

## Dirty Dozen Review Study Guide Answer Key

1. He always insist that he is the best-dressed man in the room.  
This sentence has a subject-verb agreement error. Don't forget the final "s" on third-person, present tense verbs that have an *sts* or an *sks* combination. (He always insists that he is the best-dressed man in the room.)
2. I saw two deer on the way to class.  
This sentence has a misplaced modifier. The deer are not on the way to class. (On the way to class, I saw two deer.)
3. Driving through Yellowstone National Park.  
This is a fragment because it does not have a subject or a verb. (We were driving through Yellowstone National Park.)
4. The condition of the dorm rooms are substandard.  
This sentence has a subject-verb agreement error. Take out the prepositional phrase (of the dorm rooms.) The subject is *condition* which is singular, so the verb should be *is*. The condition of the dorm rooms is substandard.
5. I hope you like fish we are having trout and salmon for dinner  
This is a fused sentence. (I hope you like fish. We are having trout and salmon for dinner.)
6. A packet of letters is missing from their folder.  
This sentence has a pronoun-antecedent agreement error. The subject is *packet*, which is singular. *Their is* plural. (A packet of letters is missing from its folder.)
7. Everyone likes Mike, he is always so cheerful and helpful.  
This is a comma splice. (Everyone likes Mike. He is always so cheerful and helpful.)
8. One of the mothers took their child to the playground.  
This sentence has a pronoun-antecedent agreement error. *One* is singular. *Their* is plural.) One of the mothers took her child to the playground.)
9. Although it was quite windy on the river.  
This is a fragment. Remove *although*. (It was quite windy on the river.)  
You can also add an independent clause. (We had a great time although it was quite windy on the river.)
10. That isn't my book it is Katie's book.  
This is a fused sentence. (That isn't my book. It is Katie's book.)

11. Julia wanted to borrow Ellen's skirt and sweater, but she couldn't because it was at the cleaners.

This sentence has an unclear pronoun reference. Does *it* refer to the skirt or the sweater? (Julia wanted to borrow Ellen's skirt and sweater, but she couldn't because the skirt was at the cleaners.)

12. It's not her voice I like so much, it's her lyrics.

This is a comma splice. (It's not her voice I like so much. It's her lyrics.)

13. If Sally takes four courses this semester, she had completed her degree this August.

This sentence has a shift in tense. (If Sally takes four courses this semester, she will complete her degree this August.)

14. Anorexia is when a person stops eating.

This sentence has faulty predication. Anorexia is not a time. (Anorexia occurs when a person stops eating.)

15. With the fish, you can have salad, soup, or coleslaw is available.

This sentence lacks parallel structure. (With the fish, you can have salad, soup, or coleslaw.)

16. The reason I am late is because I lost my keys.

This sentence has faulty predication. (I am late because I lost my keys.)

17. My childrens' school program is tonight, so I need to leave work early.

This sentence has a misuse of apostrophe. (My children's school program is tonight, so I need to leave work early.)

18. Knowing the answer, my hand was raised.

This sentence has a dangling modifier. (Knowing the answer, I raised my hand.)

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

This sentence lacks parallel structure. (I looked for the missing book under my bed, behind the sofa, and in the back seat of my car.)

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

This sentence has a shift in person. (When I travel, I always take extra money. I never know when I'll have an emergency.)