

Answers Part 2: Grammar

Transition Words and Connectors. Fill in the blanks with correct transition words and connectors. You may need clause markers or FANBOYS.

Even though my brother denies it, he's really quite superstitious. For example, he always puts a lucky charm in his pocket when / whenever / if he leaves to take an exam. Whenever a football tournament begins, he won't shave until it has ended. He stays home on Friday the Thirteenth so he can avoid bad luck. Also, of course, he won't walk under a ladder because he's sure that will cause trouble. However, if he's asked about this behavior, he says he's just being careful, not superstitious!

What is expressed in each sentence? Choose the correct answer.

1. The ability to acquire a foreign language without formal instruction decreases as people get older.
 - a. fact or general truth
 - b. habit or repeated action
 - c. state or condition
2. The French club meets on the first and third Monday of each month.
 - a. fact or general truth
 - b. habit or repeated action
 - c. state or condition
3. Rachel knows a lot about Chinese culture.
 - a. fact or general truth
 - b. habit or repeated action
 - c. state or condition
4. I've just visited India. I've learned a lot about Indian culture.
 - a. an activity beginning in the past and continuing in the present
 - b. an activity completed recently
 - c. an activity completed at an indefinite time in the past
5. I've been living in Barcelona since January.
 - a. an activity beginning in the past and continuing in the present
 - b. an activity completed recently
 - c. an activity completed at an indefinite time in the past
6. I haven't filled out my university applications yet.
 - a. completed action
 - b. an uncompleted action
 - c. an action in progress
7. I've been thinking a lot about your interesting proposal.

- a. a completed action
 - b. an uncompleted short action
 - c. **an action in progress**
8. I've bought a new pair of shoes for Kara's wedding.
- a. **a completed action**
 - b. an uncompleted action
 - c. an action in progress
9. Hannah has been trying to solve a two major problems for our company.
- a. a completed action
 - b. an uncompleted action
 - c. **an action in progress**

Chapter 2. Read the passages. Choose *past* for a single past time frame, *present* for single present time frame, or *past to present* or *present to past* for a shifting time frame.

1. After the hurricane, many people moved further inland to rebuild their homes. It was a difficult time for them, but most people are doing very well in their new homes.

- a. past
- b. present
- c. **past to present**
- d. present to past

2. The use of solar energy is a very popular alternative to fossil fuels in some parts of the United States. Two years ago, legislators in some California communities passed several laws to encourage use of solar panels in private homes.

- a. **past**
- b. present
- c. past to present
- d. present to past

3. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X were both strong leaders of African-Americans in the 1960s. They had very different philosophies, but their lives ended in similar ways. They both died of gunshot wounds.

- a. **past**
- b. present
- c. past to present
- d. present to past

4. When I was a child, I used to go to the library every weekend. I enjoyed reading fiction and poetry. However, as I got older, I began reading more nonfiction. Nowadays, I read a lot of biographies.

- a. past
- b. present
- c. **past to present**
- d. present to past

5. Many people are turning to natural medicines to cure their illnesses. More and more doctors are comfortable recommending these natural medicines to their patients. However, most people believe that medicines, such as antibiotics, are also necessary.

- a. past
- b. **present**
- c. past to present
- d. present to past

Read each sentence and the statements that follow it; choose the correct one.

6. Do you need to mail that letter? I'll do it for you.
 - a. This is a prediction.
 - b. This is a plan made in advance.
 - c. **This is a decision made at the moment of speaking.**
7. With some additional practice, the team is going to do well in the finals.
 - a. **This is a prediction.**
 - b. This is a plan made in advance.
 - c. This is a decision made at the moment of speaking.
8. We're leaving on the train to New York in twenty minutes.
 - a. This is a prediction.
 - b. **This is a plan made in advance.**
 - c. This is a decision made at the moment of speaking.
9. Brad isn't going to do well on the exam. He's missed several important classes.
 - a. **This is a prediction.**
 - b. This is a plan made in advance.
 - c. This is a decision made at the moment of speaking.
10. I'm going to meet my brother at the museum later this afternoon.
 - a. This is a prediction.
 - b. **This is a plan made in advance.**
 - c. This is a decision made at the moment of speaking.

Which sentence is better?

1. _____ "I know you're worried about your grade, but your teacher said that you're doing well."
_____ "I know you're worried about your grade, but your teacher says that you're doing well."
(Conversation: use past tense)
2. _____ "Well, Mom tells me that *I* could use her car before she told you."
_____ "Well, Mom told me that *I* could use her car before she told you."
(Conversation: use past tense)
3. _____ "Doctors say that diabetes is preventable."
_____ "Doctors said that diabetes is preventable."
(Expert knowledge: use present tense)

Complete each sentence with the correct word from the box. Use the correct form. Some words will be used more than once.

call ----- define ---- refer

1. The head of a U.S. company is called the CEO.
2. A tennis serve that is not touched by the receiver is referred to as an ace.
3. The process by which plants produce nutrients using the energy from sunlight is referred to as OR is called photosynthesis.
4. The term “jolie laide” is defined as a woman who is attractive though not conventionally pretty.
5. One important auto racing organization in the United States is usually referred to as NASCAR.

Appositives: Circle the correct word or phrase.

EXAMPLE: Bill Gates, man / the man who made his reputation as the head of Microsoft, has gone on to establish a very significant charitable foundation.

2. A Conventional personality type ; a person / , a person who is good at working systematically, will likely enjoy working with databases and other forms of record keeping.
3. Podiatrists, or foot doctors, / the foot doctors, are regularly consulted by athletes of all kinds.
4. Relatively few famous soccer stars are ambidexters, a player / players that can kick the ball equally well with either foot.
5. U.S. space flights are generally carried out by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) / ; NASA.

Fill in the blank with the best article – or nothing.

1. Milly got an "A" on the first essay in her literature class.
1. He has X short black hair, and he usually wears a baseball cap
2. I think the express train is running late. It was supposed to arrive at 9 o'clock.
3. I thought it was an interesting movie. Too bad you couldn't come.
4. Please take these to the kitchen and put them in the dishwasher.
5. There is a parking lot next to the building. You can park there.

6. She is a wonderful flute player. She's been playing for a long time.
7. We need to get a new CD player. The old one doesn't work very well.
8. An adult cheetah can run at X speeds of over 80 miles per hour for short distances.

Do the two sentences have the same meaning? Write "yes" or "no."

1. "Put down your pencils now."
The professor ordered us to put our pencils down immediately.
YES
2. "The plays of Shakespeare are more interesting than the plays of Ibsen."
He claimed that Shakespeare's plays were more interesting than Ibsen's.□
YES
3. "Do you think I have enough money?"
She asked me if I thought she had enough money.
YES
4. "How are you getting to the party?"
She wanted to know how I had gotten to the party.
NO
5. "Everyone must leave now!"
She suggested that everyone leave now.
NO
6. "I'm not at all satisfied with your performance on the exam; are you?"
She wanted to know if I was satisfied with her performance on the exam.
NO

Choose the correct word or words to complete each sentence. If no extra word is needed, write X.

1. He ordered the driver_____the bus.□
a. **to stop** c. stop
b. was stopping d. stopped
1. She_____me her sister was coming to visit.
a. said c. asked
b. **told**□ d. exclaimed

2. They asked if _____ Toronto before.
 a. had we visited ☐ **c. we had visited**
 b. we have visited d. have we visited
3. He told us _____ upset about the loss.
 a. to be c. not isn't
 b. wasn't **d. not to be**
4. We asked _____ her dog was friendly or dangerous.
 a. what c. that
 b. **whether** d. X
5. Sarah asked _____ we wanted to have for lunch.
 a. **what** c. if
 b. that d. X
☐
6. Gloria asked me _____ had left the door open. ☐
 a. when c. that
 b. whether **d. who**

Combine each pair of sentences. Use a subject or object relative clause with who or which.

1. The exam was the most difficult of the year. Karen passed it easily.
 → The exam, which Karen passed easily, was the most difficult of the year.
2. There are specific rules. You are required to follow them.
 → There are specific rules which you are required to follow.
3. The woman won a prestigious award. She gives piano lessons to my brother.
 → The woman who gives piano lessons to my brother won a prestigious award.
4. The city hired a traffic consultant. He made some excellent suggestions.
 → The city hired a traffic consultant who made some excellent suggestions.
5. The flood caused significant damage in our area. It was the result of Hurricane Ivan.
 → The flood, which was the result of Hurricane Ivan, caused significant damage in our area.

Choose the correct answer.

1. The sentence that does NOT contain reported speech is:
 a. **She can leave now because she asked for permission.**
 b. He hasn't arrived, but he said he'd be here soon.
 c. I asked for help, and I specifically asked if you would assist me.
 d. He told us that he was moving to another apartment next month.
2. The sentence that does NOT contain reported speech is:
 a. Do you mind if I come, because Barb said it would be fine.
 b. My sister asked why we hadn't visited her sooner.
 c. **Ask Clara who used my computer when I wasn't home.**
 d. Jason told me he'd already seen that movie and apparently it's not good.

3. The sentence that does NOT contain reported speech is:

- a. Zack's mother asked if we were going to take him along.
- b. Tara's buying a guide to Spain because her professor said he'd lead the class on a tour of Madrid.
- c. My friends asked why we weren't going to buy tickets for them.
- d. Are you going to tell me what he said, or do I have to ask him myself?

4. The sentence that does NOT contain reported speech is:

- a. I could tell you the answer, but that wouldn't help you in the long run.
- b. He said he could tell we were very upset about the exams.
- c. She didn't have a good excuse but she did say that she wouldn't leave early again.
- d. The man who lives downstairs said that he could hear my TV last night.