

Exercise on Faulty Predication

In the following pairs of sentences, one sentence has faulty predication, and the other sentence has a subject and a verb that “match.” Mark the CORRECT sentence.

1. A_____ Dyslexia is a reading disorder.

B_____ Dyslexia is where a person has a reading disorder.

Answer A is correct.

Answer B is incorrect. *Dyslexia* is not a place.

2. A_____ A final examination is when students are tested on what they know.

B_____ A final exam is a test of what students know.

Answer A is incorrect. *A final exam* is not a time.

Answer B is correct.

3. A_____ In his determination to win helped him finish the race.

B_____ His determination to win helped him finish the race.

Answer A is incorrect. *In his determination* is a prepositional phrase, and a prepositional phrase cannot be the subject of a sentence.

Answer B is correct.

4. A_____ Water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit.

B_____ The temperature of water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit.

Answer A is correct.

Answer B is incorrect. The *temperature* does not boil.

5. A_____ The reason Sam hesitates is because no one supported him three years ago.
B_____ Sam hesitates because no one supported him three years ago.

Answer A is incorrect. *The reason is because* is redundant.

Answer B is correct.

6. A_____ The hurricane damaged the beach.
B_____ The hurricane damaged the beach erosion.

Answer A is correct.

Answer B is incorrect. The hurricane damaged the beach. The hurricane did not damage the *erosion*.

7. A_____ The reason for her absence is that she is on vacation.
B_____ The reason for her absence is because she is on vacation.

Answer A is correct.

Answer B is incorrect. *The reason is because* is redundant.

8. A_____ By sending in your order now qualifies you for a discount.
B_____ Sending in your order now qualifies you for a discount.

Answer A is incorrect. *By sending in your order now* is a prepositional phrase, and a prepositional phrase cannot be the subject of a sentence.

Answer B is correct.

9. A_____ The researchers' main goal is finding a cure for cancer.

B_____ The researchers' main goal is cancer.

Answer A is correct.

Answer B is incorrect. The researchers' goal is not *cancer*. The goal is *finding a cure* for cancer.

10. A_____ The cost of health insurance protects people from large medical bills.

B_____ Health insurance protects people from large medical bills.

Answer A is incorrect. Health insurance, not the *cost* of health insurance, protects people from large medical bills.

Answer B is correct.