)
24. He __________ to make diplomatic trips to China. (seek)
Lesson 21
Irregular Verbs II

The following irregular verbs are grouped according to the way their past form and past participle are formed.

**IRREGULAR VERBS**

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Exercise 1 Write in the blank the past tense or the past participle of the verb in parentheses.

Have you _______ worn ______ your new skirt yet? (wear)

1. I have _______________ the same movie seven times. (see)
2. Yoko has _______________ in several cross-country races. (run)
3. Steven _______________ three inches in only one year! (grow)
4. The Adams have _______________ to the state park four times this summer.
   (drive)
5. The little girl _______________ the black licorice. (choose)
6. Chris has _______________ his red remote-controlled car to his best friend. (give)
7. The gold and red leaves have _______________ from the tree. (fall)
8. The autumn wind _______________ the newspaper across the lawn. (blow)
9. The foul ball _______________ the window of a nearby car. (break)
10. The woman had never _______________ such happiness. (know)
11. The pitcher has _______________ too many slow pitches. (throw)
12. The geese _______________ in an orderly V-shaped formation. (fly)
13. The spider has _______________ into the corner. (go)
14. Then she _______________ home plate. (steal)
15. Ms. Mazurik _______________ upset during her phone call. (become)
16. My goldfish has _______________ the plastic plant in its bowl. (bite)
17. Have you _______________? (eat)
18. I have _______________ happy with my grades these last few weeks. (am)
19. What has she _______________ to earn that award? (do)
20. The experienced pilot has _______________ many different kinds of planes. (fly)
21. The catcher _______________ the ball to second base. (throw)
22. I already _______________ lunch. (eat)
23. The neighbor’s dog _______________ the tail of a stray cat. (bite)
24. The presidential candidate has _______________ a running mate. (choose)
25. Diana’s parents have ________________ to the principal. (speak)
26. Omar ________________ in second in the spelling bee. (come)
27. The sun ________________ slowly above the horizon. (rise)
28. Have you ________________ on the biggest roller coaster in the park? (ride)
29. The puppy ________________ the toddlers pet him. (let)
30. This is the second pair of jeans I have ________________ in a month. (tear)
31. Our class has ________________ to members of Congress. (write)
32. Leonardo Da Vinci has ________________ many scientific illustrations. (draw)
33. I ________________ through the green and white frosting of the birthday cake. (cut)
34. President Harry S. Truman ________________ up in Independence, Missouri. (grow)
35. Esteban ________________ gloves when he shoveled the sidewalk. (wear)
36. Helen’s family ________________ to Washington, D.C. (go)
37. The baserunner had already ________________ third base. (steal)
38. I have not ________________ that new comedy. (see)
39. Michael has ________________ five books out of the library. (take)
40. I ________________ the constellation Orion in last night’s sky. (see)

**Exercise 2** Underline the verb in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

I (falled, fell) from my bicycle yesterday.

1. My English teacher has (spoked, spoken) to me about revising my paper.
2. I have (did, done) that puzzle before!
3. I have never (saw, seen) such lovely flowers!
4. Has your shoelace (tore, torn)?
5. Tina’s mom (drove, drove) her to tennis practice.
6. The Bexley Lions have (were, been) on a winning streak.
7. Judy (come, came) to the conclusion that she needed a part-time job.
8. The robins have (flew, flown) south for the winter.
9. My dad (cut, cutted) the apple pie into eight pieces.

10. My brother has (grew, grown) two inches in the last year.

11. Rosita (rose, risen) this morning at 7:00 A.M.

12. The squirrels have (ate, eaten) the birds’ food.

13. Carlos and Dimitri have (went, gone) to the museum every weekend this month.

14. My thoughtful aunt has (brung, brought) us the sports page.

15. Isaiah (threw, throwed) the dirty towel into the hamper.

16. Dave (breaked, broke) his tooth when he fell off his bike.

17. My mother has (chose, chosen) a new career.

18. Kirsten and I (blowed, blew) up balloons.

19. Why has she (let, letted) him borrow so many CDs?

20. The coach (gave, given) her players a pep talk at halftime.

Writing Link  Write a paragraph about what you did after school one day this week. Use at least four past forms and four past participles from the list on page 97.
Unit 3 Review

Exercise 1  Draw two lines under each verb. In the blank, write transitive, intransitive, or linking to identify the kind of verb. Write PN above each predicate noun and PA above each predicate adjective.

 linking  
The principal appeared calm.

_________  1. Several mice lived behind the wall.

_________  2. All of the jackets were brown.

_________  3. I discovered a box of macaroni and cheese in the pantry.

_________  4. The largest dog gave the others the food.

_________  5. The people seemed very grateful for the help.

_________  6. My cat chased some mice away.

_________  7. The painting was an orange and white watercolor.

_________  8. The goose hissed loudly.

_________  9. The skater lost her skates.

_________  10. The singer gave the guitar to her manager.

Exercise 2  Draw two lines under each verb or verb phrase. In the blank, write the tense or form of the verb: present, past, future, present perfect, past perfect, present progressive, or past progressive.

 past  

_________ My father gave me my allowance.

_________  1. We will attend the city council meeting tonight.

_________  2. Congress is suggesting a new tax.

_________  3. We played volleyball in gym class.

_________  4. Students were complaining about the football team’s defeat.

_________  5. The teacher had asked for more work.

_________  6. This has become the best event of the summer.
Exercise 1  Draw one line under each complete subject and two lines under each complete predicate. Above each noun, write prop. for proper or com. for common.

com. prop. My family has toured Europe.

1. Dr. Drew, famous for his work during World War II, organized blood banks for the Red Cross.

2. My uncle was a soldier in Vietnam.

3. Her collection of baseball cards is in the closet.

4. We attended a band concert at Roosevelt Junior High.

5. Riverview Hospital employs students as aides.

6. Vivian and I listen to the radio every Sunday.

7. Hiroshi and his family visited Mount Rushmore, near Rapid City, South Dakota.

8. Mario drove with his dad in their old Toyota to the Kenwood Mall.

9. Our class, with the help of Mrs. Bluth, an outside specialist, studied Shakespeare and put on skits.

Exercise 2  Draw two lines under each verb or verb phrase. In the blank, write the tense or form of the verb: present, past, future, present perfect, past perfect, present progressive, or past progressive.

present perfect Who has given food items to the needy?

1. We are celebrating the last day of school.

2. Scientists use highly technical equipment.

3. I will read more about world history.

4. I was waiting for a spot on the team.

5. Dale had given the teacher his homework assignment.

6. Ahmik played tennis in a summer league.
A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun or a group of nouns.

A personal pronoun replaces the subject or object in a sentence. It refers to a specific person or thing and can be singular or plural. A subject pronoun is used as the subject of a sentence. An object pronoun is used as the object of a verb or of a preposition.

He enjoys the movie. They enjoy the movie. (used as the subject)
Tara opened the book and read it. (used as the object of a verb)
David gave the tickets to us. (used as the object of a preposition)

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Exercise 1 Write in the blank the personal pronoun that replaces the word or phrase in parentheses.

He (Walt Disney) was one of the most famous motion picture producers in history.

1. (Walt Disney) may be best known for creating Mickey Mouse.

2. However, (Disney) had many other achievements during his lifetime.

3. Some of (the achievements) include creating the first cartoon with sound.

4. (Cartoon characters) made Disney famous around the world.

5. Along with his partner, (Disney) brought to life characters such as Donald Duck, Goofy, and Pluto.

6. (The Disney studio) also makes feature-length animated movies.

7. (Disney) is credited with the first feature-length animated movie.

8. (That animated film) was called Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
9. Many other successful movies followed (that one).

10. (Some of the successful films) were *Dumbo, Pinocchio, Fantasia,* and *Bambi.*

11. In the 1950s, (Disney and his partners) began to make films with live actors, too.

12. *Treasure Island* and *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* were some of (the films).

13. (Audiences) loved the musical *Mary Poppins* in 1964.

14. (Mary Poppins) was a nanny who could fly.

15. All children seem to love (Mary Poppins).

16. However, (Disney’s work) was not limited to films.

17. (Disney) also developed programs for television.

18. (*The Mickey Mouse Club*) entertained many children who watched it on television.

19. *The Mickey Mouse Club* was also a success for (Disney).

20. (Two large amusement parks) also bear Disney’s name.

**Exercise 2** Write in the blank the personal pronoun that replaces the italicized word or phrase. Also, write *subj.* (subject) or *obj.* (object) to identify its usage.

1. *Filmmakers* found that animals were easier to draw than people.

2. *Animators* give the illusion of life and movement to drawings, cartoons, and other objects.

3. Hand-drawn pictures are only a small part of *animating.*

4. Most of *today’s animated movies* include sound and many special effects.

5. Computers help animators give life to *cartoons and other objects.*

6. Animated characters’ movements should look smooth to *the people watching.*

7. To achieve smoothness, *animators* create one drawing for each frame of film.

8. A single word said by *a little girl in a cartoon* may take as many as eight drawings.
Lesson 23
Pronouns and Antecedents

The noun or group of words to which a pronoun refers is called its antecedent. A pronoun must agree in number and gender with its antecedent.

**Sue** went to the store. **She** bought some fruits and vegetables. (*Sue* is the antecedent of *she*.)

The antecedent must be clear.

Todd looks like his father. He is an optometrist. (unclear)
Todd looks like his father. His father is an optometrist. (clear)
They sell many used cars at the dealership. (unclear)
The dealership sells many used cars. (clear)

**Exercise 1** Write the correct pronoun in each blank. Then, draw an arrow to its antecedent. Be sure the pronoun agrees in number and gender with the antecedent.

Jane and Carla went to the store. ________ left soon after I did.

1. Kim looked as though she had seen a ghost. __________ must have been very scared.
2. We ran into Tim at the mall. __________ was in a hurry.
3. I saw the car accident. __________ seemed to happen in slow motion.
4. Our tour guide showed us his favorite sights. __________ took us to many great places.
5. The potholes in the road made our trip a bumpy ride. __________ made the car shake.
6. Olivia gave the book to Steve. __________ gave __________ to __________ as a present.
7. The wrestlers are on a winning streak. Fans love to watch __________.
8. The mud was thick everywhere. __________ made football practice hazardous.
9. Sumi, Richard, and I reached the top quickly. __________ were out of breath.
10. We read Aesop’s fable “The Lion and the Mouse.” __________ was amusing.
11. My little brother left when he saw the spiders. ________ is afraid of ________.

12. Antonio ran for class treasurer. ________ won easily.

13. We walked carefully to avoid the broken glass. Pieces of ________ were everywhere.

14. I looked everywhere for Sarah. ________ was nowhere to be found.

15. Frank and I rode our bikes after school. ________ were home before dark.

16. Jerod knocked over the paint cans. Then ________ picked ________ up.

17. We had lima beans for dinner. I didn’t eat any because I don’t like ________.

18. Ahmed mowed lawns last summer. ________ earned enough money to buy a bike.

19. Pat and Mariko walked to the movie. ________ were tired when they got home.

20. Dad spoke to James and me about the mess. He told ________ to clean it up.

21. The choir recital lasted more than three hours. ________ had two intermissions.

22. Kangaroos are interesting. ________ nourish their young in pouches.

23. Ben and Scott joined Benito and me for a set of tennis. ________ beat ________ by two games.

24. Melanie was injured in a bicycle accident. ________ broke her wrist.

25. Our campground was hidden behind many trees. ________ was difficult to find.

26. Alberto and I joined the science club. ________ go every Friday after school.

27. The noises outside bothered Jill. ________ made sleep difficult for ________.

28. Graham moved here from New Zealand. ________ and his family adjusted well.

29. Claire plays the piano and the trumpet. ________ plays ________ equally well.

30. Yvonne is interested in medicine. ________ wants to be a doctor someday.
Subject pronouns (*I, you, he, she, it, we, you, they*) are used in compound subjects.

**She** and Larry planned to sing a duet.

In formal writing and speech, use a subject pronoun after a linking verb.

The owner of that jacket is **she**.

Object pronouns (*me, you, him, her, it, us, you, them*) are used in compound objects.

Mother told Carmen and **me** to wear our jackets.

An object pronoun should also be used as the object of a preposition.

Eric asked someone to ride with **him**.

**Exercise 1** Underline the pronoun in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

He and (I, me) played checkers.

1. Inali lent his skateboard to (I, me).
2. Should Erica and (I, me) meet you and (her, she)?
3. Stacy and (her, she) are making the scenery for the play.
4. The teacher told Nancy and (I, me) to work together.
5. I used to baby-sit for Jane and (he, him).
6. Brad and (I, me) packed our suitcases for vacation.
7. I met Joel and (he, him) in the library.
8. Uncle Jack brought gifts for Katrina and (I, me).
9. The winner of the poetry contest was (her, she).
10. Daniel’s pen pal sent a letter to (he, him).
11. Would you like a photograph of (her, she)?
12. We spoke to (he, him) after class.
13. After we became peer counselors, anyone with a problem came to (we, us).
14. Jordan lent his bike helmets to Marty and (I, me).
15. Chad and (I, me) were not invited to the party.
16. Let’s keep this just between you and (I, me).
17. The little boy is named after (he, him).
18. Phil and (me, I) tried to climb over the fence.
19. My cuts felt better after my dad put bandages on (them, they).
20. Math interests (us, we) more than science.

Exercise 2 Underline the pronoun in parentheses that best completes each sentence. In the blank, write O for object or S for subject to identify the correct form.

0. The magician performed for the sixth graders and (us, we).

1. Max and (he, him) shared a chocolate malt.
2. Mr. Baird showed Kari and (her, she) how to do the experiment.
3. The music was too loud for Erin and (I, me).
4. Meagan and (I, me) usually rode the bus.
5. The team complained that the opponents didn’t shake hands with (they, them).
6. (Us, We) and Hiroko did a report on the Civil War.
7. My brother helped Joe and (I, me) with our homework.
8. Jessie was grateful for the help I gave (her, she).
9. I trust my brother Tim, and I often confide in (he, him).
10. The biggest roller coaster in the park was the favorite one for (us, we).
11. Both he and (I, me) are eligible for the prize.
12. The day was too rainy for (us, we) to go outside.
13. Dad told David and (I, me) that he would take us fishing Saturday.
14. (He, him) and Tom went to the swim meet together.
15. The computer class is easy for Andy and (her, she).
16. (Them, They) and Yoko roasted marshmallows over the fire.
Lesson 25
Pronouns: Possessive and Indefinite

A **possessive pronoun** shows who or what has something. Possessive pronouns replace possessive nouns. They may come before a noun or may be used alone.

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Tara’s teacher was Mrs. Rodriguez. **Her** teacher was Mrs. Rodriguez.
The book was Sara’s. The book was **hers**.

**Exercise 1** Underline each possessive pronoun.

Tell them not to wear **their** hats inside.

1. Her diary was ruined when she dropped it in the mud.
2. Chad wants a video game like **hers**.
3. Are these our baseballs or theirs?
4. My drawing won an award in the contest.
5. The keys on the table are **yours**.
6. Our favorite place to drive is in the country.
7. The dog wagged its tail at dinnertime.
8. Here is **your** hockey stick.
9. My brother lost his wallet at the football game.
10. Our goal was to help the children learn to ice skate.
11. Your sweater looks just like **mine**.
12. Because their match was in another city, the soccer players took a bus.
13. The orthodontist put braces on **my** teeth.
14. Did you bring your radio along?
15. Miguel has been my friend since his family moved here three years ago.
An **indefinite pronoun** does not refer to a particular person, place, or thing. Some indefinite pronouns are singular, some are plural, and some can be either singular or plural. The indefinite pronouns *all, any, most, none,* and *some* can be singular or plural, depending on the sentence.

Is **anyone** coming to the party? A **few** of the boys are coming. **All** of the sheet music is here. **All** are attending the show.

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► **Exercise 2** Draw one line under the indefinite pronoun in each sentence. Draw two lines under the correct verb in parentheses.

1. All of the computers in the lab *(are, is)* working.
2. Some of the students *(make, makes)* no effort to pay attention.
3. Everyone *(run, runs)* when the coach blows her whistle.
4. Both *(worry, worries)* that the levy won’t pass.
5. Most of the students *(pass, passes)* the tests easily.
7. One *(get, gets)* goose bumps thinking about that scary movie.
8. Someone *(turn, turns)* off the television at bedtime.
9. All of the archaeologist’s discoveries *(are, is)* fascinating.
10. Many *(know, knows)* about the ride of Paul Revere.
11. Each of the picture frames *(were, was)* cracked.
12. Both of the girls *(talk, talks)* about careers in pharmacy.
13. If others *(were, was)* as helpful as Pedro, there would be no problem.
14. Everybody *(agree, agrees)* that Margo did the right thing.
15. No one *(are, is)* as dedicated as Sandra.
16. Several of the teachers *(are, is)* planning a field trip.

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Lesson 26
Pronouns: Reflexive and Intensive

A reflexive pronoun refers to a noun or another pronoun and indicates that the same person or thing is involved. A reflexive pronoun is formed by adding -self or -selves to certain personal and possessive pronouns.

**REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS**

Singular: myself yourself himself herself itself

Plural: ourselves yourselves themselves

George bought **himself** a birthday present.

An intensive pronoun adds emphasis to a noun or pronoun that has already been named.

You **yourself** can understand how I feel.

**Exercise 1** Underline the reflexive or intensive pronoun in each sentence. Draw an arrow to the noun or pronoun it refers to.

Deep-sea divers dive to observe sea life, which **itself** can be fascinating.

1. Deep-sea divers must take measures to protect themselves under water.
2. Divers wear wet suits to protect themselves from the cold of the deep water.
3. If you were a diver, you would buy **yourself** a JIM suit or a helmet.
4. The JIM suit **itself** contains a breathing apparatus to help divers breathe.
5. This type of suit allows divers to lower **themselves** to a depth of 2,000 feet.
6. Helmets are needed for extra weight when **themselves** do not need to move around much.
7. If swimming in strong ocean currents, you would need weight to keep **yourself** down.
8. You would also need help to keep **yourself** breathing.
9. Divers use external air supplies to enable **themselves** to breathe under water.
10. A diver must supply himself or herself with a mixture of oxygen and different gases.

11. Divers must also protect themselves against decompression sickness, or “the bends.”

12. This illness manifests itself with joint pain, and it can be fatal.

13. The bends occurs when divers raise themselves to the top too quickly.

14. Divers must time themselves to be sure they rise at the right speed.

Exercise 2 Fill in the blank with the correct intensive or reflexive pronoun.

One book that Rachel Carson herself wrote was called Silent Spring.

1. One person who made herself a career based on the sea was Rachel Carson.

2. Carson didn’t see the ocean for herself until after college.

3. However, the sea itself fascinated Carson at a young age.

4. She earned a degree for herself in marine zoology from Johns Hopkins University in 1932.

5. In that era, there were few jobs for scientists themselves and even fewer for women scientists.

6. Carson found work for herself as a writer for a radio show about the sea.

7. Later she became an aquatic biologist with the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries, no small feat in itself.

8. A conflict between science and writing resolved itself when she realized she could do both.


10. In 1949 Carson herself was finally able to visit the deep.

11. Carson put on a diver’s helmet and explored the reefs of the Florida Keys for herself.

12. Her later life was marked with conservation efforts that we ourselves can learn from.
Lesson 27
Pronouns: Interrogative

An **interrogative pronoun** is used to introduce an interrogative sentence.

*Who* and *whom* refer to people. *Which* and *what* refer to things. *Whose* shows possession.

**Who** will bring Andreas to the dance?  **To whom** should the check be made payable?

**Which** of the poems is your favorite?  **What** is the best way to study for the test?

**Whose** is that?

(Do not confuse *whose* with *who’s*, the contraction for *who is*.)

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**Exercise 1** Underline the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

(Which, What) of these medicines is the best remedy for a cold?

1. (Who, Whom) is the girl in the blue dress?
2. (Whose, Who’s) is this?
3. (What, Which) is the name of the team in red?
4. (Who, Whom) likes to play pinball at the arcade?
5. For (who, whom) does Sheila make those cookies?
6. (Which, Who) is the story about the future of the planet?
7. With (who, whom) does your brother work?
8. To (who, whom) does Marcus send letters?
9. (What, Which) of the names did you choose for the puppy?
10. (What, Which) does your mom like to play on the guitar?
11. (Who, Whom) has completed the assignment?
12. (Which, What) of the cars is in the driveway?
13. (Who’s, Whom) can you see on the stage?
14. (Who, Whom) is the highest ranking official in the United States?
15. To (who, whom) did Jay lend his video game?
16. (Which, What) are you doing after school today?
17. (What, Who) is the answer to his question?
18. (Who, Whom) do you trust?
19. (Which, What) of the recipes did your mom use?
20. (What, Which) did you think of his speech?

**Exercise 2** Fill in the blank with the correct interrogative pronoun.

Who is your favorite musical performer?

1. _________ should we do about the broken vase?
2. To _________ were you talking when I saw you in the hall?
3. _________ of those instruments is yours?
4. _________ is playing football after school?
5. _________ can I help you do?
6. _________ do you call when you need advice?
7. _________ are his chances of winning the race?
8. _________ of those snakes is poisonous?
9. _____________ is the language that the people of Borneo speak?
10. _________ of your new shirts will you wear to the recital?
11. _________ wrote the novel *Little Women*?
12. _________ did you decide to do for the science project?
13. _________ is going to make the brownies for the bake sale?
14. _________ does an archaeologist do?
15. To _________ did you deliver the messages?
16. _________ of the computers did you use in the lab?
17. _________ remembered to pick up the pizza?
18. _____________ did Winona photograph for the school paper?
19. _____________ is the most difficult subject for you?
20. From _________ did you get that bracelet?
**Unit 4 Review**

**Exercise 1** Underline the pronoun in each sentence. Write *poss.* (possessive), *per.* (personal), *ref.* (reflexive), *int.* (intensive), *ind.* (indefinite), or *inter.* (interrogative) to indicate the type of pronoun.

- **inter.** Whom did Cristina ask to the dance?
- 1. She and Jason finished the race at the same time.
- 2. Jerry was proud of himself for achieving the goal.
- 3. To whom is the letter addressed?
- 4. Ellen fastened her seat belt before Gordon left.
- 5. Anyone interested in the stars can be in the Astronomy Club.
- 6. The speech was interesting to Ahmed and me.
- 7. The members of the rescue team did not consider themselves heroes after finding the lost girl.
- 8. Which is the song Beth chose to sing?
- 9. Only Congress itself can declare war.
- 10. The doctor told Aunt Carol to take better care of herself.
- 11. Each of the students has done a report on the book.
- 12. Jeanette often does errands for her grandmother.
- 13. Whose is that CD?
- 14. Wendy and I played in the soccer tournament.
- 15. Most of the students rode in the parade.
- 16. Who found the stray dog?
- 17. Everyone knows the story “Little Red Riding Hood.”
- 18. The argument was between Kevin and him.
- 19. Your part in the play is a large role.
- 20. Akia bought himself the book to celebrate.
**Exercise 1** Draw a vertical line between the subject and predicate in each sentence. In the blank, write whether the verb is in the present, past, future, present perfect, or past perfect.

1. **present perfect**  
   William has written many letters to me.

2.  
   1. Kim will go to the bus stop in a few minutes.

3.  
   2. The dogs barked loudly at the stranger.

4.  
   3. The young girl in the front booth ate cole slaw and two hamburgers.

5.  
   4. I have seen that movie several times.

6.  
   5. Ray presents the awards at the banquet.

7.  
   6. I had waited for Ty for two hours.

8.  
   7. Zach will join the Debate Club when he is old enough.

9.  
   8. The pencils and notebooks are in my backpack.

10.  
    9. Fred and Joan had been good friends in fifth grade.

11.  
    10. They have gone away for the weekend.

**Exercise 2** Underline the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

(Saturdays, Saturday’s) game was his best ever.

1. (Keats, Keats’s) poetry inspired him.

2. The army is engaged in the (nations, nation’s) battle.

3. The (childrens, children’s) favorite sport was soccer.

4. The portrait looked nothing like Dan and (he, him).

5. I made dinner for Jake and (them, they).

6. The (choirs, choir’s) performance got a standing ovation.

7. (Who’s, Whose) going to play this video game?

8. (Us, We) and Aunt Lydia will stay for the entire show.
Unit 5: Adjectives and Adverbs

Lesson 28
Adjectives

An adjective is a word that provides information about the size, shape, color, texture, feeling, sound, smell, number, or condition of a noun or a pronoun. Most adjectives come before the words they modify.

Bright sunlight bathed the sandy beach.

A predicate adjective always follows a linking verb. It modifies the subject of the sentence.

Movies are popular throughout Europe and America.

The present participle and past participle forms of verbs are often used as adjectives and predicate adjectives. A present participle is formed by adding -ing to a verb. A past participle is usually formed by adding -ed to a verb.

The sound of a thunderstorm is frightening. (present participle)
The varied shapes of pasta do not alter its taste. (past participle)

Exercise 1  Underline each adjective.

The beautiful city of St. Petersburg was founded in 1703.

1. St. Petersburg is famous for its architecture.
2. Architects were brought from the West to design elegant palaces.
3. Peter the Great wanted a magnificent city.
4. Impressive St. Petersburg has lush parks and lovely streets.
5. Several leaders after Peter added more features to the city.
6. Elizabeth, the daughter of Peter, built two palaces.
7. Catherine, wife of Peter III, obtained many outstanding pieces of art for the palaces.
8. After the death of Vladimir Lenin in 1924, this fascinating city was renamed Leningrad, but in 1991 the name was changed back to St. Petersburg.
9. Today, it still contains two major museums.
10. Ornate details of the original city grace every corner.
11. Gilded statues decorate the bridges and spacious squares.
12. In the center of square stands a bronze statue of Peter the Great.
13. Now a museum, St. Isaac’s Cathedral has one of the largest domes in the world.
14. The dome is covered with a hundred kilograms of pure gold.
15. It is one of the many sights that make St. Petersburg a glorious city.

Exercise 2  Write *PA* above each predicate adjective and *part.* above each participle.

The first Russian ballet school was opened in thriving St. Petersburg in 1738.

1. Nearly 150 years later, a talented ballet dancer appeared in the same city.
2. Anna Pavlova’s family was poor.
3. Nevertheless, she joined into the famed Imperial School of Ballet in St. Petersburg.
4. Anna’s teachers were famous themselves.
5. In 1899 Anna Pavlova became a respected member of the Imperial Ballet.
6. She seemed eager to improve in her art.
7. She was successful in the lead role in *Giselle*.
8. After several years Pavlova received the desired title of prima ballerina.
9. Her dancing style was classical.
10. While others tried new approaches, she remained faithful to the traditional methods.
11. Pavlova achieved great success in several celebrated tours.
12. Her controlled yet artful movements won her many fans.
13. Her performances were magical to those who had never seen ballet before.
14. A few of Pavlova’s breathtaking performances are still available.
15. You can see them in the enchanting film *The Immortal Swan.*
Lesson 29
Articles and Proper Adjectives

The words *a*, *an*, and *the* make up a special group of adjectives called **articles**. *A* and *an* are called **indefinite articles** because they refer to one of a general group of people, places, things, or ideas. *A* is used before words beginning with a consonant sound. *An* is used before words beginning with a vowel sound.

- a fountain
- a carnival
- a union
- an orchard
- an envelope

*The* is called a **definite article** because it identifies specific people, places, things, or ideas.

*The* pot of gold was discovered at *the* end of *the* rainbow.

**Proper adjectives** are formed from proper nouns. A proper adjective always begins with a capital letter.

Maria practiced **Irish** step dancing on Mondays and **Italian** cooking on Thursdays.

Some proper adjectives are the same as the related proper nouns. Most proper adjectives are formed from proper nouns by adding an ending such as **-an** (German, Moroccan, American, African), **-ian** (Belgian, Indian, Egyptian, Russian), **-ese** (Japanese, Portuguese, Sudanese, Chinese), or **-ish** (Scottish, British, Swedish, English). Some are irregular and should be checked in a dictionary.

**Exercise 1** Write the correct indefinite article for each word or group of words.

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Exercise 2  Rewrite the phrase, changing the italicized words to a proper adjective. Consult a dictionary if necessary.

the economist from Germany  the German economist

1. a rock group from Britain
2. the painting from America
3. a program from Sweden
4. a novel from England
5. a radio from Japan
6. the language from Portugal
7. the song from Ireland
8. ivory statue from Egypt
9. the leather from Morocco
10. the coat from Russia
11. dance from South America
12. a gourd whistle from the Sudan
13. the flower from China
14. the wood from Africa
15. the inventor from Belgium
16. the fabric from India
17. the dessert from Greece
18. the horn from East Africa
19. the skater from Norway
20. the suit from Italy

Writing Link  Write three sentences about your favorite kind of food. Underline each article. Use at least one proper adjective.

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Lesson 30
Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

Adjectives can compare two or more nouns or pronouns. The **comparative form** of an adjective compares two things or people. The **superlative form** of an adjective compares more than two things or people. For most one-syllable and some two-syllable adjectives, -er and -est are added to form the comparative and superlative.

The blue car is **larger** than the red one. (comparative)
The green truck is the **largest** vehicle in the parking lot. (superlative)

Some adjectives form irregular comparatives and superlatives.

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**Exercise 1** Write in the blank the correct form of the adjective in parentheses.

Mount Everest is the world’s [highest] mountain peak. (high)

1. The parrots were [louder] this morning than yesterday. (loud)
2. That is the [smallest] monkey I’ve ever seen. (small)
3. The tree in my front yard is the [tallest] in the neighborhood. (tall)
4. The new well has to be [deeper] than the old one. (deep)
5. The [largest] bell of that kind is in New York City. (large)
6. I think my packages are [heavier] than yours. (heavy)
7. Twyla is taking lessons so that she can be an even [better] actress. (good)
8. That is the [strangest] book in the library. (strange)
9. Don’t open the door any [wider]. (wide)
10. This ceiling is the [lowest] in the entire building. (low)
11. My brother grew six inches last year so now he looks even [thinner]. (thin)
12. We’ll just have to get a much [longer] ladder. (long)
13. Jillian is the _______ writer in the class. (good)
14. The _______ person in our family is Great-Aunt Tillie. (old)
15. Mrs. Bourke said this puzzle is _______ than the last one. (easy)
16. Look for the _______ fruit you can find. (fresh)
17. The team’s record is _______ this year than last. (bad)
18. Krista’s ring cost _______ than Carol’s bracelet. (little)
19. Julia is three years _______ than I am. (young)
20. Try to sand this wood so it is a little bit _______. (smooth)
21. Haven’t we had the _______ weather recently? (odd)
22. Your card expresses _______ sympathy than the others. (much)
23. I’ve grown much _______ in the last few years. (much)
24. Last week I had the _______ fun ever. (much)
25. Get the _______ water you can. (cold)
26. Next time we will buy _______ supplies. (few)
27. This basement is _______ than I’d like it to be. (damp)
28. I have many baseball cards, but Jake has _______. (many)
29. Have you seen Amanda’s _______ haircut of all? (new)
30. Make the lights _______ than this, please. (dim)
31. Don’t you think it is _______ this summer than last? (hot)
32. Rámon has the _______ eyes I’ve ever seen. (brown)
33. Bring me the _______ pencil you have. (sharp)
34. Tonight will be even _______ than last night. (foggy)
35. The very _______ people accomplish the most. (busy)
36. Leonard was _______ than ever after he read the letter. (angry)
37. Ellie’s new dress is the _______ blue I’ve ever seen. (pale)
38. The sidewalk is _______ than when you arrived. (icy)
39. Jim has the _______ sense of humor of anyone I know. (keen)
40. That was the _______ dream I’ve ever had. (bad)
Lesson 31
More Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

The comparative and superlative forms of most one-syllable and some two-syllable adjectives are formed by adding -er and -est to the adjective. However, for most adjectives with two or more syllables the comparative and superlative are formed by adding more and most before the adjective.

Tennis is more popular at my school than field hockey. (comparative) Computer games are the most popular form of entertainment. (superlative)

An adjective of three or more syllables uses less and least to form the negative comparative and superlative.

Do you have any styles that are less traditional? (negative comparative) Eileen is the least traditional member of the family. (negative superlative)

Do not use more, most, less, or least before adjectives that already end with -er or -est. This is called a double comparison and is incorrect.

The smaller instruments have higher pitches. (not more smaller or more higher)

Exercise 1 Write the indicated form of each adjective.

beautiful comparative _more beautiful_
1. likable comparative ________________________________
2. careful superlative ________________________________
3. numerous superlative ________________________________
4. familiar negative comparative ________________________________
5. wonderful comparative ________________________________
6. modern superlative ________________________________
7. dramatic negative superlative ________________________________
8. surprised comparative ________________________________
9. profitable negative superlative ________________________________
10. efficient superlative ________________________________
11. reluctant negative comparative ________________________________
12. helpful comparative ________________________________
13. gracious comparative ____________________________
14. elaborate superlative ____________________________
15. difficult negative superlative ____________________________

**Exercise 2** Write in the blank the correct form of the adjective in parentheses.

Zookeeping sounds like the most enjoyable job a person could have.

(editable)

1. I want to be the most dedicated zookeeper at the city zoo. (dedicated)
2. What could be more rewarding than taking care of animals? (rewarding)
3. Of course, I will need more reliable experience with animals than I have had in the past. (reliable)
4. So far, my most impressive accomplishment has been to hold my dog Pepper long enough to give him a bath. (impressive)
5. I can gain more useful experience than I get with Pepper by caring for my neighbors’ pets. (useful)
6. When I am older, I hope to become the most hard-working assistant Pepper’s veterinarian has ever had. (hard-working)
7. Then I will go to college and become even more knowledgeable. (knowledgeable)
8. Aunt Sara is the most respected zookeeper I know. (respected)
9. She says some animals are more cooperative than others. (cooperative)
10. Some are more playful than others, too. (playful)
11. Her pets at home seem more friendly than the zoo animals. (friendly)
12. They appear to be more comfortable with humans than zoo animals ever can be. (comfortable)
13. My aunt thinks I am more skilled with animals than most students my age. (skilled)
14. She is giving only the most promising students a tour of the zoo. (promising)
15. I don’t know which of us is more excited than the other. (excited)
Lesson 32
Demonstratives

The words this, that, these, and those are called **demonstratives**. They demonstrate, or point out, people, places, or things. This and these point out people or things close by, and that and those point out people or things at a distance. This and that are singular; these and those are plural.

When this, that, these, and those describe nouns, they are **demonstrative adjectives**. Demonstrative adjectives point out something and describe nouns by answering the questions *which one?* or *which ones?* When this, that, these, and those point out something and take the place of nouns, they are **demonstrative pronouns**.

### DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVES
- That piano is too heavy to move.
- Consider buying this bicycle.
- Those mountains are enormous.
- Who can play these games?

### DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS
- That is a beautiful piano.
- This is the world’s best bicycle.
- Those are the Alps.
- Who can play these?

The words here and there should not be used with demonstrative adjectives. The words this, these, that, and those already point out the locations here and there. The object pronoun them should not be used in place of the demonstrative adjective those.

- This ancient rattle is called a sistrum. (not This here ancient rattle)
- Those finger cymbals are the smallest cymbals. (not Them finger cymbals)

### Exercise 1
Underline the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

(This, These) packages need to be delivered today.

1. (Them, Those) shells from Fiji certainly make an interesting collection.
2. Tools like the ones in (this, these) exhibit have been used by people for thousands of years.
3. (Those, These) coins in my hand are Spanish money.
4. (These, These here) speakers provide a clearer sound than the others.
5. (This, That) dessert Akili has in the back of the room is baklava.
6. (Them, Those) seeds will produce lettuce and carrots.
7. Statues like (this here, this) one are made from brass or bronze.
8. (That, This) large gong at the back of the stage makes a deep, rich sound.
9. Flowers like (that, that there) grow in tropical climates.
10. Celebrations like the one in (this, that) picture I am framing are held in Indonesia.
11. (Those, Those there) are bamboo sticks used to make baskets.
12. (That, Those) discovery Ben Franklin made was electricity.
13. (This, These) stores sell sporting goods.
14. (That, Those) instruments will be used in the science experiment.
15. (That, That there) tape contains my favorite music.

▶ Exercise 2 Write adj. in the blank if the demonstrative is an adjective and pro. if the demonstrative is a pronoun.

pro.
These belong to the girl who lives next door.

1. This appears to be the best seat available.
2. Please send me those in the mail.
3. Does anyone know how to bake this cake?
4. You can check that book out of the library tomorrow.
5. That singer is quite talented.
6. Those do not heat as well as some.
7. Take these to the room down the hall.
8. This aisle contains what Susan wants.
9. These tickets are for the concert Tuesday night.
10. Dave hopes that will help us.
11. George and Ivan painted those posters for the athletic banquet.
12. This will surely amuse Hannah’s guest.
13. Those tangerines taste delicious after a spicy meal.
14. Give these to the gentleman in the gray suit.
15. That ship has been docked for three days now.
Lesson 33
Adverbs

An adverb is a word that modifies, or describes, a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

Jennifer smiled broadly at the audience. (modifies verb)
The first-place medal went to a very worthy contestant. (modifies adjective)
The conversation ended rather abruptly. (modifies adverb)

When modifying a verb, an adverb may describe how, when, or where the action is done.

Erin approached Mrs. Binder cautiously. (describes how)
Try to get to school early. (describes when)
Ron and I have looked there. (describes where)

Many adverbs are formed by adding -ly to adjectives. However, not all words that end in -ly are adverbs. The words friendly, lively, kindly, and lonely are usually adjectives. Similarly, not all adverbs end in -ly. The following words are all adverbs that do not end in -ly: afterward, sometimes, later, often, soon, here, there, everywhere, not, fast, hard, long, and straight.

Exercise 1 Underline each adverb.

I went to bed too late last night so now I’m tired.

1. Pedro enthusiastically supported Zach’s bid for student council president.
2. Spend your money wisely.
3. Marissa waited quietly for the play to begin.
4. Lightly underline the words you want to emphasize.
5. Now I want everyone to turn to page 36.
6. After surgery Lu Chan stretched his muscles slowly and painfully.
7. Ada whispered softly so she would not disturb the other people.
8. Will you sit close to me?
9. I am terribly confused about the schedule.
10. This project is finally and completely finished.
11. The sun shone brightly through the thin haze.
12. Look around and see what is different.
13. Sarah was extremely disappointed when she realized she could not go.
14. My horse Buttercup trotted gingerly along the bridle path.
15. It often seems like hard work, but I guess it’s worth it.

**Exercise 2** Draw an arrow from each adverb to the word it modifies.

Do you think we will be received graciously?

1. Mac looked everywhere for his jacket but could not find it.
2. Tom threw the ball fast and hard.
3. Soon it will be time to go to sleep.
4. Dorothy asked her questions firmly but politely.
5. Mimi was extremely exhausted after the mile run on a hot day.
6. The goalie defended forcefully but gracefully.
7. Matt’s parents briefly spoke to his teacher.
8. Though the path was marked for beginning backpackers, it seemed rather steep to us.
9. Rosemarie is very conscientious about everything she does.
10. Who is on the phone now?
11. Stacey was somewhat hesitant at first, but now she is enthusiastic.
12. The president’s press conference seemed unusually short.
13. What did you do next?
14. The volunteer coordinator at the library greeted us cheerfully.
15. Please carry the tray carefully.
Lesson 34
Intensifiers

When modifying a verb, an adverb may give information about when, where, or how the action of a sentence takes place. When describing an adjective or another adverb, an adverb often emphasizes or intensifies the word it modifies. An adverb that emphasizes or intensifies an adjective or adverb is called an intensifier.

This information is rather new so it won’t be in the encyclopedia. Jeff finished just slightly behind Audrey in the two-mile race.

Common intensifiers used to describe adjectives and other adverbs include almost, extremely, just, nearly, practically, quite, rather, really, so, somewhat, such, too, and very.

► Exercise 1  Draw an arrow from each intensifier to the word it modifies.

Barry and Pat were extremely anxious to get the results.

1. I am somewhat unclear about the details.
2. Jorge’s score on that test was nearly perfect.
3. Although I was quite nervous, I appeared calm and collected.
4. The dinner was really delicious.
5. Chico almost always comes to school with Mr. Fernandez.
6. Mrs. Phillips is a very dedicated teacher.
7. That serving is just enough for me.
8. Grandma was rather annoyed with Jason.
9. This crossword puzzle seems too easy.
10. These flowers are so beautiful.
11. Anita is an extremely sound sleeper.
12. Both my parents have to work quite late tonight so I have to watch Tommy.

13. This model airplane takes too much time to put together.

14. I am so proud of you!

15. Those watches are practically indestructible.

16. These directions are very confusing.

17. I think this sweatshirt is too large so I would like to exchange it.

18. My mom is rather tense about her speech, though she has practiced it several times.

19. Can you hear me over such loud noise?

20. Andy grew nearly four inches over the summer.

**Exercise 2** Underline the word that the italicized intensifier modifies. In the blank, identify the underlined word as an *adj.* (adjective) or *adv.* (adverb).

**adv.** I would prefer to proceed *rather* slowly.

_____ 1. Manuel is an *extremely* careful worker.

_____ 2. Katherine’s room is always *somewhat* messy.

_____ 3. Grandpa is *such* a good swimmer.

_____ 4. Perhaps you are being *just* too cautious.

_____ 5. Guitar music can be *very* soothing.

_____ 6. Waverly is a *quite* accomplished chess player.

_____ 7. The disease spread *very* rapidly throughout the school.

_____ 8. The reunion took place *rather* recently.

_____ 9. Mrs. Leal *quite* proudly introduced her family.

_____ 10. Denise *practically* always finishes her homework before dinner.

_____ 11. That’s *just* enough salt; do not add any more.

_____ 12. Pam got a *really* different haircut last week.

_____ 13. Nick and Steve both play tennis *rather* effortlessly.

_____ 14. Hula hoops were *enormously* popular in the 1950s.
Lesson 35
Adverbs: Comparative and Superlative

The **comparative form** of an adverb compares two actions. The **superlative form** of an adverb compares more than two actions. Short adverbs use *-er* as the comparative ending and *-est* as the superlative ending. Long adverbs require the use of *more* or *most*.

The bus is running **later** than usual this morning.
This is the **latest** I have ever arrived at school.
I will try to wait **more patiently**, but it won’t be easy.
Abram attends the club meetings **most frequently**.

Some adverbs form comparatives and superlatives in an irregular manner.

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The words *less* and *least* are used before both short and long adverbs to form the negative comparative and superlative.

Which one is used **less frequently**?
The back room is in use the **least** often.

Do not use *more, most, less,* or *least* before adverbs that already end in *-er* or *-est*.

**Exercise 1** Rewrite the sentence or phrase using the indicated form of the italicized adverb.

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9. came soon  comparative  ________________________

10. went smoothly  superlative  ________________________

11. worked industriously  neg. comparative  ________________________

12. reacted affectionately  neg. superlative  ________________________

13. answered intelligently  neg. superlative  ________________________

14. settled comfortably  neg. comparative  ________________________

15. listened calmly  comparative  ________________________

Exercise 2 Write in the blank the correct form of the adverb in parentheses.

Of the three students, Sondra always arrives _________. (late)

1. Jacob traveled ________________________ than Rachel to attend the reunion. (far)

2. Pasqual reacted ________________________ than Scott. (eagerly)

3. Samantha accepted the criticism ________________________ than Jack. (graciously)

4. Our principal reacted ________________________ of all. (favorably)

5. Which of the employees progressed ________________________ towards her goal? (far)

6. Jenny performed ________________________ today than yesterday. (well)

7. Of Miami, Orlando, and Tallahassee, Miami is the ________________________ south. (far)

8. Mr. Aravjo follows the stock market ________________________ than my dad does. (closely)

9. Jonathan finished his homework ________________________ than usual yesterday. (early)

10. Which of these four low-priced cars performed ________________________ in the tests? (badly)

Writing Link Write a paragraph comparing two sports. Use comparative adverbs.

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Lesson 36
Using Adverbs and Adjectives

Adverbs and adjectives are often confused, especially when they are used after verbs. Use a **predicate adjective** after a linking verb (such as *be*, *seem*, *appear*, or *become*) to describe the subject of the sentence. Use an **adverb** to describe an action verb.

The winner seemed **breathless** as she crossed the finish line. (predicate adjective)
She collapsed **breathlessly** when the race was over. (adverb)

*Good, bad, well,* and *badly* are often used incorrectly. *Good* and *bad* are adjectives; use them after linking verbs. *Well* and *badly* are adverbs; use them to describe action verbs. *Well* may also be used as an adjective when describing someone’s health.

Sean and Lila should be **good** after so much practice. (predicate adjective)
The weather was **bad** when we left. (predicate adjective)
Katie sang **well** today even though she has a cold. (adverb)
The number of absentees **badly** affected the band’s performance. (adverb)

**Exercise 1** Underline the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

Philo Taylor Farnsworth was an **(unusual, unusually)** high school student.

1. He worked **(careful, carefully)** on an idea for a new invention.

2. He thought pictures could be sent **(easy, easily)** through the air like sound.

3. Philo was **(eager, eagerly)** to learn more so he attended the University of Utah.

4. However, after his father died, he dropped out of school and searched **(quick, quickly)** for a job.

5. One of his interviewers, George Everson, seemed **(great, greatly)** impressed with his invention.

6. Everson and a partner were **(possible, possibly)** able to help.

7. In fact, they were **(happy, happily)** to provide the money for Philo to develop a working model of his system.

8. This system, known as television, was developed **(slow, slowly)** in a rented house in Los Angeles.
9. Neighbors were (suspicious, suspiciously) and called the police.
10. The police toured the house but remained (complete, completely) confused about what Philo was trying to make.
11. A new investor, W.W. Crocker, insisted (sudden, suddenly) that Philo move his laboratory to San Francisco.
12. (Simple, Simply) pictures painted on a piece of glass were the first images to appear on television.
13. Philo’s efforts to improve his invention went (bad, badly), but he persisted.
14. In 1930 Philo’s invention was (good, well) enough to receive patents.
15. Then Philo was (glad, gladly) to share his ideas with the companies that were interested in it.

▶ Exercise 2 Write adv. (adverb) or PA (predicate adjective) in the blank to identify the word in italics.

**PA**

Many television programs are *entertaining.*

1. From the early days of television, entertainment was *frequently* found on the small screen.
2. Singers, actors, and comedians performed *well* on the new medium.
3. Programs varied *slightly* in length, with many as short as fifteen minutes.
4. Famous radio personalities were *soon* familiar faces on television.
5. New stars were born *swiftly* as well.
6. Before long, evenings in front of the television became *common.*
7. Everyone was *fascinated* by the live images broadcast into each home.
8. News could *immediately* show important world events.
9. Sports fans seemed *pleased* that they could watch many games in their living rooms.
10. As the years went by, more and more uses were *certainly* discovered for television.
Lesson 37
Avoiding Double Negatives

Negative words express the idea of “no.” The negative word not often appears in shortened form as part of a contraction.

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\text{is} + \text{not} = \text{isn’t} \quad \text{can} + \text{not} = \text{can’t} \quad \text{will} + \text{not} = \text{won’t}
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Other words besides not may be used to express the negative. Each negative word has several opposites. These are affirmative words, or words that show the idea of “yes.”

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Two negative words used together in the same sentence create an error called a double negative. Avoid using double negatives. Only one negative word is necessary to convey a negative meaning. Correct a sentence that has a double negative by removing one of the negative words or by replacing one of the negative words with an affirmative word.

Exercise 1 Underline the word or words in parentheses that best complete each sentence.

1. They didn’t do (anything, nothing) to solve the problem.
2. No one (ever, never) succeeds all the time.
3. Don’t use (no, any) sugar in that recipe.
4. Sometimes it seems I can’t (never, ever) win, but then I do.
5. No one (can, can’t) play basketball in this weather.
6. The car didn’t go (anywhere, nowhere); it just went in circles.
7. She looked inside the box, but there (was, wasn’t) anything in it.
8. He hardly (ever, never) makes a mistake.
9. They hoped for some help, but they didn’t get (none, any).
10. Nobody did (nothing, anything) wrong, but they still got into trouble.
11. No one (wouldn’t, would) forget to study for the test.
12. They had brought (nothing, anything) with them.
13. Nobody (can, can’t) swim better than Melissa.
14. The homework is lost; I can’t find it (anywhere, nowhere).
15. No one (should, shouldn’t) break traffic laws.
16. (Anybody, Nobody) in the back of the stadium could scarcely see the game.
17. Nothing bad (ever, never) happens to me.
18. You won’t (never, ever) succeed in school unless you study.
19. We (shouldn’t, should) ever turn in arithmetic work without checking it.
20. Lek tried to find an easy way to learn math, but he couldn’t find (none, any).

**Exercise 2** Write in the blank the contraction for the word in italics.

hadn’t

Isra had not ever seen snow until today.

_________ 1. We can start now because Jacob is not coming today.

_________ 2. Were not Jane and Abay scheduled to perform?

_________ 3. You will not believe what just happened to me!

_________ 4. I do not think I have met you before.

_________ 5. Tony did not get to the bus stop on time this morning.

_________ 6. Mom just would not change her mind.

_________ 7. Brad was not planning on joining the choir, but he changed his mind.


_________ 9. You should not tell secrets when other people are around.

_________ 10. Jamie wanted to play softball, but she could not.
Unit 5 Review

Exercise 1  Draw an arrow from the word in italics to the word it modifies. Write adj. in the blank if the word in italics is an adjective and adv. if it is an adverb.

adj.  Ivan’s accomplishment is the best news I have heard this week.

1. After missing the rebound the first time, Marion jumped again.

2. All the trees in the orchard were filled with ripe fruit.

3. We could tell from the beginning that the play was about something very silly.

4. Chris and Ahmed are taking their boat out on a fairly large river.

5. The politician somewhat reluctantly answered the reporter’s question.

6. Betsy Ross designed the first American flag in 1776.

7. Uncle Giovanni has a unique walk and a great bellowing voice.

8. The story I am about to tell you is absolutely true.

9. The diplomat handled the delicate situation quite well.

10. The Toshio family rarely play tennis for more than three hours at a time.

11. Those members gave away the location of our secret clubhouse.

12. Everything seems to come fully alive in the spring.


14. Please take this film to the shop on the corner.

15. The soccer team worked swiftly to score another goal.

16. Lila was fascinated by the stone statue in the center of the courtyard.

17. These muffins are the best I have ever tasted.

18. The advertisement states that other games are available.
Exercise 1 Write the part of speech above each word in italics: N (noun), V (verb), pro. (pronoun), adj. (adjective), or adv. (adverb).

Ben gave a **short** speech after dinner.

1. *The Watsons* are going fishing in Montana.
2. *She* will plan the meeting with the committee *members*.
3. Chef Ramirez *often* makes *us* delicious meals.
4. The *pretty* quilt had a design of *red* and blue rings.
5. A porch swing *gently moved* back and forth in the breeze.
6. A *bright* moon glowed against the midnight *sky*.
7. We will meet *them* near the *sparkling* fountain.
8. *That* began a friendship which continues to *this* day.
9. Miranda is *hosting* a birthday *party* Friday night.
10. Samdi *himself taught* Rick how to ski.
11. Laura was a junior *bridesmaid* in her cousin Tina’s wedding.
12. A *small* bird fluttered *quietly* from one tree to another.
13. *They* could *hear* some musicians rehearsing in the next room.
14. The grandfather clock *chimed* the *new* hour.
15. I have never tried *this* sport *before*.
16. Tanya *helps* her father in the *greenhouse* each day after school.
17. The *whimpering* dog *slowly* curled up in a corner of the kitchen.
18. *It* rolled across the highway until *someone* picked it up.
19. Janice and *Saul will enter* the pie-eating contest.
20. *Wildflowers* grow in the *green* meadow next to the pond.
**Exercise 2** Draw two lines under each verb or verb phrase. Write in the blank whether the verb is T (transitive), I (intransitive), or a LV (linking verb).

- **T** Lena brought two friends to the picnic.
- 1. Many boxes were piled up inside the house.
- 2. Through the telescope, Michelle could see several constellations.
- 3. Our class took a field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago.
- 4. Samantha became treasurer of the garden association.
- 5. Tim made the shirt himself.
- 6. The night air seemed chilly to the guests at the outdoor reception.
- 7. Julian climbed up the mountain to the abandoned cottage.
- 8. A glistening sailboat was docked next to a small yacht.
- 9. Aunt Nadine sent Missy a beautiful necklace with her birthstone in it.
- 10. Kendra studies geography each day after lunch.
- 11. The bread in the oven smells wonderful.
- 12. Mrs. Callahan is the chairperson of the social committee.
- 13. Dad and I are building new shelves for the basement.
- 14. We explored the new shop on the corner Sunday afternoon.
- 15. Bill experimented with his new computer the entire evening.
- 16. Bridget plays the piano quite well for a beginner.
- 17. The sky appeared gray and cloudy in spite of the sunny forecast.
- 19. The song on the radio is one of my favorites.
- 20. They walked through the Park of Roses.
- 21. The bird’s song was truly melodic.
- 22. Jasmine sent me a postcard from Greece.

**Exercise 3** Write in the blank the correct form (comparative or superlative) of the adjective or adverb in parentheses.

My uncle makes the ____________ burritos imaginable. (good)
1. The book I am reading for this book report is _______________ than the book I read for the last one. (long)

2. Barbara must be the _______________ sprinter on the team. (fast)

3. Diane’s speech was _______________ delivered than Catherine’s. (calmly)

4. Jeremy’s house is the _______________ from the ballpark, so he may be a little late. (far)

5. The campaign produced results _______________ than we expected. (soon)

6. That movie has been _______________ awaited than the other one. (eagerly)

7. The person with the _______________ slogan wins the contest. (creative)

8. Juan chose the _______________ apple and the largest dessert. (small)

9. Of everyone in the play, Yolanda learned her lines _______________. (quickly)

10. The temperature today is _______________ than it was yesterday. (cold)

11. Raymond seems _______________ now that his family has moved to their new home. (happy)

12. The _______________ thing happened to Christy on her way to school. (strange)

13. Denny’s brother is four years _______________ than he is. (young)

14. We crossed the river at its _______________ point. (wide)

15. This cereal costs much _______________ than that one. (little)

16. Though she couldn’t arrive by the time the concert started, Keisha promised to come _______________. (late)

17. Mom said the homemade vase was the _______________ gift she could have received. (great)

18. Ms. Hadley welcomed the guests _______________ than Ms. Tilford did. (graciously)

19. This week’s football game was much _______________ than last week’s game. (short)

20. That is the _______________ shade of purple I’ve ever seen! (beautiful)
Lesson 38

Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

A **preposition** is a word that connects a noun or a pronoun to another word in a sentence. A **compound preposition** consists of more than one word.

I can meet you **at** the library. **Eat vegetables instead of** junk food.

A **prepositional phrase** is a group of words that begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun called the **object of the preposition**.

We walked **along the beach**. **They stood beside us**.

**COMMONLY USED PREPOSITIONS**

- about
- before
- during
- off
- to
- above
- behind
- for
- onto
- under
- across
- below
- from
- out
- until
- after
- beneath
- in
- over
- upon
- against
- beside
- inside
- outside
- up
- along
- between
- into
- since
- with
- among
- beyond
- like
- since
- with
- around
- by
- near
- through
- within
- at
- down
- of
- throughout
- without

**COMMONLY USED COMPOUND PREPOSITIONS**

- according to
- aside from
- in front of
- instead of
- across from
- because of
- in place of
- on account of
- along with
- far from
- in spite of
- on top of

**Exercise 1** Underline each prepositional phrase. Draw a second line under the preposition or compound preposition and circle the object of the preposition.

Food contains nutrients that we need for **good health**.

1. There are six groups of nutrients: carbohydrates, fats, proteins, water, minerals, and vitamins.

2. We could not live without carbohydrates.
3. Energy stored in carbohydrates is released quickly.
4. Among the carbohydrates are sugars, starch, and fiber.
5. Some foods with sugar have few nutrients.
6. Sugar, however, is found in all fruits.
7. Our bodies also get sugar from young vegetables.
8. Refined sugar is found in products like candy and soft drinks.
9. Along with bread, pasta and potatoes provide us with starch.
10. Our bodies break down starch into glucose.
11. Glucose then releases energy throughout our bodies.
12. We get our fiber through foods like vegetables and grains.
13. Fiber does not release energy within our bodies.
14. However, because of fiber, our digestive tract is kept healthy.
15. Many doctors believe in a high-fiber diet to guard against cancer.
16. Like carbohydrates, fats also provide energy.
17. Fats release energy slowly, instead of the quick release from carbohydrates.
18. We also have healthy skin and hair because of fats.
19. However, too much saturated fat from food turns into excess body fat.
20. Saturated fats come from animal products.
21. Unsaturated fats are found in vegetables and nuts.
22. Because of proteins children can develop into healthy adults.
23. Proteins supply material for the production of new cells.
24. Fish, poultry, and milk supply protein to our bodies.
25. Combinations of other foods, like nuts and grains, also provide protein.
26. Perhaps you never thought about water for nourishment.
27. Yet, no one can live without water in his or her body.
28. Water helps control the temperature inside the body.
29. Blood, which contains water, carries oxygen to the cells.
30. Minerals are important for bone strength.
Lesson 39
Pronouns as Objects of Prepositions

When a pronoun is the object of a preposition, use an object pronoun, not a subject pronoun.

Sherilyn threw the ball to Cindy. Sherilyn threw the ball to her.

If a preposition has a compound object with both a noun and a pronoun, use an object pronoun.

LaToya entered the race with Carmen and me.

Use the object pronoun whom after a preposition.

To whom did you give the folder? The person with whom I’m going is Tad.

Exercise 1  Draw two lines under each preposition or compound preposition. Underline the correct form of the pronoun in parentheses.

The dog likes to run with Tammy and (he, him).

1. Give the books to Eduardo and (I, me).
2. I never heard of either Mr. Cameron or (him, he).
3. There is some difference of opinion between Juana and (they, them).
4. Is that the teacher of (whom, who) you speak so highly?
5. Oh, you got here in front of (I, me).
6. I’ll go later because I don’t want to run into (him, he).
7. I like to sit near Keshia and (her, she).
8. Don’t get caught between the bear cub and (she, her).
9. If you hurry, you can go to the concert with (we, us).
10. Hakeem stood behind Tracy and (me, I) and yelled “Boo!”
11. This present is from Martha and (he, him).
12. To (who, whom) should I address this package?
13. Aside from Zina and (them, they), who else was there?
14. I don’t think the nurse appreciated the jokes by Jim and (me, I).
15. I don’t want to leave without (her, she).
16. Food of any kind looks delicious to (we, us) starving hikers.
17. I don’t want to sit in front of (him, he).
18. We came to the party without the Joneses or (them, they).
19. The balloons floated above (we, us).
20. The speech was given by (she, her).
21. Yoko will give her book report for the teacher and (they, them).
22. Mother sat between Jim and (I, me).
23. When the halfback went down, the whole opposing team piled on top of (he, him).
24. They lost their home in the flood, and I feel sorry for (they, them).
25. Is that the person behind (whom, who) you sat at the movie?
26. Because she knows so much about the outdoors, I like camping with (her, she).
27. Why don’t you come to the parade along with Sam and (us, we)?
28. I threw the ball beyond (them, they).
29. The baby took her first steps toward Dad and (we, us).
30. The king had been fighting against (they, them) for years.
31. The broken lamp in our den fell on top of (she, her).
32. I met the explorer about (who, whom) you wrote in your letter.
33. Joe wants to go to the spelling bee in place of (I, me).
34. They want to paint a portrait of Toshi and (him, he).
35. The painter shouted at the worker on the ladder above (she, her).
36. I think Pravat looks quite a bit like (he, him).
37. The new students feel accepted by the teacher and (we, us).
38. Lara stood in awe of the beautiful valley below (her, she).
39. I always feel uncomfortable around Diana and (her, she).
40. The victim of the robbery pointed to the suspect and (he, him).
Lesson 40
Prepositional Phrases as Adjectives and Adverbs

A prepositional phrase sometimes functions as an adjective phrase that tells about a noun or a pronoun.

The land around the lake was rocky. (The prepositional phrase around the lake describes the noun land.)

An adverb phrase is a prepositional phrase that tells about a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. An adverb phrase tells when, where, or how the action in the verb takes place.

The mice hid from the owl. (describes the verb hid)
The horse is tired after his workout. (describes the adjective tired)
The cat slept late in the morning. (describes the adverb late)

▶ Exercise 1 Underline each prepositional phrase. Write adj. or adv. in the blank to identify the type of phrase.

adj. Translators of Spanish work here.

1. Do you know the name of that monument?
2. In a strong voice, the actor delivered his speech.
3. The cat jumped off the fence.
4. I can’t understand the label on the package.
5. My relatives from Phoenix are coming next week.
6. The Bonillas have a new deck in their backyard.
7. After classes, the scientist gave a lecture.
8. A pep rally was held in the gym.
9. I’d love a piece of that pie!
10. I bought you a new book about astronomy.
11. A loud crash came from the darkened house.
12. We spent all of our allowance.
13. Did I leave my keys in your car?
14. Because of the broken ski lift, we had to climb the mountain.
15. The percussion section is practicing on their drums.
16. Between halves, the band performed a splendid show.
17. I dreamed I traveled to Paris.
18. The cat with the long fur is ours.
19. She is going to vote in the mid-year election.
20. We’ll get there sooner if we take the road through the hills.

Exercise 2 Underline each prepositional phrase. Circle the word it describes.

Raul **works** in a busy office.

1. Jorge wrote a piece for the school band.
2. We waited for at least a half hour!
3. We plan to meet Fernando at the video store.
4. Della got a flat tire on her bicycle.
5. The art museum has marble lions with huge paws.
6. Don likes to work the crossword puzzles in the newspaper.
7. The mountain goats climbed up the rocky hillside.
8. The lion groomed her cubs with her tongue.
9. The coach left suddenly during the rally.
10. Enrique took photographs of the stained glass windows.
11. The audience focused on the lead singer.
12. Aurelia adjusted the eyepiece on her telescope.
13. The wind blew with frightening suddenness.
14. The winning runner crossed the finish line in a flash.
15. The prospector stored his gold in a safe.
16. The Academy Awards show is broadcast to a worldwide audience.
17. The elms along our street have all died.
18. The house near the waste dump had to be evacuated.
Lesson 41
Conjunctions and Interjections

A coordinating conjunction connects words or phrases in a sentence. The words and, but, or, for, and nor are coordinating conjunctions. Such conjunctions can be used in several ways.

Rain or snow is expected tomorrow. (compound subject)
Floodwaters reached the levee and flowed over it. (compound predicate)
Angel called to Carla and Olivia. (compound object of a preposition)
I can’t run fast, but I can run long distances. (compound sentence)

Correlative conjunctions are pairs of conjunctions. They include both/and, either/or, neither/nor, and not only/but also.

Madeline not only plays hockey but also teaches it to younger students. (compound predicate)

An interjection is a word or phrase that expresses feelings but has no grammatical connection to the sentence. Separate interjections from the sentence with a comma or an exclamation point, depending on the strength of feeling.

Oh, you don’t need to worry. Ouch! I really am sunburned.

COMMON INTERJECTIONS
aha come on ha oh, no ouch whoops
alas gee hey oh, well phew wow
awesome good grief hooray oops what yes

Exercise 1 Underline each conjunction. Write whether it joins a compound subject (subj.), a compound predicate (pred.), a compound object of a preposition (obj.), or a compound sentence (sent.).

obj. I really miss the humor of Angie and Gwen.

1. Hiroshi and Takeo competed in the finals.
2. The audience booed and hissed at the villain.
3. I will study with either Mom or Dad.
4. The tornado picked up the empty car and threw it against the barn.
5. Botany and astronomy are Jake’s main interests.
6. We asked Belle to dinner, but she had other plans.
7. Mr. Lee gave grades to the seventh- and eighth-grade classes.
8. The runner jumped the gun and was disqualified from the race.
9. Manny and I have to write a report.
10. Georgia not only has a paper route but also works at a craft shop.
11. I think Mr. Wilson will recover, but his family is not hopeful.
12. Grandma thinks it will rain tomorrow, for her joints are aching.
13. Both Mini and Poloma are good at the shot put.
14. Chocolate is good for neither dogs nor cats.
15. The cat pounced at the bird but missed it.
16. We will travel to either Yellowstone or Yosemite next summer.
17. I can’t roller skate, but I’m a whiz on a skateboard.
18. The dog comes to neither my call nor the whistle.
19. Aunt Renee or Uncle Johnny will call us tonight.
20. Tatanka cared for the orphaned baby raccoon and then released it.

**Exercise 2 Circle the interjection in each sentence.**

1. Wow! I see the parade coming!

2. We’re going to be late. Oh, no!
3. Hooray, the teacher decided not to give us a test today!
4. Whoops! I guess I misjudged the distance from the couch to the floor.
5. Alas, someone else got my favorite parking space.
6. I thought there was no rainbow, but, wow, there it is!
7. Yes, I’d love to go to the car show with you.
8. Aha! I thought I saw you creeping up on me.
9. Hey, aren’t you Marcy’s brother?
10. I forgot these boots have holes in them. Good grief!
11. Oh, no, the squirrel is in the birdfeeder again.
Unit 6 Review

Exercise 1 Draw one line under each preposition and two lines under each conjunction. Circle each interjection.

Yes! Tyrone and I get to go to the pool.

1. The neighbor’s dog and our cat like to chase each other.
2. Wow, did you see my photograph in the paper?
3. Neither Mae nor Mason entered the contest.
4. I don’t know whether to wear my shorts or my jeans to the rally.
5. Oops, I dropped my ring into the garbage disposal.
6. Hey! Don’t throw the ball or swing that bat in the house!
7. Do I like to swim in the pool? Yes!
8. Dad not only built much of our house but also painted it.
9. Monica and Rachel are identical twins, but they have very different interests.
10. Oh, no, the raccoons have dragged the garbage out of the can again.
11. Dad bought tickets for Mom and her.
12. Jed will study either painting or sculpture in college.
13. It’s almost time for the game. Hooray!
14. Our school won the band competition and got a trophy. Awesome!
15. Wow, Adita shot from center court and scored three points.
16. Janine liked the movie a lot, but I thought it was silly.
17. Have you ever heard of either Florence Nightingale or Clara Barton?
18. Good grief! That was a difficult test!
19. Sally delivered holiday cards to her paper route customers.
20. Koko gave his dog a bath and then cleaned himself with a big towel.
Cumulative Review: Units 1–6

Exercise 1 Label each noun, verb, adjective, and adverb by writing N, V, adj., or adv. above the correct word or words.

The scientists will announce their new discovery tomorrow.

1. The ancient train crept slowly up the steep, dangerous hill.
2. The faster runners quickly tackled the slower quarterback.
3. The small gymnast gracefully performed her final exercise.
4. After the accident victims had been treated, the room became quiet.
5. When the movie was completed, the VCR rewound the videotape.
6. Reggie and Yana will compete in the finals of the contest tomorrow.
7. The rain fell heavily, and the river rose steadily.
8. The professional skiers sped smoothly down the steep slope.
9. The long movie was awfully boring.
10. When the squirrel and my cat met in the garage, both animals fled.
11. On our summer vacation, we drove through twelve states.
12. The performance by the band at halftime was spectacular.
13. The baby has been crying for several hours.
14. I have not seen Jason or Terry lately.
15. After his encounter with a skunk, we washed our dog in tomato juice.
16. On the wild pitch, the quick runner stole home easily.
17. A flock of gulls lands in the parking lot of the mall each morning.
18. Take your feet off the table!
19. Ellen writes to me regularly.
20. Buffalo were very numerous in the West.
21. Have you ever held a long-haired rabbit?
22. Sign me up for the Music Club.
Exercise 2 Draw one line under each simple subject and two lines under each simple predicate. Then draw a vertical line between the complete subject and complete predicate.

The singing birds wake us early each morning.

1. The hot sand scorched my bare feet.
2. That long-legged wading bird is either a heron or an egret.
3. The players in the red jerseys are the Midtowners.
4. The videotape goes into this opening.
5. Our neighbors across the street collect old records.
6. That girl in the yellow raincoat looks like my cousin.
7. I will tell you the plot of the movie.
8. Several students from our school qualified for the finals.
9. The hungry alligator slid off the bank and into the water.
10. We will see the dinosaur exhibit tomorrow.
11. The carrier always throws the paper right in front of our door.
12. The townspeople collected food for the victims of the flood.
13. Our class recycles its paper and plastic.
14. The sound of approaching thunder echoed through the hills.
15. The lifeguard called people out of the pool.
16. Jacob’s skateboard easily avoided the cracks in the sidewalk.
17. Greg’s sister wants to be a scientist.
18. The skaters circled the arena to the strains of ballet music.
19. Our guidance counselor gave me good advice about college.
20. Several limbs from the tree fell during the violent windstorm.
21. Your paintings are so original!
22. Our first experiment flowed smoothly.
23. Mariette visits the residents at Autumn Years Nursing Home.
24. My dog shamelessly begs food from everybody.
Exercise 3  Draw one line under each preposition or compound preposition and two lines under each conjunction. Circle each interjection.

Phew, this blister on my foot not only hurts but also slows me down.

1. Hey, should I read the book or see the movie first?
2. Put the produce into the crisper and the dry goods on top of the counter.
3. Jack sits across from me and between Lila and Betty.
4. According to our teacher, the universe is older and larger than imaginable.
5. Ogima studies after school, but I wait until evening.
6. Yes, Hano will climb Mount Baldy in the spring.
7. Sonia not only identifies plants but also gives their Latin names. Wow!
8. Either Molly or her sister will represent our school in the contest.
9. Oh, no, that video is at the other store.
10. Namid volunteers at the recycling center during the weekend.
11. I met Marsha and her brother, Joshua, outside the art museum.
12. Across from the park are railroad tracks and a patch of rare flowers.
13. Alas, someone is sitting in my favorite seat.
14. The lion crept toward the grazing zebras, but they sensed his presence and fled.
15. Hey, didn’t we do this page of problems already?
16. Neither Tonia nor Sophie remembers where she lived during her childhood.
17. I got an A on my report. Hooray!
18. Good grief! Sam taped his family and sent the video to that TV show.
19. Would I like to play with that band? Yes!
20. Where in the world did you find that bicycle, and how old is it?
21. Do you use one capful of ammonia or one cup of bleach?
22. John, covered with sticky cobwebs, emerged from the attic.
23. Light the electric candles displayed in the window.
24. Ha! I don’t believe a word of that story about the monster under your bed.
Unit 7: Clauses and Complex Sentences

Lesson 42
Simple and Compound Sentences and Main Clauses

A **simple sentence** has one complete subject and one complete predicate.

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A **compound sentence** contains two or more simple sentences. Each simple sentence within a compound sentence is called a **main clause**. Main clauses are joined either by a comma followed by a conjunction or by a semicolon. The comma may be omitted if the main clauses are very short.

I watch **and** I learn.
Flowers are delicate, **and** they need tender care.
Flowers are delicate; they need tender care.

**Exercise 1** Write in the blank simple or compound to identify the type of sentence.

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<td>1. People across America have developed an appreciation for Mexican food.</td>
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<td>2. We enjoy going to a Mexican restaurant, but sometimes we must wait in line for over an hour.</td>
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<td>3. The taco is a popular item, and it is easy to prepare.</td>
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<td>4. A taco usually consists of a folded corn tortilla, ground beef, cheese, lettuce, and tomato.</td>
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<td>5. Tacos come in two varieties; their shells can be either hard or soft.</td>
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<td>6. Some cooks buy taco shells already made; others fry and form the shells themselves.</td>
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<td>7. Browning ground beef in a shallow skillet is the first step.</td>
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<td>8. Drain the grease frequently; too much grease makes tacos unhealthful.</td>
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<td>9. Spices and chopped onions can be added to the cooked ground beef.</td>
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<td>10. A layer of ground beef is then spooned into the taco shell.</td>
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11. I like cheese on top of the beef; some add lettuce.
12. Chunks of red tomatoes give the taco a colorful appearance.
13. Toppings such as black olives and sour cream can also be added.
14. Some people add hot sauce or salsa.
15. Tacos are nutritious, and they are also delicious.

Exercise 2 Underline each main clause. Add a comma or a semicolon as needed.

Food from specific countries is known as ethnic food; a large variety exists.

1. Ethnic foods come from around the world and they can be found all over the United States.
2. World foods add diversity to American cuisine; they provide a flavorful change of pace.
3. Many ethnic foods use common ingredients, but they taste different because of the spices.
4. Chinese soft noodles are long, thin strips of pasta, and some pasta dumplings contain cheese or meat.
5. Regional foods normally use local ingredients; these are fresh and economical.
6. The different flavors come from special ingredients; some may not be available in your area.
7. Different styles of Chinese cooking include Szechwan, Mandarin, and Cantonese. Szechwan is spicier than the others.
8. Chinese food is popular, and fortune cookies are always fun!
9. Thai dishes often include rice; but sometimes rice noodles are used instead.
10. The names of some Thai dishes begin with the words *kin khao*; this expression means “come eat.”
Lesson 43
Complex Sentences and Subordinate Clauses

A complex sentence has a main clause and one or more subordinate clauses. A main clause has a subject and a predicate, and it can stand alone as a sentence. A subordinate clause also has a subject and a predicate, but it cannot stand alone as a sentence. It depends on the main clause to complete its meaning. It can act as an adjective, an adverb, or a noun.

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Exercise 1 Write in the blank simple or complex to identify the type of sentence.

1. complex February 2, which is the midpoint of winter, is an unusual holiday.
2. complex It is Groundhog Day and is celebrated all over the country.
3. complex The groundhog, which is actually a woodchuck, emerges from hibernation on that day.
4. complex If the groundhog sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather.
5. complex After the groundhog sees its shadow, it returns to its burrow until spring.
6. complex If the day is cloudy and the groundhog does not see its shadow, spring will come early.
7. complex The groundhog stays outside because it expects spring.
8. complex People enjoy this custom although most do not believe in it.
9. complex Statistical evidence does not support this popular superstition.
10. complex The groundhog that most people watch for is in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.
11. complex Its name is Phil, probably from the word fillip, which means “anything that stirs or livens up.”
12. complex About seven thousand townspeople gather on February 2 and watch for the famous groundhog.
12. Since the tradition began in 1887, the furry forecaster has seen its shadow all but eleven times.

13. Our Groundhog Day tradition is based on an old German fable.

14. This fable says that if an animal casts a shadow on February 2, there will be bad weather.

15. This fun tradition inspired the 1993 movie *Groundhog Day*, which takes place in Punxsutawney.

Exercise 2 Underline each main clause. Write in the blank simple or complex to identify the type of sentence.

1. This makes it a member of the squirrel family.

2. Adult groundhogs are usually two feet long, including their bushy tails, which are about five inches long.

3. They have coarse brownish-gray fur with hints of red.

4. Groundhogs live in the eastern and central United States where there are open fields.

5. They feed on grasses and whatever vegetation they can find.

6. They particularly like plants such as clover and alfalfa.

7. When groundhogs come out of their holes to look for food, they stop to listen for signs of danger.

8. Because groundhogs often sit still on their haunches, they can be easy targets for hunters.

9. Groundhogs hibernate in burrows during the winter months.

10. Before they hibernate, they eat large amounts of food.

11. Groundhogs are able to sleep for most of the winter because the food they ate turns to fat.

12. Groundhogs are fun and fascinating animals to observe, especially since there is an annual holiday named after them!
Lesson 44
Adjective Clauses

An adjective clause is a subordinate clause that modifies a noun or pronoun in the main clause. An adjective clause follows the word it modifies. As with any subordinate clause, an adjective clause has a subject and a verb, but is not a complete sentence and cannot stand by itself. Generally, an adjective clause begins with a relative pronoun such as that, which, who, whom, whose, whoever, or whomever. It can also begin with where or when. A relative pronoun that begins an adjective clause can be the subject of the clause.

This book, which was written in 1915, is very interesting. A railroad flare produces a bright flame that can be seen hundreds of yards away.

Exercise 1 Draw one line under each adjective clause. Draw a second line under each word that introduces an adjective clause.

Cartoon characters that were introduced in the 1930s are still popular today.
1. A university is a college where many subjects are studied.
2. Cable television, which was originally used to bring in distant stations, provides many types of specialized programming.
3. Juke boxes that used to play a song for a dime now cost much more.
4. Help came at a time when Stan needed it most.
5. John Chapman, who was nicknamed Johnny Appleseed, planted apple seeds in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.
6. Hummingbirds are tiny birds that are less than three inches long.
7. The Irish wolfhound, which is a hunting dog, is the tallest breed of the species.
8. The diver whose turn it was waved to the crowd.
9. Hurricanes are tropical cyclones that have wind speeds of up to 150 miles per hour.
10. Abraham Lincoln, who moved from Illinois to Washington, grew up in Kentucky.
11. The Arabian Nights is a collection of stories that have been passed down from one generation to the next.
12. Is Natalie the keyboard player whom you asked to join the band?
13. I need to edit this report that I am writing.
14. Many students who bring their lunches to school buy milk in the cafeteria.
15. Athens, which is the capital of Greece, is believed to have been named after Athena.
16. Moshe, who has written music for other schools, wrote the music for our class play.
17. The cook on duty this evening, whoever that may be, will prepare an excellent meal.
18. He who laughs last laughs best.
19. The giant armadillo, which can grow to more than three feet long, lives in South America.
20. Susan B. Anthony, who was a schoolteacher, was active in the antislavery movement.

**Exercise 2** Draw one line under each adjective clause. Draw an arrow to the noun that it modifies.

The woman who received the award gave a fine speech.

1. Jacques, whom we haven’t met until now, just enrolled at our school.
2. The clock that I just bought has a digital readout.
3. Acrobats perform complicated feats that seem to defy gravity.
4. Maria is the student whose poetry won a prize.
5. Many people in Belgium speak Flemish, which is similar to Dutch.
6. The *Katzenjammer Kids*, which was one of the first comic strips to appear in a periodical, appeared in *American Humorist* in 1897.
7. Mr. Griffin is a teacher whom you will like.
8. Can you see the mountain that lies just beyond the tree line?
9. Thuong likes to walk on trails where he can see wildlife.
10. Most people have days when they cannot get organized.
Lesson 45
Adverb Clauses

An **adverb clause** is a subordinate clause that often modifies a verb in the main clause of a complex sentence. It can also modify an adjective or an adverb. An adverb clause tells *how*, *when*, *where*, *why*, or *under what conditions* the action occurs. When an adverb clause introduces a sentence, it is usually separated from the main clause by a comma. When an adverb clause comes at the end of a sentence, it usually does not take a comma.

**Before she signs up for next year’s classes**, Deena will talk with her counselor. Calvin passed the ball **because his teammate had an open shot**.

The first word of an adverb clause is a **subordinating conjunction**.

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**Exercise 1** Underline each adverb clause. Circle the subordinating conjunction.

You should count your pages **before** you begin.

1. Builders use plywood in the construction of small boats because it is easy to shape.

2. I haven’t spoken with Jane since she moved.

3. Airplanes sometimes fly to unscheduled cities when the weather is bad.

4. I’ll wear my sandals if the weather is warm.

5. Whenever I walk to school, my cat follows me down the street.

6. Please read the book while it’s still available from the library.

7. Since it was just painted, don’t lean against the wall.

8. Tomatoes taste best when they’re fully ripened.

9. Everybody ate dessert after they finished eating the main course.
10. Although it was written in 1814, “The Star-Spangled Banner” did not become the official national anthem until 1931.

11. Soldiers must stand at attention when they speak to an officer.

12. I’ll cut the grass today if it doesn’t rain.

13. When they feel threatened, dogs sometimes display aggressive behavior.

14. Incandescent and fluorescent bulbs produce light differently although they both serve the same purpose.

15. The concert will end at 10:30 P.M. unless the audience insists on several encores.

16. You will receive extra credit if you turn in your project early.

17. Grace swims better than she dives.

18. The pep rally won’t begin until the last class of the day has ended.

19. Keiko wrote her name on the chalkboard after she finished the problem.

20. Elena will groom the horse in the morning so that she can ride it in the afternoon.

Exercise 2 Underline each adverb clause. Draw an arrow to the verb that it modifies.

Dad painted the fence because he didn’t want it to rust.

1. When the principal called her name, Rosa stepped up to the podium.

2. Binoculars and telescopes magnify images because they have special lenses.

3. Whenever I hear the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., I feel inspired.

4. Always check the expiration date before you buy perishable food.

5. Sprinters run at their limit during their races whereas distance runners pace themselves.

6. After the winter sports season ends, the athletes attend a banquet.
Lesson 46
Noun Clauses

A **noun clause** is a subordinate clause used as a noun. It may serve as a subject, direct object, predicate noun, or object of a preposition.

**Whoever rides in a car** should wear seat belts. (subject)
Claude said **that he is watching television**. (direct object)
Listening to tapes is **how I learned Spanish**. (predicate noun)
Please listen to **what the director says**. (object of a preposition)

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**Exercise 1** Draw one line under each noun clause. Draw a second line under each word that introduces a noun clause.

You can read **whichever book you like**.

1. City Hall is where the parade begins.
2. I don’t know which one I should choose.
3. Jamaal’s little sister likes to do whatever he does.
4. When you reach the next grade level depends on how well you study.
5. Whoever needs a new locker should sign the sheet outside the office.
6. Our science teacher explained why the sun turns shades of pink and red at sunset.
7. The clerk said that this was the last sweatshirt in stock.
8. Can you please demonstrate how this computer works?
9. New York is where people of many nationalities live.
10. José couldn’t add any facts to what had already been said.
11. However you want to arrange the living room furniture is okay with me.
12. He told me what he wanted for his birthday.
13. Whatever you want to eat is fine with me.
14. Do you remember when you tried to throw the ball all the way to home plate?
15. The test question asked whose ancestors lived in Egypt and Syria.

16. The field trip was different from what they had expected.

17. Joel said that he will visit his cousin this summer.

18. Friday evening is when I watch comedies.

19. For your party, you can invite whomever you want.

20. Why he dropped that pass is a mystery.

Exercise 2 Underline each noun clause. In the blank, identify the clause as subj. (subject), DO (direct object), OP (object of a preposition), or PN (predicate noun).

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A steep hill and plenty of snow are what we need for sledding.

1. Your athletic skills will be valuable in whichever sport you choose.

2. Whoever is waiting for the governor should stand in line.

3. When Canadian geese head south is the time of winter’s approach.

4. The coach said that this is going to be the best team in several years.

5. Choir directors seek whoever has a good voice.

6. His problem is that he doesn’t write down his assignments.

7. This is how students select their major.

8. Pay close attention to what I do.

9. Is Lieutenant Blaine the person with whom I’ll be speaking?

10. How wars are lost is the subject of the book.

11. Doctors can explain why proper nutrition is so important.

12. That the politicians differ in opinion is obvious.

13. Isaac Newton proved that comets and planets are subject to the laws of gravity.

14. A computer will process whatever is entered into it.

15. Who sent the yellow roses is a mystery to me.

16. The city council will be presenting awards to whoever has made important contributions to the community.
Unit 7 Review

Exercise 1  Underline each subordinate clause. Write in the blank, *adj.* for adjective clause, *adv.* for adverb clause, or *N* for noun clause.

**adj.**  This magazine has pictures of hair styles that you can do yourself.

1. Before you leave, fill in all the answers.
2. Dogs that undergo extensive training assist people with special needs.
3. Airplanes fly above storm clouds whenever they can.
4. Whoever arrives first will win the door prize.
5. If it rains, the game will be canceled.
6. Ricky knew that the library book was due.
7. The tickets that have come back from the printer are now on sale.
8. Alligators and crocodiles live in tropical regions because they are cold-blooded.
9. England is where the Wimbledon tennis tournament takes place.
10. Police officers who visit the schools teach classes on safety and crime prevention.
11. Pineapples, which grow on bushes, weigh several ounces and have a spiny covering.
12. Whenever the referee calls a foul, the clock stops.
13. Whoever owns a vintage 78 r.p.m. recording must handle it very carefully.
14. The sound that you heard was made by a stringed instrument.
15. Farmers whose land is not eroded can grow many crops.
16. Movies portray dinosaurs as vicious creatures although many were really gentle plant-eaters.
17. Cactus plants survive in very dry regions because they retain moisture.
18. Architects must know what the purpose of a building is.
19. The library subscribes to magazines that are published all over the world.
20. Derek breathed a sigh of relief after he won the election.
Cumulative Review: Units 1–7

Exercise 1  Write adj. or adv. in the blank to indicate whether the italicized word is an adjective or adverb.

adv.       Be sure to cook the meat slowly.

_____ 1. The weather service is predicting a harsh winter.

_____ 2. Our math test was extremely difficult.

_____ 3. Musicians must practice diligently before concerts.

_____ 4. Many operas are sung in foreign languages.

_____ 5. This music is too loud!

_____ 6. Have you read this book?

_____ 7. Johann Sebastian Bach wrote music in the Baroque style.

_____ 8. I worked hard to finish my English paper on time.

_____ 9. The puzzle was hard so I asked for help.

_____ 10. Be sure to lock the inner gate before you leave.

_____ 11. This building is taller than the one we visited yesterday.

_____ 12. Because Houston is a large city, I have always wanted to travel there.

_____ 13. Luis searched everywhere for the book.

_____ 14. The museum is having an exhibit of Chinese art.

_____ 15. Please call him back immediately.

_____ 16. Antonio almost scored a goal in Saturday’s game.

_____ 17. Joshua plays the piano very well.

_____ 18. The mechanics worked quickly to fix the race car.

_____ 19. Janna waited patiently while her teacher graded her paper.

_____ 20. Only the fastest horses run in the Kentucky Derby.
Underline each preposition and circle each conjunction. Identify the kind of conjunction by writing **coord.** (coordinating) or **subord.** (subordinating).

**This game of mine has new batteries,** but it still doesn’t work.

1. Movie cameras use film, but video cameras record their images on magnetic tape.
2. The weather forecaster predicted wind and snow during the coming week.
3. The lights don’t work, and the switch for the fuse is broken.
4. Tim won’t be able to attend summer school unless there is another vacancy in the class.
5. Connecticut is a small state, but it has many places of interest.
6. The number zero has no numerical value, nor can it be a denominator in a fraction.
7. Compasses point north, but they do not point to the true northernmost spot on Earth.
8. Because the weather was good, my brother played basketball outside the house.
9. Does this computer work or should I call the repair department?
10. I haven’t had food this good since I left New York in the spring.
11. Don’t touch the computer by the window if it is still printing.
12. Football requires a great deal of stamina, but so does soccer.
13. Hydrofoil watercraft move at greater speeds than conventional boats because they can glide across the water.
14. Tim rode his bike behind the house, and Fred rode his skateboard along the sidewalk.
15. Let’s lift weights at the gym before we go play tennis.
16. Although there are many endangered species in America, there is much we can do to help them.
17. We’ll win this game if you make this field goal before the end of the half.
18. Mark Twain visited several foreign countries and wrote about the experience in *Innocents Abroad*.

19. I feel better, though I haven’t regained all of my strength yet.

20. The mail hasn’t come yet, nor have the boxes of books arrived.

**Exercise 3** Underline each subordinate clause. In the blank, identify the clause as **adj.** (adjective), **adv.** (adverb), or **N** (noun).

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**adv.** Dew forms on grass **before** the sun comes up.

1. The streetlights automatically turn on when darkness falls.

2. The Irish firefighter is the one who rescued my cat.

3. Louisa May Alcott wrote *Little Women* when she served as a nurse during the Civil War.

4. What happened during science class surprised everybody.

5. Candles that come in many colors have only a few scents.

6. Championship games are held in whichever stadium can hold the most people.

7. Aesop wrote fables that used animals in the roles of people.

8. The principal gave awards to students whose grade averages were above 3.5.

9. Whichever color you decide to wear will be fine with me.

10. Ancient people drew pictures on cave walls whenever they wanted to record important events.

11. Tamil wants to go on a vacation where he can learn to ski.

12. Rachel is often tired in school because she goes to sleep too late.

13. Although they perform many calculations per second, computers cannot think for themselves.

14. Many students who live far from school ride school buses.

15. Since there are more than 800,000 insect species, they outnumber all other animals.

16. I know that our television is not working well.
A **present participle** is formed by adding *-ing* to a verb. It functions as the main verb in a verb phrase (used with forms of *be*) or as an adjective.

The lion was **roaring**. (present participle as main verb)
The **roaring** lion scared us. (present participle as adjective)

A **past participle** is usually formed by adding *-ed* to a verb. It functions as the main verb in a verb phrase (used with forms of *have*) or as an adjective.

The mystery had **baffled** the police. (past participle as main verb)
The **baffled** police looked for clues. (past participle as adjective)

Do not confuse the past participle with the past form of a verb.

The drummer **joined** the band. (past form)
The drummer had **joined** the band. (past participle)

A **participial phrase** is a group of words that includes a participle and other words that complete its meaning. It is used as an adjective. A participial phrase can appear before or after the word it describes. Place the phrase as close as possible to the modified word to avoid unclear meaning.

**Growling furiously**, the bear clawed at the bars of its cage.
The insects **mounted in this frame** are part of a much larger collection.

**Exercise 1** Underline each participle. Write *V* (verb) or *adj.* (adjective) in the blank to indicate its use in the sentence.

adj. The young campers had an **exciting** time.

___ 1. Mark Walker had invited Diego to join him and his parents on a wilderness trip.

___ 2. Diego had never camped before.

___ 3. Arriving at the campsite, everyone helped put up the tents.

___ 4. Two pitched tents would be their homes for the next week.

___ 5. Mr. Walker, inspecting their work, praised the boys for their efforts.

___ 6. While the adults were preparing supper, the boys went for a hike.

___ 7. The boys discovered a discarded set of antlers from a deer.
Exercise 2 Underline each participle or participial phrase. Circle the noun it modifies.

Scattering in all directions, the campers evaded the skunk.

1. Many campers tell about frightening encounters with skunks.
2. This animal, scampering along many wooded areas, lives only in the Western Hemisphere.
3. Skunks come in various sizes, depending on the type.
4. The striped skunk is the most common type.
5. It is a furry, black animal with white stripes radiating down its back.
6. In the daytime, sleeping skunks rest in underground dens.
7. Hunting at night, most skunks catch their own food.
8. Their diet consists mainly of small rodents, caterpillars, and other insects, but they also eat limited amounts of fruit and grain.
9. While out at night, wandering skunks sometimes surprise people.
10. The skunk is notorious for the foul, stinking liquid it sprays.
11. This liquid, called musk, comes from glands at the base of the tail.
12. Startled by a skunk, a person must remember to use caution.
13. Any alarmed person who sees a skunk should remain calm.
14. Running from the threat, many people scare the skunk.
15. Instinct causes a frightened skunk to spray.
16. The skunk will try to escape, spraying wildly.
17. It is very difficult to remove the stinking substance from clothes.
18. Soaked in tomato juice, clothes may begin to lose the smell.
19. However, the remaining odor usually lasts several days.
20. Experienced campers know to keep their distance from skunks and other wild animals.

**Exercise 3** Underline each participle or participial phrase. If it is used as an adjective, draw an arrow to the word it modifies.

Exploring the woods, the students saw many forms of life.

1. Springing from every spot, life fills a forest.
2. Both plants and animals exist in a balancing act of survival.
3. The crawling insects even have a role.
4. A complicated food web connects all the creatures to each other.
5. All the energy in an ecosystem is cycling continuously.
6. The interconnected food chain begins with plants of all sizes.
7. Plants called producers make their own food.
8. All around the world, plants are producing food from sunlight.
9. Called photosynthesis, this process is the main function of leaves.
10. Animals, being hunters, cannot produce food this way.
11. Eating the plants, many animals feed themselves.
12. Plant-eating animals are primary consumers.

13. Other larger animals eat the smaller unprotected ones.

14. Hiking in the woods, we can see all types of creatures.

15. For example, one may see a raccoon living in a tree.

16. Evidence of the amazing diversity of life is everywhere.

17. It is sad to see this diversity threatened by a forest fire.

18. However, some controlled forest fires can be good.

19. Happening naturally, forest fires can be a beneficial part of nature.

20. Forest fires can remove dead trees that are just taking up space.

21. Removing trees, fires can allow new fields of grass to grow.

22. Replenishing the soil, the ashes from a fire provide fresh nutrients.

23. Unfortunately, humans are still starting forest fires.

24. In spite of fires, life is continuing to exist everywhere.

25. Many spirited animals escape the blazes and move to nearby land.

26. Sometimes a changing forest causes some populations to increase.

27. Large families of grazing deer continue to fill the land.

28. Running through the woods, deer are beautiful creatures.

29. When they die, the remaining material decays.

30. Helping break down the remains of plants and animals, decomposers complete the food cycle.

31. These microscopic organisms constantly remove rotting material from the ecosystem.

32. These tiny organisms are serving a purpose in the forest.
Lesson 48
Gerunds and Gerund Phrases

A **gerund** is a verb form that ends in *-ing* and is used as a noun.

- **Traveling** can be pleasant or tedious. (gerund as subject)
- Prilly dreaded **moving**. (gerund as direct object)

A **gerund phrase** is a group of words that includes a gerund and other words that complete its meaning.

- **Assigning the chores** took longer than expected. (gerund phrase as subject)
- The family enjoyed **fishing in the bayou**. (gerund phrase as direct object)

Do not confuse gerunds with participles, which also end in *-ing*. They are distinguished by their function in a sentence.

- **Freddy is coloring**. (participle as main verb)
- Maria thrived on the **loving** attention. (participle as adjective)
- **Crying** is not always a sign of sadness. (gerund as subject)

**Exercise 1** Underline each gerund or gerund phrase.

- Giggling uncontrollably is her way to show that she is nervous.

1. Gregor tremendously enjoyed showing his dogs.
2. Taking a long drive calms many people.
3. To buy the new bike, Ava began saving her money.
4. Cleaning the bathroom is a chore that almost no one enjoys.
5. Many people cannot stand waiting in long lines.
6. Hoping for the best is a healthy practice.
7. Walking is good exercise.
8. The state championships involved competing for the grand prize.
9. Donating money to charity was the purpose of the car wash.
10. Mina’s father always liked encouraging the team.
11. Including others in games shows good sportsmanship.
12. Joining the navy has been Kofi’s dream since childhood.
13. Adding and subtracting are necessary in division problems.
14. Mark began updating his existing computer file.
15. Rayna finished reading the book.
16. Leading the group is a harder job than I first thought.
17. Finding a bone in my fish sandwich caused me to lose my appetite.
18. Kareem studied fencing at the local gym.
19. Stimulating the frog's leg was the first step in the biology lab procedure.
20. Shedding tears can be a sign of both joy and sorrow.
21. Dana went to the studio to learn dancing.
22. Drinking and driving is a dangerous activity.
23. Eating is allowed only in the lobby.
24. Threading a needle takes steady hands.
25. Trading baseball cards is Elena's favorite hobby.
26. Coming home before ten is a house rule that Kenji never broke.
27. The mosquitoes finally stopped biting.
28. Wearing the itchy sweater bothered Maria.
29. The team started playing.
30. Uncle Howard enjoyed catching that large fish.
31. Winning the game was taking precedence.
32. Flying jets is a career I am considering.
33. The chopped tree began falling.
34. Carving the Thanksgiving turkey has been Grandpa's job for years.
35. I like learning about endangered species.
36. Shrinking the company's debt has been on the president's mind.
37. Creeping across the backyard is how my cat is sneaking up on birds.
38. Swimming the backstroke was the specialty of the athlete.
39. I enjoyed seeing my old friend.
40. I accept cleaning the garage as my weekend chore.
Exercise 2  Underline each gerund or gerund phrase. Write in the blank its use in the sentence: $S$ for subject or $DO$ for direct object.

$S$  Eating large amounts of fudge is fattening.

1. Caring for the various plants in the garden requires a large amount of Oko’s time.

2. I am enjoying going to the movies every weekend.

3. Maria loves riding the roller coaster at the amusement park.

4. Collecting stamps from Africa was one of Mr. Kanduja’s hobbies.

5. Raking the leaves became a daily chore throughout the autumn season.

6. My mother is organizing the recycling in the community.

7. Filling all those balloons was an extremely difficult task.

8. Does table tennis at the recreation center require bringing your own ball?

9. Jennifer began singing when she was three years old.

10. Bowling in a league is an excellent way to meet people.


12. Wrestling, swimming, and running keep Matt busy.

13. Did Jerry remember dropping his notebook?

14. Flying kites is a popular activity at the park.

15. Frying meat too quickly will cause the outside to burn and the inside to be undercooked.

16. Peeling onions makes many people cry.

17. The orchestra began playing the national anthem.

18. Acting silly comes easily for Marvin.

19. Raising crops on this land will require a lot of hard work.

20. Removing prejudice is a worthy national goal.

21. Sledding down the snow-covered hill became a regular winter activity.

22. Braking hard, the car avoided hitting the deer.

23. Skating is a terrific way to develop good balance.

24. Swimming in the stream is forbidden by the police.
25. Miette enjoys taking long walks in the country.

26. Reading improves your vocabulary.

27. My dog finally stopped howling.

28. Digesting dairy products is a problem for some people.

29. Following the rules in any sport is the responsibility of the players.

30. Sleeping on the cold, hard ground was never Li Cheng’s idea of fun.

31. Do you know that your job will require driving a car?

32. Pushing or shoving in the lunch line will not be tolerated.

33. Hauling logs from the river to the sawmill was Ellen’s part-time job.

34. The staff enjoyed meeting in the kitchen with Chef Albert.

35. Calling long distance is much more economical these days than in our grandparents’ era.

36. Whistling a tune is a sign of both happiness and nervousness.

37. The whistling valve brought us a warning.

38. Drumming is an old term for selling goods.

39. Speaking clearly was the teacher’s best quality.

40. The squeaking of the chairs bothered everyone in the class.

**Writing Link** Write a paragraph about learning to ride a bicycle. Use at least five gerunds in your description.
Lesson 49
Infinitives and Infinitive Phrases

An **infinitive** is a verb form that uses the word *to* followed by the base form of a verb. It often functions as a noun, as either a subject or a direct object. An infinitive can also function as an adjective or adverb. When *to* is used as part of an infinitive, it is not a preposition.

**To fly** has been a dream of humans since ancient times. (infinitive as subject)

Most people like **to sing**. (infinitive as direct object)

**We rode the bus to the mall.** (prepositional phrase)

An **infinitive phrase** is a group of words that includes an infinitive and other words that complete its meaning.

**To keep one’s promise** is a sign of good character. (infinitive phrase)

> **Exercise 1** Underline each infinitive or infinitive phrase.

I prefer **to listen to music in my room**.

1. Gary is practicing to become the best player ever.

2. The coach wants us to achieve good results.

3. We need to train our dog systematically.

4. The instructor asked me to stop the car.

5. To chew gum can be fun.

6. To keep the lead is difficult.

7. Who wants to go to the zoo?

8. The restaurant wants to satisfy its customers.

9. Ever since childhood, to train dolphins was her goal.

10. Harry wanted to begin the game on a good footing.

11. To ring the bell was her job.

12. His aunt wanted to buy him the book.

13. To feed a pet can lift one’s spirits.

14. To sing in a rock band was Ann’s goal.
15. To help Ben prepare the meal involves giving the cookbook to him.

16. My dog loves to ride in the car.

17. To think of the best way to the stadium was difficult.

18. Who wants to sit beside Grandma?

19. Before dinner, my father likes to ride his exercise bike.

20. To win the game would be a sweet victory.

21. On his way to school, Beka needs to make a left-hand turn.

22. To teach a class can be both difficult and fun.

23. To cook dinner will not take long.

24. To swing is a child’s delight.

25. Sonia wants to pay for the ice cream.

26. Pedro loves to pop popcorn after school.

27. The lions hoped to spring at the hyenas.

28. To leave before the end of the show was rude.

29. To run in the Olympics was Jesu’s dream.

30. To grow older is a natural part of life.

31. We all need to eat nutritious food.

32. The president proposed to cut taxes.

33. To do that math problem was our homework.

34. To know the secret is the key.

35. Who volunteers to drive to the movie?

36. The officer told the students to be careful crossing the intersection.

37. Stuart learned to write poetry from his English teacher.

38. Feng Ying likes to grow geraniums in the window box.

39. To rise to the top is an energetic goal.

40. Barbie’s goal is to win a gold medal at the Special Olympics.
Exercise 2 Underline each infinitive or infinitive phrase. Write in the blank its use in the sentence: S for subject or DO for direct object.

**DO** I need to finish my homework.

1. I love to hug my collie.
2. To act on a Broadway stage is one of Jenny’s fondest dreams.
3. To become a concert pianist requires hours of practice every day.
4. To bake the perfect raspberry pie was one of Grandpa’s talents.
5. José needed to get his car at the gas station.
6. Athletes must learn to lose gracefully.
7. To reach the highest level in the video game is the purpose of finding the hidden passage.
8. To write the article for the school paper took talent.
9. To win the game is a real challenge.
10. Abdul hoped to find pictures of his great-grandparents.
11. We need to arrive at least two hours early.
12. Dawit and Carmen wanted to raise the flag at the opening ceremonies.
13. To leave before the storm would be a smart idea.
14. The coaches planned to test the team’s endurance.
15. To eat more than one piece of pie is greedy.
16. Micah and Jamal have learned to finish their homework before bedtime.
17. Wanting only a laugh, Enrique never intended to insult anyone.
18. The constant dripping of the faucet threatened to drive him insane.
19. To own real estate requires saving much money.
20. To run all the way to the edge of the park is exhausting.
21. All the boys wanted to join the choir.
22. I am trying to find photos of whales.
23. To win a soccer match takes teamwork.
24. To teach a large class requires much patience.
25. Would Carlos like to visit his uncle in Oregon?
26. The referee told the booth to restart the game clock.
27. To be sure before proceeding may lessen problems later.
28. To change schools can be a scary experience.
29. Growing a good crop of tomatoes proves to be time consuming.
30. The poet likes to read his poems at the neighborhood bookstore.
31. To organize a family reunion demands a great amount of planning.
32. Ever since she can remember, Marilyn has wanted to become a country-western singer.
33. While no one liked to cook, everyone liked to eat.
34. To serve and to lead were the president’s wishes.
35. In response to public opinion, the council decided to hire seven new police officers.
36. To find the correct answer is not always easy.
37. Because she was so hungry, Suchin wanted to get a sandwich.
38. Brushing your teeth with baking soda helps to clean them.
39. Robin wanted to mail the package, but she needed more postage.
40. To match Dan’s ability is certainly an accomplishment.

**Writing Link** Write a paragraph about learning to swim. Include at least six infinitives.
Unit 8 Review

Exercise 1  Write in the blank part. (participle), ger. (gerund), or inf. (infinitive) to identify the italicized word or words.

1. Gazing at the sky, Emil imagined he could fly.
2. For her birthday, Will is giving his sister a new tape player.
3. Riding was the most popular activity at camp except for swimming.
4. To make the team requires both coordination and speed.
5. The entire family enjoys playing tennis.
6. Their new recording is selling very well.
7. Marion had prepared for the piano recital.
8. The worried parents finally found the boy.
9. The cousins all agreed to write to each other.
10. We enjoy singing folk songs.
11. They planned to make the variety show an annual event.
12. We couldn’t get out because of the car parked behind us.
13. Where did you learn to repair your bicycle?
14. Bounding down the stairway, the dog greeted its master.
15. Feeding the cats is Meg’s daily chore.
16. The carriage bouncing along the street was a collector’s item.
17. I began jogging around the track every day.
18. To err is human.
19. Reading between the lines is a hidden talent.
20. Arthur found the cow grazing in the neighbor’s vegetable garden.
Cumulative Review: Units 1–8

Exercise 1  Underline each prepositional phrase. Write adj. (adjective) or adv. (adverb) in the blank to identify the kind of phrase. Circle each coordinating, correlative, and subordinating conjunction.

___ adj.  The key to the neighbor’s house was missing, but Derek had a spare.

 ___  1. In the morning she was tired and cranky.

 ___  2. I not only can remember the name of that substitute teacher, but also can remember what he wore that day.

 ___  3. The realtor would not wait inside the house because it was spooky.

 ___  4. The hat on the elderly lady’s head was both bizarre and charming.

 ___  5. Our swingset and birdbath were damaged in yesterday’s storm.

 ___  6. The shark swam around the coral reef when the fishing boat appeared.

 ___  7. Both strawberries and bananas are used in the fruit salad.

 ___  8. The first room on the left is yours.

 ___  9. The people became quiet before the golfer putted on the green.

 ___  10. All of the construction workers wore yellow hard hats and heavy work boots.

 ___  11. The sign in the front yard was neither correct nor legible.

 ___  12. My new CD player will be ready by Monday or Tuesday.

 ___  13. I looked into the classroom but saw nobody I knew.

 ___  14. Ryan never drinks iced tea without lemon and sugar.

 ___  15. They went fishing during the early morning hours since the weather was calmer.

 ___  16. The wooden fence between these houses needs nails and paint.

 ___  17. Although Mr. Wang coached the soccer team, most of his time was spent teaching health and physical education.

 ___  18. Elizabeth was brave during the crisis, but she panicked later.

 ___  19. Under the bed were a worn slipper and a giant dust ball.

 ___  20. The lanky man with the black hair and the bushy beard is our math teacher.
Exercise 2 Write con. (concrete), abst. (abstract), col. (collective), or comp. (compound) in the blank to identify the type of noun in italics. Some nouns will fit more than one category.

The team from Wilson Junior High won the debate.

1. Checkers is one of the world’s oldest board games.
2. Lianna Black had the original idea for the project.
3. Our Siamese cat won a blue ribbon at last month’s show.
4. Many people are interested in learning about their past.
5. The crowd at the State Theater anxiously awaited the opening performance.
6. Cole knew it was time to clean his room when he could no longer see his carpet.
7. My best friend, Jen, hates peanut butter.
8. In the 1960s audiences were out of control at the Beatles’ concerts.
9. Our school library sold bookmarks to raise money for improvements.
10. Alissa used her mechanical skill to fix her sister’s bike.
11. The committee announced its decision to fire the district manager.
12. The jury listened carefully to the cross-examination of the witness.
13. Ben’s hope is that he will be able to visit Washington, D.C.
14. Ms. Walker always stressed creativity for our journal assignments.
15. Clam chowder is a popular soup in New England.
16. The class voted on which videotape to watch.
17. Stan called the electrician to connect the wiring in the basement.
18. As the sky began to darken, the parade proceeded down Main Street.
19. We saw that the little boy was in danger, so we called the police.
20. During the peaceful protest, the courthouse steps were bathed in candlelight.
Exercise 3  Underline the verbal or verbal phrase. In the blank, write ger. (gerund), part. (participle), or inf. (infinitive).

ger.  Moving to Williamsburg sparked Nicole’s interest in history.

1. Will writing to the publisher have any effect?
2. Patches prefers to eat his dog food at room temperature.
3. The Hiking Club discovered the remains of a log cabin destroyed by fire.
4. Lindsay needed the counselor to advise her on the best courses.
5. My grandmother enjoys golfing on the weekends.
6. Cleaning the roadsides not only helps the environment but also saves money for the highway department.
7. Catered by professionals, the banquet was a flawless success.
8. Applauding enthusiastically, the audience prompted another curtain call.
9. Pedro, trying to be brave, opened the door to the shed and went inside.
10. Obedience schools help to train owners as well as their dogs.
11. John tried painting a mural on the wall.
12. Leading the race for student council made Tommy Han happy.
13. A worthwhile use of free time is volunteering at the community’s soup kitchen.
14. Inching its way through the driving snow, the taxi delivered my grandparents from the airport.
15. Scuba diving is a favorite sport in Bermuda.
17. The campers staying in the Will-o’-the-Wisp Cabins will wash the dishes tonight.
18. I like to compose silly song lyrics.
19. Typing 65 wpm, Vicki quickly finished her history paper.
20. To win first chair in the flute section, Julia practiced every day after school.
Unit 9: Subject-Verb Agreement

Lesson 50
Making Subjects and Verbs Agree

If the subject of a sentence is singular, then the verb of the sentence must also be singular. If the subject is plural, then the verb must also be plural. When the subject and the verb are both singular or both plural, they are said to agree in number.

That tree loses its leaves early in the fall. (both singular)
Those trees lose their leaves late in the fall. (both plural)

The irregular verbs be, do, and have can be main verbs or helping verbs. In either case, they must agree with the subject.

Singular: She is painting a portrait. He does well. It has a good plot.
Plural: They are artists. The students do try. They have completed the lesson.

Exercise 1 Draw two lines under the verb in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

Astronomers (studies, study) the galaxies.

1. Our galaxy’s name (is, are) the Milky Way.
2. The Milky Way (consists, consist) of the sun and other stars, the nine planets, gas, and dust.
3. The combined light from all the stars (spreads, spread) out to form a band of light across the sky.
4. In the night sky the Milky Way (resembles, resemble) spilled milk.
5. Throughout history there (has, have) been many legends about the Milky Way.
6. We now (knows, know) that Galileo, with his improved telescope, first confirmed that the light source was the stars.
7. This is not surprising because there (is, are) about 100 billion stars in our galaxy.
8. The Milky Way is flat like a disk, but it (bulges, bulge) at the center.
9. The spiral arms of the Milky Way (radiates, radiate) from this center.
10. Our solar system (exists, exist) 30,000 light years from the center, or two-thirds of the way out on an arm.

11. The stars (rotates, rotate) around the central bulge.

12. The sun (completes, complete) one orbit of the galaxy every 225 million years, which is one cosmic year.

13. While our galaxy has billions of stars, other larger galaxies (contains, contain) even more stars.

14. Two dozen galaxies (makes, make) up the “Local Group.”

15. Amazingly, scientists (believes, believe) there are billions of other galaxies in the universe!

Exercise 2 Underline the subject of each sentence. Fill in each blank with the verb in parentheses that best completes the sentence.

A meteor ________ like a star falling from the sky. (looks, look)

1. Meteors ________ often called shooting stars. (is, are)

2. A meteor ________ a streak of light that occurs when interplanetary particles vaporize. (is, are)

3. Many meteors occurring together ________ a meteor shower. (creates, create)

4. Comets’ debris ________ most meteor showers. (produces, produce)

5. The particles then ________ Earth’s atmosphere. (enters, enter)

6. A very large meteor ________ not completely vaporize. (does, do)

7. The particles ________ known as meteorites when they hit the Earth. (is, are)

8. Meteorites sometimes ________ meteorite craters when they hit the moon, Earth, or other planets. (forms, form)

9. Meteorites ________ classified by their composition. (is, are)

10. They ________ different combinations of minerals, such as iron and nickel. (contains, contain)
Lesson 51
Locating the Subject

The verb must agree with the subject even when the subject and verb are separated. Sometimes a prepositional phrase separates the subject and verb.

The goal of those charities is to provide shelter for homeless people. (The prepositional phrase of those charities separates the subject goal and the verb is.)

Sometimes the subject comes after the verb, as in sentences that begin with here or there.

Here is the book you looked for yesterday. (Book is the subject; is is the verb.)

In an interrogative sentence, a helping verb may come before the subject.

Does your dog really eat grapes? (Dog is the subject; Does is the helping verb; eat is the main verb.)

Exercise 1  Draw one line under the subject and two lines under the verb in each sentence.

Does he have your new phone number?

1. There are more cookies in the kitchen.

2. The night sky, in all its splendor, amazes us.

3. Here are the papers from the storeroom.

4. Has your mother called you?

5. The door with the broken lock has caused us much trouble.

6. There are eight boys in our class.

7. Here is the answer to your problem.

8. The grandmother of the Vasquez children drops them off at school.

9. The kittens on the windowsill watch the birds.

10. There is a bug in your hair.

11. Do the little girls know their address?

12. Here is my favorite picture in the museum.

13. Cars with air bags appear safer than those without them.
14. The boy with the red hair is buying his ticket first.
15. The director of both bands was leading the march.
16. Here is the best recipe for chocolate chip cookies.
17. People from all corners of the world come for the artist’s exhibit.
18. Was Kelly happy with her final performance?
19. The teacher, with a nod of his head, indicates his approval.
20. The story about heroic animals was Arturo’s favorite.

**Exercise 2** Draw two lines under the verb in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

The windows in the family room (was, were) very dirty.

1. The cheerleaders from the other team (does, do) a cheer for us before each game.
2. There (is, are) many boys trying out for the soccer team.
3. Sabine’s years in Europe (appears, appear) to be happy ones.
4. They (waits, wait) in line for the choir tryouts.
5. (Does, Do) the boys have a snack after school?
6. Here (is, are) the ingredients for the salad.
7. There (is, are) nothing that Jane won’t do for a laugh.
8. Our friends from youth group (visits, visit) us regularly.
9. The members of our team (wears, wear) blue and white uniforms.
10. The principal of the school (changes, change) the school’s dress code every year.
11. Here (comes, come) the trumpet players.
12. The temperature in the cabins (rises, rise) rapidly.
13. On the table (sits, sit) the trophies we won.
14. Derek with his friends from school (climbs, climb) the tree in his backyard.
15. The chairs in the corner (is, are) antiques.
16. Here (is, are) the article that I told you about.
17. (Does, Do) this subject interest you?
18. The tables in the cafeteria (needs, need) wiping.
Lesson 52
Collective Nouns and Other Special Subjects

A **collective noun** names a group. It has a singular meaning when it describes a group that acts as a unit. It has a plural meaning when it describes members of the group acting as individuals.

The **class reads** every day. The **class read** from their textbooks.

Some nouns that end in -s take a singular verb.

Mathematics is my best subject. Mumps is a childhood disease. The **news is** good.

Some nouns that end in -s take a plural verb.

Here are the **binoculars**. Are my **clothes** ready? Where are the **pliers**? The scissors are on the desk. These jeans are mine.

A title of a book or work of art is always singular.

**Little Women** is a book by Louisa May Alcott.

If an amount is treated as a single unit, it is singular. If it is treated as many individual units, it is plural.

Twenty dollars is the price of the radio I want. Twenty dollars are scattered on the floor.

**Exercise 1** Draw two lines under the verb in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

Her clothes (was, were) destroyed in the fire.

1. Where the Red Fern Grows (is, are) the book our teacher assigned us.
2. The news (is, are) the only program that my father watches.
3. Five dollars (was, were) lying on the ground, so I turned them in at the office.
4. The binoculars (helps, help) us see the stage from our balcony seats.
5. The group (talks, talk) about the issues that concern each of them.
6. Mathematics (was, were) my favorite subject until I took government.
7. A Tale of Two Cities (becomes, become) very exciting toward the end.
8. Your jeans (is, are) still in the dryer.
9. Three dollars (is, are) the price we charge for a car wash.

10. *Guys and Dolls* (starts, start) at eight o’clock this evening.

11. My clothes (gets, get) dirty when I wash the car.

12. *The Water Lilies* (is, are) a painting by the French impressionist Claude Monet.

13. Mumps (makes, make) the face swell up.

14. Millions of dollars (was, were) lost in the bank robbery.

15. The team (was, were) defeated last Saturday.

16. Fifty-five dollars (is, are) too much to pay for that dress.

17. Those scissors (cuts, cut) through anything.

18. After the meeting, the group (goes, go) their separate ways.

19. The class (takes, take) field trips every Friday.

20. Pliers (works, work) well in loosening bolts.

21. The team (accepts, accept) its award at the assembly today.

22. *The Grapes of Wrath* (was, were) written by John Steinbeck.

23. The good news (is, are) that I did well on my science test.

24. Four hours (seems, seem) like a long time to wait in line for tickets.

25. The scissors (is, are) too big for the little girl to hold.

26. The faculty (holds, hold) sessions with each of their students’ parents.

27. Twenty minutes (lasts, last) forever when you’re waiting for a phone call.

28. Your glasses (breaks, break) every time you sit on them.

29. Twelve days (is, are) a long time to wait for my birthday.

30. Evan’s family (has, have) just moved into that house.

▶ **Writing Link** Write three sentences about clubs you can join at your school. Include collective nouns and other special subjects.
Lesson 53
Indefinite Pronouns as Subjects

An indefinite pronoun does not refer to a specific person, place, or thing. Many indefinite pronouns take a singular verb:

another, anybody, anyone, anything, each, either, everybody, everyone, everything, much, neither, nobody, no one, nothing, one, somebody, someone, something

Everybody wants to sign the petition. (singular)

Some indefinite pronouns take a plural verb:

both few many others several

Many of the students arrive early. (plural)

Other indefinite pronouns may take a singular or plural verb, depending on what follows them:

all any most none some

All of the parents agree with Mr. Jackson’s opinion. (plural)

Not all of the work is lost. (singular)

Exercise 1  Draw two lines under the verb in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

Several of his antique toys (was, were) very valuable.

1. Another in my collection of books (arrives, arrive) today.
2. Everybody in my class (wants, want) to win the candy sale prize.
3. Both of the boys (attends, attend) science club regularly.
4. (Is, Are) anybody going to the band concert?
5. Everyone (chooses, choose) a different animal to imitate.
6. Few (makes, make) apple pie like my aunt does.
7. Everyone in that show (makes, make) me laugh.
8. Everything in that store (is, are) made from chocolate.
9. No one (makes, make) a noise in the library.
10. Many of the ideas (was, were) good ones.
11. Nothing (is, are) as difficult as it seems.
12. One (is, are) never sure if Rhonda is being serious.
13. Few of the parents (was, were) as proud as my stepfather.
14. Somebody (helps, help) Dad make dinner every night.
15. Several of the songs (was, were) cut from the choir program.
16. Much (was, were) done to protect the endangered species.
17. Both of the scientists (has, have) made important discoveries.
18. Each of the vegetables (was, were) important for our diet.
19. Many (has, have) tried to change Randy’s mind.
20. Everybody (volunteers, volunteer) to help the teacher pass out the papers.

**Exercise 2** Fill in the blank with the verb in parentheses that best completes the sentence.

Few _______ the training schedule of a marathon runner. (undertakes, undertake)

1. Anything _______ an improvement on the current color of the room. (is, are)
2. Several of the artifacts _______ found among the ancient ruins. (was, were)
3. Few _______ the message of that movie. (understands, understand)
4. Someone _______ out the trash every Tuesday. (takes, take)
5. All of the soldiers _______ at attention when the flag is raised. (stands, stand)
6. Many of the books _______ the space program. (discusses, discuss)
7. No one _______ standing in line for tickets to that concert. (minds, mind)
8. Most of the table _______ covered with plates of food. (was, were)
9. Others _______ the bus, but Michael likes to walk. (takes, take)
10. Something _______ Anita when she sits by the window. (bothers, bother)
11. All of us _______ ready for summer vacation. (is, are)
12. When Tony eats spaghetti, none _______ on the plate. (remains, remain)
13. Either of the ties _______ well with this striped shirt. (goes, go)
14. Many ________, but few succeed in changing the dress code. (tries, try)
Lesson 54
Agreement with Compound Subjects

A compound subject consists of two or more subjects that share the same verb.

Micah and Rosa cheered at the basketball game.

Two or more subjects joined by and or by both . . . and take a plural verb.

Skiing and ice skating are my favorite winter sports.

Both Liz and Jessica do well in math class.

However, if and joins words that refer to a single person or thing, the subject is singular and takes a singular verb.

A singer and songwriter from Missouri is here today.

When a compound subject is joined by or, nor, either . . . or, or neither . . . nor, the verb agrees with the subject closer to it.

Neither Bob nor his parents are at the barbecue.

Exercise 1 Draw two lines under the verb in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

Nachos and peanuts (is, are) his favorite snacks.

1. English and art (is, are) the subjects I like most.
2. Neither the coach nor the players (looks, look) forward to Friday’s game.
3. Both Shari and Nigel (brings, bring) yogurt in their lunches.
4. Max or Jerod (does, do) the washing, and Sarah does the waxing.
5. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and french fries (is, are) on the menu.
6. Either magazines or newspapers (was, were) acceptable at the paper drive.
7. Both singers and dancers (performs, perform) in the parade.
8. Neither bowling nor tennis (interests, interest) Cody.
9. Mario’s piano teacher and mentor (is, are) an outgoing person.
10. Two nickels or a dime (works, work) in that vending machine.
11. Either the blue blouse or the pink shirt (looks, look) good with those pants.
12. Sad songs or movies (makes, make) Yvonne cry.
13. Rock or country music (appeals, appeal) to Russ.
14. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts (earns, earn) badges for their efforts.
15. Blankets and sleeping bags (is, are) necessary for camping.
16. Both Melinda and Trey (works, work) in the cafeteria.
17. Neither drinks nor food (is, are) permitted in the library.
18. Girls or boys can (joins, join) the debate team.
19. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday (is, are) the days Paula helps at the retirement home.
20. Reading, drawing, and painting (amuses, amuse) Ethan in his free time.

**Exercise 2** Write **A** in the blank if the subject and verb agree or **D** if they do not agree.

Both Mrs. Copeland and her students were at the museum.

A 1. Neither Tammy nor Seth look worried.
D 2. Ordinarily Mitch or Rachel join me for lunch.
A 3. Choir and band are activities that I enjoy.
A 4. Maybe Janet or Sasha remember me.
D 5. The ventriloquist and his puppet were the hit of the talent show.
D 6. Neither my mom nor my dad was able to come to the show.
D 7. Both Joel and Marty plans to go to the party.
A 8. The boy and his puppy runs together every morning.
D 9. Talking and chewing gum are forbidden in study hall.
D 10. Daisies, roses, and a carnation was in the bouquet.
A 11. Vicksburg and Gettysburg is Civil War battle sites.
A 12. My favorite lunch is soup and a sandwich.
D 13. Either a spoon or a fork is appropriate to use.
D 14. The skater and her parents were waiting for her scores.
A 15. Neither Jason nor Samantha like pizza.
A 16. Doctors and nurses watch the sick boy closely.
Unit 9 Review

Exercise 1  Draw two lines under the verb in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

Here (is, are) the recipe for my triple chocolate brownies.

1. The Pep Club (cheers, cheer) at every football game.
2. Many of my friends (is, are) going to the bonfire tonight.
3. Dave or his brothers (plays, play) in every baseball game.
4. Lacrosse (is, are) a challenging sport.
5. The banks of the river (floods, flood) during the heavy rains.
6. Four dollars an hour (is, are) what the Bennetts pay their baby-sitters.
7. Each (has, have) his or her own way of doing things.
8. Most of Mark Twain’s books (contains, contain) humor.
9. Few (appreciates, appreciate) his strange sense of fashion.
10. Mr. Harding (teaches, teach) English in a creative way.
11. The boss (wants, want) to hire a new staff for the project.
12. Mumps (is, are) a contagious disease.
13. Both of the students (scores, score) high on their tests.
14. Abbott and Costello (was, were) famous comedians.
15. The coach’s wife (sits, sit) on the bench.
16. Both Joe DiMaggio and Ty Cobb (was, were) great baseball players.
17. Gisele’s coach and teacher (is, are) Mrs. Monahan.
18. Neither music nor clowns (cheers, cheer) up the sad little boy.
19. The class (works, work) on the assignment as a group.
20. Everyone (wants, want) to go to the play-off game.
Cumulative Review: Units 1–9

Exercise 1  Draw one line under the complete subject and two lines under the complete predicate. Circle the sentence if it is a fragment.

The pig waddled across the pen and sat in the mud.

1. The maraca player kept Jake’s attention.

2. We rode the bus.

3. The mayor, the governor, and the president attended the banquet.

4. The guest on the talk show recommended his new film.

5. The audience at the rock concert danced and sang along with the musicians.

6. Won’t even last another day with that problem.

7. Isaac constantly reminded people how to spell his name.

8. Visited a college the other day.

9. We rode all the way to the top of the Eiffel Tower on our tour of France.

10. The elephants, the bears, and the large cats were my favorite attractions at the zoo.

11. The roller coaster threw Jon and Afi against the side of the car.

12. A large door to the cathedral.

13. The local cable company sponsored a charity event.

14. Our backpacking trip was cancelled because of bad weather.

15. My grandmother jogs five miles every day.

16. A trip to Canada was one of Jaelyn’s dreams.

17. Never again in a million years!

18. Chika must pay taxes on her wages.
19. My uncle puts ketchup on everything he eats.


Exercise 2  Fill in the blank with the form of the verb in parentheses that best completes the sentence.

Last night, my father ______ three glasses of soda. (drink)

1. If we had ______ the game, we would have been state champions. (win)

2. Who ______ that place to eat last weekend? (choose)

3. My mom ______ me the TV remote control when I was sick in bed. (bring)

4. Because I ______ the grass, I missed the football game. (cut)

5. That performer once ______ in the school choir. (sing)

6. We were relieved when my aunt ______ home from the hospital. (come)

7. If you had ______ the tickets right there, they would not be lost. (lay)

8. At the gourmet restaurant, my father has ______ calf brains! (eat)

9. According to legend, King Arthur ______ the Holy Grail. (seek)

10. I can’t believe that you ______ to that concert a year ago! (go)

11. Li Cheng’s family cheered when she ______ in the meet. (swim)

12. Nancy had ______ up all the balloons herself. (blow)

13. Tomorrow I ______ my sister the latest exercise videocassette. (buy)

14. My cousins had ______ their own vegetable garden. (grow)

15. Sandi ______ the door for heat before she opened it. (feel)

16. Max had ______ away from the stables when he realized he had left the stable door open. (ride)

17. Because his credit was good, the bank ______ Haloke $10,000. (lend)

18. The principal had ______ at many assemblies in the past. (speak)
19. My little brother giggled as the monkey ________________ from the vine. (swing)

20. It’s a good thing I ________________ your advice and stayed home. (take)

**Exercise 3** Draw one line under the subject in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

The (student, students) watch the movie silently.

1. (Gary, Gary and Camille) eats a hot-fudge sundae.
2. Before the show, the (performer, performers) practice lines.
3. When my (dog, dogs) eat, I also have a snack.
4. Hearing the lifeguard’s whistle, the (swimmer, swimmers) exit the pool.
5. The lost (bill, bills) are in my coat pocket.
6. Why (don’t, doesn’t) the crowd leave?
7. (Those, That) is my reason for leaving.
8. (A field, Fields) of corn stretch for miles along the road.
9. The (sweater, sweaters) with the fancy buttons costs fifty dollars.
10. The art (gallery, galleries) downtown display the paintings made by my mother.
11. At the street festival, (Brad, Brad and Alma) buys some cotton candy.
12. The new (puppy, puppies) chew on anything they can reach.
13. (This map, These maps) show the way to the caves.
14. (She, They) watches the children next door every Saturday.
15. Zach’s favorite (book, books) is a mystery.
16. When I have headaches, (Mother, Mother and Father) give me aspirin.
17. Right now, the (network, networks) are airing the State of the Union Address.
18. The (day, days) before the big game is filled with excitement and confusion.
19. The (soldier, soldiers) enters battle.
20. The (child, children) wear heavy coats in the winter.
Unit 10: Diagraming Sentences

Lesson 55
Diagraming Simple Subjects and Simple Predicates

Diagram simple subjects and simple predicates by drawing a horizontal line separated by a vertical line.

Write the simple subject to the left of the vertical line and the simple predicate to the right of the vertical line. Be sure to write only the simple subject and the simple predicate in this part of the diagram. Capitalize any words that are capitalized in the sentence.

A simple predicate may also include helping verbs.

Kittens play.  

Dogs are barking.

Exercise 1 Diagram each simple subject and simple predicate.

1. Snow falls.  
2. Leaves change color.  
3. My bicycle broke.  
4. The donkey brays.  
5. The flowers bloom.  
7. The bells are ringing.  
8. The breezes blow.  
9. The fence is breaking.  
10. Takeo is speaking.
11. The rabbits hop.

12. The glasses broke.


15. The television makes noise.

16. She will ask permission.

17. Juan has bought a pen.


19. Mr. Reyes said it.

20. I called Steven.

21. We will attend the concert.

22. Peter was playing the guitar.

23. He threw the ball.

24. I had seen the musical.
Lesson 56
Diagraming the Four Kinds of Sentences

Study the diagrams below of the simple subject and simple predicate of the four basic kinds of sentences. Regardless of the word order in the sentence, the location of the simple subject and simple predicate in a sentence diagram is always the same. In an imperative sentence, the subject is often understood and written in parentheses.

DECLARATIVE
People ride bikes.

INTERROGATIVE
Is it raining?

IMPERATIVE
Clean the dishes.

EXCLAMATORY
I forgot my books!

Exercise 1 Diagram each simple subject and simple predicate.

1. The sheep are bleating.
2. Are you writing poetry?
3. Do purchase that CD.
4. Our cat is meowing.
5. When did you meet him?
6. I lost my club badge.
7. Candida is singing.
8. Give me my tape.
9. Hold the net!
10. You must study.
11. Do you have the phone number?
12. The show is starting!
13. Wash your face.
14. Kelly is here.
15. Where are the horses?
16. Mow the lawn.
17. I laughed out loud.
18. The pond froze last week.
19. The parakeet is escaping!
20. Was that thunder?
21. The balloons are drifting away.
22. Wait a minute!
23. Did Josh find his sneakers?
24. The cake is gone!
Lesson 57
Diagraming Direct and Indirect Objects and Predicate Words

Place the direct object to the right of the verb when diagraming. Set it off from the verb by a vertical line that does not extend below the horizontal line.

Predicate nouns and predicate adjectives are also written on the horizontal line after the verb, but they are separated from a linking verb by a slanted line. Locate indirect objects on a line below and to the right of the verb with a slanted line touching the verb.

Diana offered her sister the CD. Sparrows are noisy.

Exercise 1 Diagram each simple subject, simple predicate, direct object, indirect object, predicate noun, and predicate adjective.

1. Benito called his father.
2. My bike is new.
3. Lorena ate the pear.
4. Francis rode the pony.
5. Hakeem sold Charlie the bike.
6. Beth lost her watch.
7. Hazel sent me the letter.
8. Carl heard the song.
9. Jerome gave the horse an apple.
11. Mali threw Terry the ball.  
12. Bill mowed the lawn.  
13. The dog fetched me the paper.  
14. The game was great.  
15. The day grew warm.  
16. Pat is the center on the team.  
17. Sally became happy.  
18. That bush seems dead.  
19. Mr. Cardona signed the note.  
20. Tiffany guaranteed us a change.  
21. The cat chased the mouse.  
22. My dad is a teacher.  
23. His answer seems correct.  
24. My aunt will give me a videotape.
Lesson 58
Diagraming Adjectives and Adverbs

Place adjectives, including articles, on slanted lines beneath the nouns or pronouns that they modify. Place adverbs on slanted lines beneath the verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs that they modify.

Thick grass must be mowed regularly. The heavy rain came very swiftly.

Exercise 1 Diagram the following sentences.

1. The bright snow sparkles.
2. Janis runs very fast.
3. Emily speaks well.
4. Mark Twain wrote great stories.
5. Red-breasted robins wake early.
6. Andy regularly throws great pitches.
7. Good chess matches take a long time.
8. Hairstyles change often.
10. I love foreign languages.
11. Yellow canaries sing sweetly.
12. The Chinese poet wrote beautiful poetry.
13. The white cat sleeps quietly.
14. Teenagers usually prefer fashionable clothes.
15. Jennifer gave her mom a new watch.
16. Old books need careful preservation.
17. Sailboats dot the blue bay.
18. Brown sparrows chirp their songs loudly.
19. The young salesclerk refunded the nice man his money.
20. Tall, thick trees completely cover those distant hills.
Lesson 59  
Diagraming Prepositional Phrases

Connect a prepositional phrase to the noun or verb it modifies. Put the preposition on a slanted line and the object of the preposition on a horizontal line.

The leaves on those trees are bright yellow.

The sound of music echoed throughout the building.

Exercise 1  Diagram the following sentences.

1. The color of the sky is red.  
2. Our track team runs across the golf course.  
3. My dog went into Mr. Jones's yard.  
4. Puppies of that color are rare.
5. We listen to that CD often.

6. Rudy stands within earshot.

7. You should not handle kittens of a very young age.

8. My skill with a bow is improving.

9. Olympus Mons is the largest volcano on Mars.

10. Sam went with his family.

11. Our squad of runners finished behind their squad.

12. Carlos lost everything in his satchel.

13. We stood in the surf for some time.

14. The flowers of early spring sprouted under the leaves.

15. My cat sleeps in the sun on the windowsill.

16. The news of the win spread quickly throughout the school.
Lesson 60
Diagraming Compound Sentence Parts

Coordinating conjunctions such as and, but, and or join words, phrases, or sentences. Diagram these compound parts of a sentence by placing the second part below the first. Write the coordinating conjunction on a dotted line connecting the two parts.

Birds perch and sing.

Water nourishes plants and animals.

Rubies and emeralds are gems.

Dad washes and dries our clothes.

Exercise 1 Diagram the following sentences.

1. Emilio and Fred read comics.
2. Sarah prefers ice cream and cola.
3. Marcos or Jim will eat the leftovers.
4. Alta sits and studies.
5. Mrs. Welch coaches and plays tennis.  

10. Freezing rain and sleet fell steadily.

6. Tin whistles and bagpipes make lively music.  

11. Sarah gave her brother CDs and tapes.

7. Apaches and Navahos inhabited the Southwest.  

12. The fog and mist filled the river valleys and glens.

8. Buy or borrow a recorder for class.  

13. The bear and her cub were fishing in the stream.

9. A thesaurus and a dictionary are necessary school resources.  

14. Eagles and hawks are extremely sharp-eyed hunters.
Lesson 61
Diagraming Compound Sentences

Diagram each main clause of a compound sentence separately. Use a vertical dotted line to connect the verbs of each clause if the main clauses are connected by a semicolon. If the main clauses are connected by a conjunction such as and, but, or or, place the conjunction on a solid horizontal line connected to the verb of each clause by a vertical dotted line.

Robins sing in the morning, but you can hear owls at night.

Dolphins leaped along the bow of the ship; seagulls circled overhead.

Exercise 1 Diagram the following sentences.

1. The horses pulled the plow, and the farmer followed the horses.

2. We crossed the bridge, and then we entered the city.
3. You must find the papers; then take them to the teacher.

4. I would rather eat pizza for lunch, or maybe we can eat hamburgers.

5. Elizabeth painted the picture, but she did not frame it.

6. Wild European rabbits live in large warrens; other rabbits live individually.

7. Ramon enjoys the city, but he lives in the country.

8. Hiroshi is the drummer, and Sandy is the guitarist.

9. Did you watch television last night, or did you read?

10. Listen to the rain; it falls steadily.
Lesson 62
Diagraming Complex Sentences with Adjective and Adverb Clauses

Diagram a complex sentence with an adjective or adverb clause by placing the adjective or adverb clause below the main clause.

Draw a dotted line between the relative pronoun that introduces the adjective clause and the noun or pronoun it modifies in the main clause. Then diagram the relative pronoun according to its function in its own clause.

Draw a dotted line between the verb in the adverb clause and the verb, adjective, or adverb it modifies in the main clause. Write the subordinating conjunction on the dotted line connecting the verb to the word it modifies.

You can find people everywhere who are interested in soccer.

Because she worked quickly, Paula finished first.

Exercise 1 Diagram the following sentences.

1. He recognized the grizzly bear that stood upright.
2. She sneezed when she had a cold.
3. The solidiers uncovered a cargo plane that had huge propellers.

4. It was the Pooles who lost their canary.

5. The town, which has a fine history museum, is picturesque.

6. Wherever they searched in the woods, mushrooms were common.

7. While other predators have lived on Earth, the Tyrannosaurus rex outranks all of them.

8. King Kong had forearms that were eight feet in length.

9. The Pima were powerful warriors who protected their farms from Apache raiders.

10. Though Susan had many bracelets, one with her initials was her favorite.
✔ Unit 10 Review

Exercise 1 Diagram the following sentences.

1. The white blood cells in your blood fight infection.

2. The Notre Dame sports teams are called the Fighting Irish.

3. Mini caught the baseball.

4. The infant cried because he was hungry.

5. Vito accidentally ate some bad meat, but he did not become ill.

6. I had a backache and stomach cramps yesterday.

7. That actor has played the noble hero and the evil villain.

8. The movie that we saw received great reviews.
Cumulative Review Units 1–10

Exercise 1 Underline each adverb and adjective clause in the following sentences. Write adj. (adjective) or adv. (adverb) in the blank to identify the clause.

adj. Are these the baseball cards that you bought?

1. Samantha tells stories that astound us.

2. The book that is on the table is not mine.

3. We called Kevin, whose bike had been stolen.

4. After I buy the CD, I will call you.

5. This coat is one that she will like.

6. Cal was sad when he heard the news.

7. The teacher who knew the subject gave the lecture.

8. It was not the job that I had wanted.

9. The dog buried the bone where no one would find it.

10. We will help you if you will let us.

11. Your model car, which I put on your desk, needs polishing.

12. Juan wore the jacket, although he didn’t like it.

13. Unless it is too late, we will call her.

14. The lilac bush that we planted is blooming already.

15. Those new clothes that you bought are fantastic.

16. I watch this video whenever I have time.

17. This is the teacher whom you requested.

18. Wherever they are, they are late.

19. She did not believe me until you told her the story, too.

20. Your show remains on the air while my favorite program has been cancelled.
Exercise 2  Underline each participle or participial phrase, gerund or gerund phrase, and infinitive or infinitive phrase. Then write the type of word or phrase in the blank.

_________  gerund  ________
Sherry loves painting.

1. Our team is a winning team.
2. Holding a grudge does one no good.
3. Running is Carla’s favorite sport.
4. Mr. Smith says he dreads public speaking.
5. Learning a foreign language is hard work.
6. Our team must practice more often if they want to win.
7. I like eating hamburgers and salad.
8. We hope to have a better team next year.
9. I prefer walking home from school.
10. Recognizing the importance of the test, we studied hard.
11. Having all these household chores keeps me busy.
12. When is the best time to call them?
13. Laughing loudly, he walked into the class.
14. I think cleaning the patio is an easy job.
15. Your story has a new beginning.
16. Discovering the solution to a problem is great fun.
17. My dog is a trusted pet.
18. Is that a real wishing well?
19. The radio, tuned to my favorite station, was bothering my mother.
20. You have to work hard to succeed.
Exercise 3  Underline each preposition or prepositional phrase, and circle each conjunction.

The ball is in the drawer or on the desk.

1. Jerry and Hector like to go to town.
2. Why did the Bears try for two points?
3. They listened to the advice.
4. Did you hear about the accident?
5. The cat came from the door and into the kitchen.
6. You left the lawn mower under the tree.
7. Thunder comes before rain and after lightning.
8. I like boats and ships.
9. Until she comes, let’s go into the arcade.
10. For your dessert, would you prefer ice cream or sherbet?
11. The puppy ran into the living room.
12. We were tired but happy.
13. After the game, we went to the restaurant and mall.
14. Class ended, but I was not finished.
15. They feared the threat of rain.
16. It happened around noon.
17. Maria came home with a new coat and a book bag.
18. The wind beat heavily against the window.
19. I like that movie with the fast action and car chases.
20. Yolanda dives gracefully off the high board.