

**ESLP 182
In-Class Diagnostic Test
Fall 2008**

Name _____ Date _____

Word Form & Parts of Speech

Correct the errors in the sentences below. Each sentence contains one error.

1. Milwaukee almost broke the record for the larger amount of snow received during the winter last year.
2. There are specifically rules that you are required to follow if you want to succeed in your classes.
3. The university hired a consultant, who made some excellent suggests about new courses that should be offered.
4. The letter took a long time to preparation and write.
5. He read the bored book twice because he had problems concentrating the first time he read it.

Basic Sentence Structure

Correct the errors in the sentences below. Each sentence contains one error.

1. We visited the city of Odessa, which on the Black Sea.
2. His supervisor said that he could leave early on Friday because he wanted to go out of town for the weekend
3. The bookstore it did not have the book that I needed to purchase for my class.
4. Robert in the front always sits because he doesn't hear well in his left ear.
5. class starts in five minutes, so you had better hurry and use the restroom before the teacher begins the class.

Connecting Ideas by Coordination

Correct the errors in the sentences below. Each sentence contains one error.

1. It's raining very hard, but you need to take an umbrella with you.
2. He failed the final exam; however, he received the lowest grade in the class.
3. Yulia grew up in a small town yet she feels very comfortable in a big city.
4. The teacher didn't ask for a reason why I was late, nor I did offer one.
5. Dr. Jones asked his students to bring their textbooks, and folders to class so that they could review for the test.

Connecting Ideas by Subordination

Correct the errors in the sentences below. Each sentence contains one error.

1. Because Jim is is failing two of his courses, people still consider him one of the most gifted students in the college.
2. My brother, whom owns a home in the mountains, never visits me in the summer.
3. You can sit anywhere, because many students aren't attending the lecture today.
4. I am not sure if or not you can take 18 credits in a term. You should consult your advisor.
5. What was once assumed that the computer would render paper obsolete.

Common Sentence Problems: Fragments & Run-Together Sentences

Correct the errors in the sentences below. Each sentence contains one error.

1. The senior students are performing extremely well in class, for example, Susan, Richard, and Kim have the highest grades.
2. Because that class fills up quickly. You must register this week.
3. Josh understood. What the problem was with his solution.
4. On my trip last year, I was able to visit some places that hadn't seen in a long time.
5. When she needs to study late, Jenny takes the LIMO service provided by the university otherwise she would need to walk home by herself late at night.

Capital Letters, Spelling, Hyphens, Underlining, and Italics

Correct the errors in the sentences below. Each sentence contains one error.

1. She read an informative newspaper article about Islam and muslims in the U.S.
2. My goal is to run a ten kilometer race by October
3. Does anyone know who's turn it is?
4. I read the book Run before classes started so that I could participate in a book discussion during freshman orientation.
5. My favorite Bob Dylan song is Blowin' in the Wind.

Present, Past, and Future Tenses

Read the sentences and fill in each blank with the correct tense verb.

1. Yousef _____(to come—negative) to class since Tuesday. I'm worried about him.
2. I usually _____ (to run) early in the morning at around 6am.

3. I _____ (to get) ready for class right now. I would appreciate it if you would call me after class or stop by during office hours.
4. They _____ (to study) English for a very long time.
5. He _____ finally _____ (to clean) his room, so his roommate is happy.
6. We are sorry that we are late. We _____ (to eat) breakfast in the cafeteria when our friend who is now living out of state stopped by to talk with us.
7. I _____ (to begin) teaching almost fifteen years ago.
8. By the time I got your e-mail, I _____ already _____ (to leave) work for the day, so I couldn't respond to your message until this morning.
9. When she _____ (to arrive) at the scene of the accident, she saw that a lot of people _____ already _____ (to help) the victims.
10. It is very likely that Bill _____ (to cook) tonight when his mom calls him.
11. I _____ (to grade) these tests before I go home tonight.
12. Mike _____ (to travel) for two days by the time he reaches his destination.
13. We _____ (to visit) my parents this weekend, but we _____ (to return) by late Sunday afternoon so that we are ready for classes on Monday.

Modals

Read the sentences and fill in each blank with a correct modal.

1. You _____ (to call) me to let me know that you would be late. That way, I _____ (to prepare—negative) the food until you got here.
2. You _____ (to cheat--negative); otherwise, you could be expelled from the university.
3. Abdullah _____ (to oversleep) because he didn't come to class this morning and he rarely misses class.
4. Li _____ (to go) to the dentist because he lost his filling and his tooth really hurt.

Active/Passive Voice

Read the sentences below and then change the underlined clause into either the active or passive voice in the space below. Be sure to rewrite the entire sentence and to make all necessary changes without changing the meaning.

1. In most major cities of the United States, a simple majority elects the mayor.
2. Someone stole my passport last year while I was on vacation.

3. Most of the e-mail accounts at our company were affected by a virus last week.
4. People had raised many issues at the meeting by the time she arrived.
5. Details of the accident will be released by the police some time tomorrow

Subject-Verb Agreement

Correct the errors in the sentences below. Each sentence contains one error.

1. The person who live in the apartment next to me visits her mom every week.
2. There are many reasons why students doesn't come to class.
3. Terry's favorite hobbies is flying kites and building model airplanes.
4. China is hosting the Olympic Games this year and hope that the event will showcase it as a major world power.
5. I heard that some people thinks that yoga should be an Olympic event even though it is not recognized as a competitive sport.

Count & Non-Count Nouns and Singular and Plural Nouns

Correct the errors in the sentences below. Each sentence contains one error.

1. Please see me if you need some advices before you begin your research.
2. Several cases of measles were diagnosed in Milwaukee last year.
3. He has one nephew, two niece, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.
4. You should write all your answer on the sheet of paper that I have provided.
5. Many student come to visit me during office hours, especially when papers are due.

Articles

Read each sentence and fill in each blank with an article (a, an, the) if necessary. If no article is needed, just leave the blank empty or put in a 0.

1. Jenny got _____ "A" on _____ first lab report in her chemistry class. It was _____ hard assignment for her to complete.
2. I hope you enjoyed _____ sunshine today. It's supposed to be rainy for _____ rest of _____ week.
3. "_____ children should be seen and not heard," is _____ common American expression.
4. Can you hear _____ siren blowing? It must be _____ noon.

Pronouns

Read each sentence and fill in the blank with a pronoun (e.g. he, she, it his, her, hers, herself, this, that, who, which, each other)

1. You may think that _____ classes are not very interesting, but _____ are mandatory.
2. Experience is not necessary for _____ job, but _____ is helpful.
3. Student often like to help _____ by studying together.

Gerunds and Infinitives

Read each sentence and fill in the blank with a gerund or infinitive. Use the negative, past tense, progressive tense, or passive voice form when indicated.

1. One reason for students to study overseas is _____ (improve) their language skills.
2. In the United States it is very important _____ (plagiarize—negative).
3. _____ (volunteer) often makes people feel good about themselves.
4. The mail appears _____ (arrive—past tense & negative) yet. I wonder why it's late.
5. Wisconsin is famous for _____ (have) a large number of cheese factories.

Positions of Adjectives and Adverbs

Correct the errors in the sentences below. Each sentence contains one error.

1. I got my nephew a green little basketball for Christmas.
2. She has visited always my parents for Thanksgiving and Easter.
3. They had finished already their tests when the teacher told them that they had five minutes left.
4. Marquette's school colors are blue gold.
5. Be sure to carefully read five and six page before Wednesday's class.

Commas, Colons, and Semicolons

Correct the errors in the sentences below. Each sentence contains one error.

1. Be sure to bring: a pencil, notebook, binder, and folder.
2. There is one reason why so many countries are interested in trading with this country greed.
3. Her baby was due on September 1 2008, but she ended up going into labor a few weeks early.
4. The situation is once again deteriorating in Northern Uganda, due to the collapse in the peace talks.
5. For this reason many people are too frightened to return back to their homes and are choosing to remain in the displacement camps.