

Answers to Practices

Answers: Practice Avoiding –ing Words That Aren't Verbs (see pg. 6)

1. The cars were rushing past the bus waiting at the corner.
2. Coming from behind, the running back was reaching for the football.
3. Yolanda is worried about the spelling exam.
4. They have been staying home lately, avoiding the stinging cold.
5. The importance of studying is becoming evident to the students.
6. A frozen rain fell from the sky, pelting the glass with sleet.
7. Behind the fence stood the excited dog, waiting for a reason to bark.

Answers: Practice Finding the Verb (see pg. 10)

1. Janet saw the yellow canary.
2. The boy joined the people running after the bus.
3. The girls sang the song.
4. The puppy whined.
5. Plants need light for their growth.
6. The manuscript was rejected twice.
7. The author continued his efforts.
8. Lenny scattered seed over the lawn.
9. Finishing his report, Bill sighed with relief.
10. Dirty clothes cluttered the floor of the living room.
11. Jane is ready for the exercise.
12. My jacket is being washed.
13. We must have been dozing all day.
14. Mike should be resting.
15. Around the room raced the excited boy.
16. I often sing in the shower.
17. Pitchers of juice were covering the top of the table.
18. The computer monitor hummed steadily throughout the night.
19. Math is Ricky's favorite subject.
20. The painted walls will add a nice touch to the room.
21. The scared rabbit kept very still.
22. Sleeping all day, I missed the important meeting.
23. Mary is wishing for an iguana for Christmas.
24. With his mother slept the small child.
25. Zeke wants to visit the zoo with Sarah.
26. I wish to sing that particular song.
27. Some men refuse to attend bridal showers.
28. To give is better than to receive.
29. After the play Shelley was talking to her escort.
30. The run was getting longer for most of the racers.

(In Nos. 25-28, the words *to visit*, *to sing*, *to attend*, *to give*, and *to receive* may look like verbs but they aren't. They don't change when you move the sentence though time.)

31. On the couch rests the dog.
32. Nobody in the house seemed to mind this dog on the couch.
33. To play hard was the coach's only command.
34. Perry will have till tomorrow to decide.
35. The company executives have noticed a change in the workers' attitudes.
36. The lion had been fed by the zoo-keeper.
37. He must have called by now.
38. With this rain, the flowers will be in full bloom soon.

Answers: Practice Finding the Subject (see pg. 16)

1. The carpenters built the roof for the new house.
2. Rhonda walked her dog.
3. The driver closed the doors.
4. The joggers were refreshed by the breeze.
5. The breeze refreshed the joggers.
6. Through the dark alley fled the thief with his loot.
7. The tree was being trimmed by the worker.
8. Soon the clouds grew darker.
9. Jake gave Becky his apology.
10. John was absent during the ceremony.
11. Safely in the rollercoaster seat sat Jeremy.
12. The metal was cold to the touch.
13. Carpeting was installed in the cafeteria by the janitor.
14. Boys often play with marbles.
15. Understanding the question is an important part of finding the answer.
16. The leaves floated gently in the air.
17. Tracy trained for the military exam.
18. We have been notified already!

Answers: Practice Finding the Clauses (see pg. 16)

1. The clouds hung in the horizon.
2. After the game, Rex rested.
3. Matt watched the entire program.
4. Birds migrate for the winter.
5. The pen smeared ink on Jenny's report.
6. The electric company is responsible.
7. The window was being washed by Mike and Jeremy.
8. Rubbing his leg, the runner limped slowly off the track.
9. Waiting for news can be tiresome, indeed.
10. The bulbs began sprouting through the soil.
11. These books will look nice on the shelf.
12. Dogs and cats are popular pets for Americans.

13. Donald was elected the next president.
14. We heard the screech.
15. On the doorstep will be two packages.
16. Behind the desk stood the manager.
17. The test was graded quickly by the teacher.
18. The birds were being watched by the cat.

Answers: Practice with Direct Objects (see pg. 21)

1. The carpenters built the roof.
2. Walking her dog, Rhonda noticed the billboard.
3. After waiting a few minutes, the bus driver closed the doors.
4. The snow covered the ground.
5. No direct object (“The thief fled whom or what?” doesn’t have an answer.)
6. Joe cut the rope.
7. No direct object (“The rope was cut whom or what?” doesn’t have an answer.)
8. The mailman delivered a package.
9. Johnny must clean his room.
10. No direct object (The words *all day* answer “when?” not “whom or what?”)
11. The boy filled the jug.
12. No direct object (The phrase *like a charm* answers “how?”)
13. He photographs panthers.
14. She wants chocolate.
15. Mary noticed the ticket.
16. Most horses will eat apples.
17. Alicia voiced her opinion.
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18. Matt fed the sea-gulls.
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19. The girl could not find her mother.
 S V DO

20. His friends were buying their tickets.
 S V DO

21. Their horses have been resting.
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22. We might lose our opportunity.
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23. That would disappoint us.
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24. It could help his cause.
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Answers: Practice with Indirect Objects (see pg. 24)

I'm not going to give you the answers right away. Instead, let me first show you how the practice sentences that have indirect objects can be re-written.

1. The black clouds brought rain **to us**.
2. Jake gave his apology **to Becky**.
3. The company awarded the prize **to John**.
4. He sent a report **to the group**.
5. (No indirect object)
6. I found a new watch **for her**.
7. The deliveryman handed the bulky package **to Erica**.
8. John Simms takes fresh eggs **to his neighbors**.
9. (No indirect object)
10. Danny bought a new car for his wife. (This is the original form. When a sentence is originally worded this way, it technically does not have an indirect object. If I had written the sentence as "Danny bought his wife a new car" then the words *his wife* would be the indirect object.)
11. (No indirect object. The word *by* is not part of the formula for finding the IO.)
12. Bees bring new pollen **to flowers**.
13. (No indirect object)
14. Tourists bring income **to Spain**.
15. Matt told a bedtime story **to his son**.
16. (No indirect object. See note for No. 11 above.)
17. The gardener gives fertilizer **to the shrubs**.