

Exercise: Adjective or Adverb Exercise 1

Choose the correct item:

1. He (correct, correctly) defined the terms. The answer sounded (correctly, correct).
2. She (quickly, quick) adjusted the fees. She adapted (quick, quickly) to any situation.
3. He measured the floor (exact, exactly). They proved to be (perfectly, perfect) (exact, exactly) measurements.
4. The stillness of the tomb was (awfully, awful). The tomb was (awfully, awful) still.
5. It was a (dangerously, dangerous) lake to swim in. The man was (dangerous, dangerously) drunk. The gas smelled (dangerously, dangerous).
6. She performed (magnificent, magnificently). It was a (magnificent, magnificently) beautiful performance.
7. Her voice sounds (beautifully, beautiful). She sang the song (exact, exactly) as it was written. We heard it (perfectly, perfect).
8. He was a very (sensibly, sensible) person. He acted very (sensible, sensibly).
9. Mike wrote too (slow, slowly) on the exam. He always writes (slow, slowly).
10. Talk (softly, soft) or don't talk at all. The music played (softly, soft).
11. Andrea knows the material very (good, well). She always treats us (good, well).
12. You must send payments (regular, regularly). We deal on a (strictly, strict) cash basis.
13. The mechanic's tools were (well, good). The foreman said that his work was (good, well) done.
14. She worked (careful, carefully) with the sick child. She was a very (careful, carefully) worker.
15. He did not pass the course as (easy, easily) as he thought he would.
16. I find this novel very (interesting, interestingly). It was (interesting, interestingly) written.

Correct answers are in bold.

1. He **correctly** defined the terms. The answer sounded **correct**.
2. She **quickly** adjusted the fees. She adapted **quickly** to any situation.
3. He measured the floor **exactly**. They proved to be **perfectly exact** measurements.
4. The stillness of the tomb was **awful**. The tomb was **awfully** still.
5. It was a **dangerous** lake to swim in. The man was **dangerously** drunk. The gas smelled **dangerous**.
6. She performed **magnificently**. It was a **magnificently** beautiful performance.
7. Her voice sounds **beautiful**. She sang the song **exactly** as it was written. We heard it **perfectly**.
8. He was a very **sensible** person. He acted very **sensibly**.
9. Mike wrote too **slowly** on the exam. He always writes **slowly**.
10. Talk **softly** or don't talk at all. The music played **softly**.
11. Andrea knows the material very **well**. She always treats us **well**.
12. You must send payments **regularly**. We deal on a **strictly** cash basis.
13. The mechanic's tools were **good**. The foreman said that his work was **well** done.
14. She worked **carefully** with the sick child. She was a very **careful** worker.
15. He did not pass the course as **easily** as he thought he would.
16. I find this novel very **interesting**. It was **interestingly** written.

Exercise: Adjective or Adverb Exercise 2

In the following sentences, cross out the incorrect words and write in the correct form in the blanks. If the sentence is correct as it is, write "correct" in the blank.

1. Terrence plays quarterback as well as Brian. _____
2. The game hadn't hardly begun before it started to rain. _____
3. This was sure a mild winter. _____
4. Jane behaves more pleasant than Joan. _____
5. When you are a parent, you will think different about children. _____
6. I felt badly about not having done good on my final exams. _____
7. Whether you win is not near as important as how you play. _____
8. Asian music often sounds oddly to Western listeners. _____
9. Does your car run well enough to enter the race? _____
10. I felt safely enough to go out at night on my own. _____
11. You can see the distant mountains clear with these binoculars. _____
12. Our team was real sharp last Saturday afternoon during the game. _____

Correct answers are in bold. Incorrect answers are in italics.

1. Terrence plays quarterback as well as Brian. **correct**
2. The game *hadn't* hardly begun before it started to rain. **had**
3. This was *sure* a mild winter. **surely**
4. Jane behaves more *pleasant* than Joan. **pleasantly**
5. When you are a parent, you will think *different* about children. **differently**
6. I felt *badly* about not having done *good* on my final exams. **bad, well**
7. Whether you win is not *near* as important as how you play. **nearly**
8. Asian music often sounds *oddly* to Western listeners. **odd**
9. Does your car run well enough to enter the race? **correct**
10. I felt *safely* enough to go out at night on my own. **safe**
11. You can see the distant mountains *clear* with these binoculars. **clearly**
12. Our team was *real* sharp last Saturday afternoon during the game. **really**

Exercise: Articles Exercise 1

Directions: Fill in the blank with the appropriate article, *a*, *an*, or *the*, or leave the space blank if no article is needed.

1. I want ____ apple from that basket.
2. ____ church on the corner is progressive.
3. Miss Lin speaks ____ Chinese.
4. I borrowed ____ pencil from your pile of pencils and pens.
5. One of the students said, "____ professor is late today."
- 6 Eli likes to play ____ volleyball.
7. I bought ____ umbrella to go out in the rain.
8. My daughter is learning to play ____ violin at her school.
9. Please give me ____ cake that is on the counter.
10. I lived on ____ Main Street when I first came to town.
11. Albany is the capital of ____ New York State.
12. My husband's family speaks ____ Polish.
13. ____ apple a day keeps the doctor away.
14. ____ ink in my pen is red.
15. Our neighbors have ____ cat and ____ dog.

Correct answers are in bold.

1. I want **an** apple from that basket.
2. **The** church on the corner is progressive.
3. Miss Lin speaks Chinese. (**no article needed**)
4. I borrowed **a** pencil from your pile of pencils and pens.
5. One of the students said, "**The** professor is late today."
6. Eli likes to play volleyball. (**no article needed**)
7. I bought **an** umbrella to go out in the rain.
8. My daughter is learning to play **the** violin at her school.
9. Please give me **the** cake that is on the counter.
10. I lived on Main Street when I first came to town. (**no article needed**)
11. Albany is the capital of New York State. (**no article needed**)
12. My husband's family speaks Polish. (**no article needed**)
13. **An** apple a day keeps the doctor away.
14. **The** ink in my pen is red.
15. Our neighbors have **a** cat and **a** dog.

Exercise: Articles Exercise 2

Directions: Write the following paragraphs, inserting *a*, *an*, and *the* where needed.

1. I have horse of my own. I call her Pretty Girl. She is intelligent animal, but she is not thoroughbred horse. I could never enter her in race, even if I wanted to. But I do not want to. She is companion, for my own pleasure. I took her swimming day or two ago.

2. Horse knows when he is going to race. How does he know? His breakfast was scanty. (He is angry about that.) He does not have saddle on his back. He is being led, not ridden, to grandstand. He is led under grandstand into unusual, special stall. Horse is nervous. Sometimes he does not know what to do when starting gate flies open and track is before him. If he does not begin to run instantly, other horses are already ahead of him. During race, when he sees another horse just ahead of him, he will try to pass him. Sometimes jockey holds him back to save his energy for last stretch. Eventually horse gets to run as fast as he can. Exercise boy, watching owner's favorite jockey riding horse he has exercised day after day, says nothing. Secretly, he is planning for day when he will be jockey himself, and his horse will be first to cross finish line.

3. Most people have fewer hours to give to time-consuming activities of clubs than they used to have, but most people in small town belong to club or two. One of clubs is likely to be social and benevolent organization, such as Rotary or Elks. Business people are likely to belong, also to either Kiwanis Club or Lions. Such business people's organizations may meet as often as once a week in one of private dining rooms of town's leading hotel for lunch. They have good lunch, hear good program, and continue their fundraising program for worthy organization, such as local hospital.

Correct answers are in bold.

1. I have **a** horse of my own. I call her Pretty Girl. She is **an** intelligent animal, but she is not **a** thoroughbred horse. I could never enter her in **a** race, even if I wanted to. But I do not want to. She is **a** companion, for my own pleasure. I took her swimming **a** day or two ago.

2. **A** horse knows when he is going to race. How does he know? His breakfast was scanty. (He is angry about that.) He does not have **a** saddle on his back. He is being led, not ridden, to **the** grandstand. He is led under **the** grandstand into **an** unusual, special stall. **The** horse is nervous. Sometimes he does not know what to do when **the** starting gate flies open and **the** track is before him. If he does not begin to run instantly, other horses are already ahead of him. During **the** race, when he sees another horse just ahead of him, he will try to pass him. Sometimes **the** jockey holds him back to save his energy for **the** last stretch. Eventually **the** horse gets to run as fast as he can. **The** exercise boy, watching **the** owner's favorite jockey riding **the** horse he has exercised day after day, says nothing. Secretly, he is planning for **the** day when he will be **a** jockey himself, and his horse will be **the** first to cross **the** finish line.

3. Most working people have fewer hours to give to time-consuming activities of clubs than they used to have, but most people in **a** small town belong to **a** club or two. One of **the** clubs is likely to be **a** social and benevolent organization, such as **the** Rotary or Elks. Business people are likely to belong, also to either **the** Kiwanis Club or **the** Lions. Such business people's organizations may meet as often as once a week in one of **the** private dining rooms of **the** town's leading hotel for lunch. They have **a** good lunch, hear **a** good program, and continue their fundraising program for **a** worthy organization, such as **a** local hospital.

Exercise: Prepositions of Direction: To, On (to), In (to)

Complete the following sentences with the correct preposition: **to, toward, on, onto, in, or into**. Some sentences may have more than one possible correct answer. Remember that a few verbs of motion take only "on" rather than "onto."

1. Anna has returned _____ her home town.
2. The dog jumped _____ the lake.
3. Are the boys still swimming _____ the pool?
4. Thomas fell _____ the floor.
5. The plane landed _____ the runway.
6. We drove _____ the river for an hour but turned north before we reached it.
7. The kids climbed _____ the monkey bars.
8. Joanna got _____ Fred's car.
9. The baby spilled his cereal _____ the floor.
10. We cried to the man on the ladder, "Hang _____!"
11. I went _____ the gym.
12. Matthew and Michelle moved the table _____ the dining room.
13. Allan left your keys _____ the table.
14. Dr. Karper apologized for interrupting us and told us to carry _____ with our discussion.
15. I walk _____ the amusement park.
16. Pat drove Mike _____ the airport.
17. Glenn almost fell _____ the river.
18. The waitress noticed that there was no more Diet Pepsi _____ Marty's glass.
19. Lee and Sarah took the bus that was heading _____ the university.
20. Mary Sue jumped _____ the stage and danced.

Correct prepositions are in italics.

1. Anna has returned **to** her home town.
2. The dog jumped **in / into** the lake.
3. Are the boys still swimming **in** the pool?
4. Thomas fell **on / onto** the floor.
5. The plane landed **on** the runway.
6. We drove **toward** the river for an hour but turned north before we reached it.
7. The kids climbed **on / onto** the monkey bars.
8. Joanna got **in / into** Fred's car.
9. The baby spilled his cereal **on** the floor.
10. We cried to the man on the ladder, "Hang **on**!"
11. I went **to** the gym.
12. Matthew and Michelle moved the table **into** the dining room.
13. Allan left your keys **on** the table.
14. Dr. Karper apologized for interrupting us and told us to carry **on** with our discussion.
15. I walk **to** the amusement park.
16. Pat drove Mike **to** the airport.
17. Glenn almost fell **in / into** the river.
18. The waitress noticed that there was no more Diet Pepsi **in** Marty's glass.
19. Lee and Sarah took the bus that was heading **toward** the university.
20. Mary Sue jumped **on / onto** the stage and danced.