

Dirty Dozen Pre-test

Each sentence contains an error. Circle the letter of the error that the sentence contains.

1. He always insist that he is the best-dressed man in the room.

- A. misuse of apostrophe
- B. subject-verb agreement error
- C. misplaced modifier
- D. faulty predication

2. I saw two deer on the way to class.

- A. misuse of apostrophe
- B. faulty predication
- C. misplaced modifier
- D. comma splice

3. Driving through Yellowstone National Park.

- A. faulty predication
- B. fragment
- C. misplaced modifier
- D. fused sentence

4. The condition of the dorm rooms are substandard.

- A. fragment
- B. dangling modifier
- C. subject-verb agreement error
- D. pronoun-antecedent agreement error

5. I hope you like fish we are having trout and salmon for dinner.

- A. dangling modifier
- B. subject-verb agreement error
- C. faulty predication
- D. fused sentence

6. A packet of letters is missing from their folder.
- A. pronoun-antecedent agreement error
 - B. subject-verb agreement error
 - C. faulty predication
 - D. fused sentence
7. Everyone likes Mike, he is always so cheerful and helpful.
- A. comma splice
 - B. fused sentence
 - C. vague pronoun error
 - D. subject-verb agreement error
8. One of the mothers took their child to the playground.
- A. vague pronoun reference
 - B. pronoun-antecedent agreement error
 - C. fused sentence
 - D. misplaced modifier
9. Although it was quite windy on the river.
- A. subject-verb agreement error
 - B. pronoun-antecedent agreement error
 - C. fragment
 - D. misplaced modifier
10. That isn't my book it is Katie's book.
- A. misuse of apostrophe.
 - B. vague pronoun reference
 - C. faulty predication
 - D. fused sentence
11. Julia wanted to borrow Ellen's skirt and sweater, but she couldn't because it was at the cleaners.
- A. misuse or lack of apostrophe
 - B. misplaced modifier
 - C. subject-verb agreement error
 - D. unclear pronoun

12. It's not her voice I like so much, it's her lyrics.
- A. comma splice
 - B. misuse of apostrophe
 - C. subject-verb agreement error
 - D. misplaced modifier
13. If Sally takes four courses this semester, she had completed her degree by this August.
- A. comma splice
 - B. shift in tense
 - C. shift in person
 - D. vague pronoun reference
14. Anorexia is when a person stops eating.
- A. misplaced modifier
 - B. shift in person
 - C. faulty predication
 - D. vague pronoun reference
15. With the fish, you can have salad, soup, or coleslaw is available.
- A. comma splice
 - B. lack of parallel structure
 - C. subject-verb agreement error
 - D. shift in tense
16. The reason I am late is because I lost my keys.
- A. faulty predication
 - B. shift in tense
 - C. shift in person
 - D. fused sentence
17. My childrens' school program is tonight, so I need to leave work early.
- A. comma splice
 - B. vague pronoun reference
 - C. shift in tense
 - D. misuse of apostrophe

18. Knowing the answer, my hand was raised.

- A. dangling modifier
- B. comma splice
- C. subject-verb agreement error
- D. faulty predication

19. I looked for the missing book under my bed, behind the sofa, and I looked in the back seat of my car.

- A. faulty predication
- B. shift in person
- C. shift in tense
- D. lack of parallel structure

20. When I travel, I always take extra money. You never know when you'll have an emergency.

- A. misplaced modifier
- B. comma splice
- C. shift in person
- D. lack of parallel structure