



Words Often Confused Diagnostic

Directions: Please circle or underline the correct choice

1. We (already, all ready) have enough people for the trip.
2. Even though this is only the second week of the quarter, I really need a (break, brake).
3. You (could've, could of) bought even more gifts.
4. I took a (course, coarse) in using (course, coarse) textures in art.
5. I am sitting (here, hear) because I could not (here, hear) the speaker where I was.
6. The whole trip cost only \$3000 which (led, lead) me to buy two more tickets.
7. (It's, Its) been a long time since this car has had (it's, its) muffler replaced.
8. I (knew, new) there was (know, no) way to win.
9. I received a (compliment, complement) from the two (woman, women) about my posture.
10. We (passed, past) the Safeway store on the way home.
11. A (peace, piece) of pumpkin pie always hits the spot.
12. The (principal, principle) reason I took this (course, coarse) was to learn the (principals, principles) for hiring the best (personal, personnel).
13. (Their, There, They're) are more people (here, hear) today (than, then) (their, there, they're) were yesterday.
14. Bob (threw, through) the ball (threw, through) the window.
15. (Their, There, They're) were (to, too) many people and (to, too) little food at the event.
16. I was (to, too) tired and (to, too) cold (to, too) drive (to, too) school.
17. (Were, Wear, Where) will we go if the (weather, whether) gets bad?

18. (Whose, Who's) idea was it (to, too) take the train rather (than, then) the bus?
19. (You're, Your) really going to love (their, there, they're) selections and prices.
20. It is (a, an) honor to offer you such (a, an) unique gift as (a, an) apple.
21. I hope you will (accept, except) my decision to leave. I have finished all of my work (accept, except) the final chapter.
22. Can you (advice, advise) me on which (coarse, course) to take? I am looking for some trustworthy (advice, advise).
23. The President's speech (affected, effected) us all in different ways.
24. The cold weather certainly will (affect, effect) the price of crude oil.
25. I find reviewing just before bed to be a very (affective, effective) way to study.
26. One (affect, effect) will be an increase in prices.
27. Bob, Rachel, and Sean remained (conscious, conscience) through the entire lecture.
28. (Their, There, They're) are fewer students here (than, then) there were last quarter.
29. If Jim tells anymore bad jokes, I may (lose, loose) my mind!
30. It took (quiet, quite) awhile before the children became (quiet, quite).

Subject-Verb Agreement Diagnostic

Directions: Please circle or underline the correct choice

1. The flakes in the cereal (taste, tastes) terrible.
2. Everybody in the crowd (was, were) glad to see the sun.
3. Either Beth or Alice (is, are) the winner.
4. The flowers in the hallway by the door (need, needs) watering.

5. Jim’s attitude and personality (is, are) to blame.
6. There (is, are) four pieces of candy remaining.
7. Over by the door (was, were) two students chatting.
8. Each of the boys had tears in (his, their) eyes and (was, were) continuing to cry.
9. Somebody in the crowd (was, were) shouting for a dentist.
10. Anyone who (have, has) finished (his or her, their) essay (is, are) eligible.
11. The colors in this painting (was, were) its best feature.
12. There (is, are) too many people here.
13. Here (is, are) presents for everybody.
14. The reason for my failure (was, were) my absences from class.
15. Each of the songs (was, were) distinctive in (its, their) own way.
16. Everyone of the students (cooks, cook) breakfast once a week.
17. The twins and I (am, are) planning a party.
18. The main ingredient in these samples (is, are) jello.
19. All of the children (was, were) watching TV.
20. In the center of the room (was, were) a small desk and a lamp.

Pronoun Agreement Diagnostic

***SUBJECT* Pronouns: “I,” “She,” “He,” “We,” “They,” “Who,” “Whoever”**

***OBJECT* Pronouns: “Me,” “Her,” “Him,” “Us,” “Them,” “Whom,” “Whomever”**

Note: “It” and “You” belong to both groups

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1. Alex and (he, him) are going to the game.

2. The instructor expected (us, we) students to study.
3. Bob came with Lynn and (he, him).
4. This is strictly between you and (I, me).
5. We gave Clara and (he, him) a big-screen TV for Christmas.
6. (He, Him) and (I, Me) are going skiing this weekend.
7. My mom said goodbye to my brother and (I, me).
8. (We, Us) students had seldom thought of studying.
9. The host asked Randy and (he, her) to dance.
10. Alex and (she, her) were the winners.
11. She asked Beth and (I, me) to pay five dollars.
12. The decision is between you and (she, her).
13. The coach left it to Harry and (I, me) to arrange the party.
14. The women expect (we, us) men to do the cooking.
15. The noise was blamed on Dennis and (I, me).
16. The bus pulled away, leaving Dan and (they, them) standing on the corner.
17. I gave the tickets to (she, her) and (they, them) yesterday.
18. The elephants trampled Ralph and (they, them).
19. It was a good thing that (we, us) students had studied.
20. This supper is for Sue, Pat, and (they, them).

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