

The diagnostic test begins on the following page. The diagnostic is in 2 parts, each with 15 questions. Please answer each section to the best of your ability, keeping track of your answers, and then use our answer key and Google Form to see how you did.

This test is meant to help give an **accurate picture** of your knowledge; your results are for your benefit only, and will help you to choose an appropriate class for your level. As such, if you do not have any guess as to the correct answer to any particular question, please select the last multiple choice option, “**I don’t know,**” as your answer to that question.

PART 1:

1. How many **verbs** are in the following sentence:
The old woman is very happy because she saw her granddaughter recently.
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4
 - e. 5
 - f. I don't know

2. How many **nouns** are in the following sentence:
The man felt joy and happiness while looking at the clouds in the sky.
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4
 - e. 5
 - f. I don't know

3. Name the **part of speech** to which all of the following words belong:
quickly, happily, very, suddenly
 - a. participle
 - b. adverb
 - c. preposition
 - d. conjunction
 - e. I don't know

4. Choose the sentence whose verb is in the **future progressive tense**
 - a. I am looking out the window.
 - b. I will look out the window.
 - c. I should look out the window.
 - d. I will be looking out the window.
 - e. I look out the window.
 - f. I don't know

5. Which word makes the sentence correct:

The little doll houses in the window of the toy store _____ painted green.

- a. was
- b. have been
- c. shall
- d. is
- e. seem
- f. I don't know

6. Identify the sentence or sentences that contain a **linking verb**:

- a. The flowers wilt in the sun.
- b. He has eaten lunch already.
- c. The teacher is angry.
- d. All contain a linking verb
- e. None contain a linking verb
- f. I don't know

7. Which word makes the sentence correct:

The food belongs to the kids. It is the _____ food.

- a. kids
- b. kid's
- c. kids's
- d. kids'
- e. I don't know

8. In the following sentence, which underlined word is **not** an **adverb**:

The very happy dog quickly jumped over the fence yesterday

- a. very
- b. happy
- c. quickly
- d. yesterday
- e. all underlined words are adverbs
- f. I don't know

9. Choose the sentence whose verb is in the **present perfect tense**.

- a. The dog has eaten too much.
- b. The dog eats too much.
- c. The dog is eating too much.
- d. The dog will have been eating too much.
- e. The dog ate too much.
- f. I don't know

10. The **simple past tense** form of "to think" is _____

- a. thinks
- b. thank
- c. thought
- d. will have been thinking
- e. I don't know

11. Which underlined word in this sentence is **not correct**:

My oldest brother and me have decided that we'll speak to their teacher.

- a. oldest
- b. me
- c. we'll
- d. their
- e. I don't know

12. Read the following sentence:

Jane wanted to eat a cookie, but mom would not let her, so she played with Grace instead.

What is the **antecedent** of the underlined pronoun?

- a. Jane
- b. mom
- c. she
- d. Grace
- e. I don't know

13. Read the following sentence:

I don't think you should eat that; it fell on the ground earlier.

What **part of speech** is the underlined word in this sentence?

- a. pronoun
- b. adjective (including articles)
- c. noun
- d. verb
- e. preposition
- f. conjunction
- g. I don't know

14. Read the following sentence:

Who let the dogs out?

What **part of speech** is the underlined word in this sentence?

- a. pronoun
- b. adjective (including articles)
- c. noun
- d. verb
- e. preposition
- f. conjunction
- g. I don't know

15. Select the answer that contains an **infinitive**.

- a. to speak
- b. speaking
- c. spoke
- d. spoken
- e. shall speak
- f. speaks
- g. I don't know

PART 2:

1. Read the following sentence:

Yesterday I bought an apple for my sister.

The phrase “an apple” is the _____ in this sentence.

- a. subject
- b. subject complement
- c. direct object
- d. indirect object
- e. I don't know

2. Read the following sentence:

James is the captain

The phrase “the captain” is the _____ in this sentence.

- a. subject
- b. subject complement
- c. direct object
- d. indirect object
- e. I don't know

3. How many **prepositional phrases** are in the following sentence:

The carpenter from Wisconsin hit the nail on the edge of the board with a hammer.

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4
- e. 5
- f. I don't know

4. Which of the following sentences is grammatical:
- i. The soccer ball which I found in the backyard belongs to him.
 - ii. The soccer ball, which I found in the backyard, belongs to him.
 - iii. The soccer ball that I found in the backyard belongs to him.
 - iv. The soccer ball, that I found in the backyard, belongs to him.
- a. i, ii, and iii
 - b. i and ii
 - c. i and iv
 - d. ii and iii
 - e. None are grammatical
 - f. All can be grammatical depending on context
 - g. I don't know
5. Identify the sentence that uses the **subjunctive mood** correctly:
- a. I wish that you would stop chewing so loudly.
 - b. I wouldn't do that if I was you.
 - c. If he were taller, he will be able to go on the ride, but he isn't.
 - d. If it rains tomorrow, then I will stay inside.
 - e. I don't know
6. Read the following sentence:
I love shopping.
- What type of word is "shopping" in this sentence?
- a. Verb
 - b. Past participle
 - c. Present participle
 - d. Adverb
 - e. Gerund
 - f. I don't know

7. Read the following sentence:

The customer had already waited for 3 hours.

What is the **tense** of the verb this sentence?

- a. Simple past
 - b. Past perfect
 - c. Past progressive
 - d. Past perfect progressive
 - e. Pluperfect
 - f. Past participial
 - g. I don't know
8. Which of the following two sentences is grammatical:
- i. The man, whom I saw on the street, was bald
 - ii. The man whom I saw on the street was bald
- a. Sentence i only
 - b. Sentence ii only
 - c. Neither is grammatical
 - d. Both can be grammatical depending on context
 - e. I don't know
9. Read the following sentence:

After I returned home from school, I ate dinner.

What type of word is "after" in this sentence?

- a. Subordinating conjunction
- b. Coordinating conjunction
- c. Adverb
- d. Preposition
- e. I don't know

10. Which of the following sentences is **grammatical**:

- i. I thought I could win the race, but I was wrong.
 - ii. I thought I could win the race, however I was wrong.
 - iii. I thought I could win the race, though I was wrong.
- a. i only
 - b. ii only
 - c. iii only
 - d. i and ii
 - e. i and ii
 - f. ii and iii
 - g. None are grammatical
 - h. All can be grammatical depending on context
 - i. I don't know

11. Read the following sentence:

Go to your room!

What **mood** is the sentence in?

- a. Indicative
- b. Subjunctive
- c. Imperative
- d. Interrogative
- e. Conditional
- f. It has no mood
- g. I don't know

12. Select the sentence that contains a **stylistic error**.

- a. Having read your application, I have a few questions for you.
- b. As you know, it is my job to clean the floors.
- c. Stalking its prey, the lion moves quietly along the ground.
- d. As the captain of the ship, it is important for me to know how to steer.
- e. Did you see that beautiful sailboat yesterday?
- f. I don't know

13. Read the following sentence:

The door was slammed loudly by the young girl wearing a pink dress.

Which of the following qualities is **true** of this sentence?

- a. Past progressive tense
- b. Passive voice
- c. Ditransitive
- d. Compound sentence
- e. Pluperfect
- f. I don't know

14. Select the sentence that is **ungrammatical**.

- a. I will either go to the beach or my friend's house.
- b. Henry hikes in the summer and skis in the winter.
- c. Lemons can be eaten both with dinner and with dessert.
- d. Both the bad weather and that annoying sound put me in a bad mood today.
- e. Have you ever seen a piece of pizza bigger than that?
- f. I don't know

15. Select the sentence that is in the **future progressive** tense.

- a. Tomorrow I go to the store.
- b. Tomorrow I will be going to the store.
- c. Tomorrow I will go to the store.
- d. Tomorrow I will have gone to the store.
- e. Tomorrow I will have to go to the store.
- f. I don't know