

SENTENCES WITH ONE CLAUSE

Skill 1: BE SURE THE SENTENCE HAS A SUBJECT AND A VERB

EXERCISE 1: Underline the subjects once and the verbs twice in each of the following sentences. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. Last week went fishing for trout at the nearby mountain lake.
- ___ 2. A schedule of the day's events can be obtained at the front desk.
- ___ 3. A job on the day shift or the night shift at the plant available.
- ___ 4. The new computer program has provides a variety of helpful applications.
- ___ 5. The box can be opened only with a special screwdriver.
- ___ 6. The assigned text for history class it contains more than twenty chapters.
- ___ 7. The papers in the wastebasket should be emptied into the trash can outside.
- ___ 8. Departure before dawn on a boat in the middle of the harbor.
- ___ 9. Yesterday found an interesting article on pollution.
- ___ 10. The new machine is processes 50 percent more than the previous machine.

Skill 2: BE CAREFUL OF OBJECTS OF PREPOSITIONS

EXERCISE 2: Each of the following sentences contains one or more prepositional phrases. Underline the subjects once and the verbs twice. Circle the prepositional phrases that come before the verb. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. The interviews by radio broadcasters were carried live by the station.
- ___ 2. In the last possible moment before take off took his seat in the airplane.
- ___ 3. At the neighborhood flower shop, flowers in quantities of a dozen or a half dozen can be delivered for free.
- ___ 4. The progressive reading methods at this school are given credit for the improved test scores.
- ___ 5. For the last three years at various hospitals in the county has been practicing medicine.
- ___ 6. In the past a career in politics was not considered acceptable in some circles.

- ___ 7. Shopping in the downtown area of the city it has improved a lot in recent years.
- ___ 8. At the building site the carpenters with the most experience were given the most intricate work.
- ___ 9. For the fever and headache took two aspirin tablets.
- ___ 10. The report with complete documentation was delivered at the conference.

Skill 3: BE CAREFUL OF APPOSITIVES

EXERCISE 3: Each of the following sentences contains an appositive. Underline the subjects once and the verbs twice. Circle the appositive phrases. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. The son of the previous owner the new owner is undertaking some fairly broad changes in management policy.
- ___ 2. Last semester, a friend, graduated cum laude from the university.
- ___ 3. Valentine's Day, February 14, is a special holiday for sweethearts.
- ___ 4. At long last, the chief executive officer, has decided to step down.
- ___ 5. Tonight's supper, leftovers from last night, did not taste any better tonight than last night.
- ___ 6. The only entrance to the closet, the door was kept locked at all times.
- ___ 7. In the cold of winter, a wall heating unit, would not turn on.
- ___ 8. The new tile pattern, yellow flowers on a white background, really brightens up the room.
- ___ 9. The high-powered computer the most powerful machine of its type, was finally readied for use.
- ___ 10. A longtime friend and confidant, the psychologist was often invited over for Sunday dinner.

Skill 4: BE CAREFUL OF PRESENT PARTICIPLES

EXERCISE 4: Each of the following sentences contains one or more present participles. Underline the subjects once and the verbs twice. Circle the present participles and label them as adjectives or verbs. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. The companies offering the lowest prices will have the most customers.
- ___ 2. Those travelers are completing their trip on Delta should report to Gate Three.

- ___ 3. The artisans were demonstrating various handicrafts at booths throughout the fair.
- ___ 4. The fraternities are giving the wildest parties attract the most new pledges.
- ___ 5. The first team winning four games is awarded the championship.
- ___ 6. The speaker was trying to make his point was often interrupted vociferously.
- ___ 7. The fruits were rotting because of the moisture in the crates carrying them to market.
- ___ 8. Any students desiring official transcripts should complete the appropriate form.
- ___ 9. The advertisements were announcing the half-day sale received a lot of attention.
- ___ 10. The spices flavoring the meal were quite distinctive.

Skill 5: BE CAREFUL OF PAST PARTICIPLES

EXERCISE 5: Each of the following sentences contains one or more past participles. Underline the subjects once and the verbs twice. Circle the past participles and label them as adjectives or verbs. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. The money was offered by the client was not accepted
- ___ 2. The car listed in the advertisement had already stalled
- ___ 3. The chapters were taught by the professor this morning will be on next week's exam.
- ___ 4. The loaves of bread were baked in a brick oven at a low temperature for many hours.
- ___ 5. The ports were reached by the sailors were under the control of a foreign nation.
- ___ 6. Those suspected in the string of robberies were arrested by the police.
- ___ 7. The pizza is served in this restaurant is the tastiest in the county.
- ___ 8. The courses are listed on the second page of the brochure have several prerequisites.
- ___ 9. All the tenants were invited to the Independence Day barbecue at the apartment complex.
- ___ 10. Any bills paid by the first of the month will be credited to your account by the next day.

EXERCISE (Skills 1-5): Underline the subjects once and the verbs twice in each of the following sentences. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- ___ 1. For three weeks at the beginning of the semester students with fewer than the

maximum number of units can add additional courses.

- ___ 2. On her lunch hour went to a nearby department store to purchase a wedding gift.
- ___ 3. The fir trees were grown for the holiday season were harvested in November.
- ___ 4. In the grove the overripe oranges were falling on the ground.
- ___ 5. The papers being delivered at 4:00 will contain the announcement of the president's resignation.
- ___ 6. A specialty shop with various blends from around the world in the shopping mall.
- ___ 7. The portraits exhibited in the Houston Museum last month are now on display in Dallas.
- ___ 8. With a sudden jerk of his hand threw the ball across the field to one of the other players.
- ___ 9. Construction of the housing development it will be underway by the first of the month.
- ___ 10. Those applicants returning their completed forms at the earliest date have the highest priority.