Welcome to TEAS English prep!

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Let’s get started with some sample multiple choice questions, typically with four possible answers. We’ll review the questions, decide on an answer, and discuss BRIEFLY why the answer we choose is correct.

At the end of the presentation, I’ll provide you with the URL so you can access this PowerPoint on your own.
Each of the following sentences contains an error of some kind. Read each sentence and select the option that correctly identifies its error.

1. David was known for belching; and telling inappropriate jokes in public.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
2. Graduation from High School is considered a momentous occasion by many.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
3. Nurses plays a vital role in the healthcare profession.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
4. After having his tonsils removed, the child was listless for a few days.
5. The park was serine at twilight.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
6. Was the patient's mind lucid during the evaluation.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
7. The bachelor never married. Most people thought it was because of misogyny.

A. Capitalization  
B. Punctuation  
C. Spelling  
D. Grammar
8. The intricacy of the mathematical equation, drove the student trying to solve it crazy.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
9. The hybrid tomatoes is immune to most common diseases.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
10. The professor was humiliated when his students reported him to the Dean for verbal abuse.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
11. The con artist hoodwinked the old lady when he sold her fraudulent insurance.
12. The movie star was accused of a misdemeanor, when she stole $15 worth of merchandise from the store.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
13. The congregation sang a contemporary hymn.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
14. The wound were necrotic when examined.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
15. The defendant exhibited a peevish appearance.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
16. The band director was scheduled to play the piccolo on Tuesday.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
17. The renter was remiss; about the rent.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar

CLUE: HOW ARE SEMICOLONS USED?
18. The old man was known for his sapient knowledge.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
19. The inventor create several specious ideas to solve the problem.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
20. The teacher identified the troublemakers, in her classroom.

A. Capitalization
B. Punctuation
C. Spelling
D. Grammar
Overpopulation occurs when the _____ in a region exceeds the _______.

a. crude birth rate, crude death rate
b. crude death rate, crude birth rate
c. infant mortality rate, morbidity rate
d. morbidity rate, infant mortality rate
A driver's car overheats. He hypothesizes that a broken fan belt has caused this problem. Which discovery is MOST likely to cause him to revise his hypothesis?

a. reduction in outdoor temperature  
b. an intact fan belt  
c. a temperature warning light  
d. a crack in the radiator

CLUE: What do “hypothesize” and “revise” mean?
Shaka _______completed her residency

a. finally
b. finally
c. finely
d. final
The puppy chased _____ tail as the children watched ________.

a. its, delightedly
b. it's, delightedly
c. its, delitedly
d. it's delitedly

CLUE: What is the difference between “its” and “it’s”? 

Three days from now, the horses _________.

a. performing in a show  
b. performed in a show  
c. will perform in a show  
d. have performed in a show

CLUE: “Three days from now. . .” is Past, Present or Future?
The iterate teacher moved continually from one school to another within the district.

What is the error in this sentence?

a. iterate
b. continually
c. within
d. district
Too many potential job choices put Martin in a quandary.

What is the simple predicate of this sentence?

a. potential
b. choices
c. put
d. Martin
Kalinda divulged some qualms over her lack of experience.

What kind of sentence is this?

a. imperative
b. interrogative
c. exclamatory
d. declarative

CLUE: What are the differences between these kinds of sentences?
Which of the following sentences is correct?

“Will you check my pulse, doctor?”
“Will you check my pulse doctor?”
“Will you check my pulse, Doctor?”
“Will you check my pulse, doctor.”
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Answer: “Will you check my pulse, Doctor?” is correct. Doctor is capitalized because it is proper to capitalize any title when used as a direct address. A comma before doctor is necessary because commas are used before or surrounding the name or title of a person directly addressed.
What is meant by the word palpable in the following sentence?

The happiness in the room was almost palpable.

- Easily felt
- Overwhelming
- Overflowing
- Stifling
I was younger _____; I’m older ____ that now.

Then, than
Then, then
Than, then
Than, than
I was younger _____, I’m older _____ that now.

Then, than
Then, then
Than, then
Than, than

CLUE: “Then” refers to time. “Than” refers to a comparison.
Of the four sentences listed below, which is the best example of a compound sentence?

Andy worked hard to complete his exam. Although Amy and Annie wanted to ride the bus to class, they did not have the required bus fare. Carolyn went to the grocery store, but Annie decided to go to the market instead. Because Gerald was late for school, he was unable to take the test.
A compound sentence contains at least two independent clauses and no dependent clauses.

Therefore . . .

“Carolyn went to the grocery store, but Annie decided to go to the market instead.” is a compound sentence. “Carolyn went to the grocery store” is an independent clause, which could stand alone as a sentence. “Annie decided to go to the market instead” is also an independent clause. “but” is a coordinating conjunction to connect the two. There is NO dependent clause.
"Given the patient's symptoms, I would say he _______ has a serious infection." A commonly misspelled word belongs in the space above. Which, of the four choices listed below, is the correct word and spelling?

- Defiantly
- Definately
- Definitively
- Definitely
Change the following sentence from passive to active voice: "Over the course of the year, many mistakes were made."

Many mistakes have been made throughout the year.

We made many mistakes over the course of the year.

If mistakes were made, we are unaware of them.

Though mistakes were made, they are being rectified.
Which of the following sentences is an example of a narrative given through the third person point of view?

You walked into the room, your shoulders bent and head lowered. You didn't look up at anyone, but gathered your papers and books and shuffled to your seat. You didn't understand how things worked here. I smiled at the audience, waving cheerfully. My day had finally come. I worked hard to complete my portfolio before my senior project. As the deadline drew nearer, I felt oddly calm and confident in my work. Wayne and Ryan sang beautifully. Sarah, Wayne's wife, sighed wistfully as she watched him accept his award.
Which of the following words belongs in the space below?

Tiffany, Arlena, and Jane worked as a team for _____ senior project.

A. Ther  
B. They're  
C. Their  
D. There
Sarah and George traveled to Boston via the train.
In the sentence above, what part of speech is the word "traveled"?

A. Adverb phrase
B. Verb
C. Proper Noun
D. Noun
Upon receiving her minutely corrected essay, Melanie decided that her teacher's teaching style was far too pedantic.

Using context clues in the sentence above, determine the meaning of the word “pedantic.”
A. Excessively generous or free in correction.
B. Prone to focusing on small, potentially insignificant errors or details.
C. Prone to incorrectly identifying errors.
D. Given to flights of fancy and whimsy.
In the sentence below, which verb tense ought to be used in the blank?

Brian ______ to Montreal only two times before.

A. Drove
B. Has drove
C. Had drove
D. Has driven
The sentence below is an example of what common mistake in sentence structure?

Sarah and Tommy danced at the wedding, Sarah's mom took pictures.

A. Sentence Fragment  
B. Comma splice  
C. Run-on sentence  
D. Compound sentence
Of the following sentences, which is punctuated correctly?

Tina, however frequently cooks in her kitchen; Carlos never eats.
Loretta attended school regularly; however, she failed to take notes, resulting in low test scores. Yesterday two students were attacked by a bear while walking to class.
Adam failed to eat fish: resulting in a fatty acid deficiency.
Of the following compound words, which is spelled incorrectly?

A. Mother-in-law
B. Ex-husband
C. Stock-broker
D. Twofold
Which of the following sentences is not an example of correct subject-verb agreement?

Cierra's blanket collection was getting out of control.
The students was driving the teacher crazy by screaming out answers.
Four boys were teasing a group of girls in their class.
Behavior in children is most often determined by parental behavior.
The man was harshly punished for his egregious mistake. Based on the sentence above, what is the correct meaning of the word "egregious"?

A. Simple, rudimentary
B. Tragic, unforeseen
C. Misunderstood, or false
D. Terrible, exceedingly bad
Which of the following is an example of correct pronoun-antecedent agreement?

The boat was large and imposing. She boasted a deep blue exterior.
Johnny Depp is frequently considered to be a superb actor. He is perhaps best known for his role as Captain Jack Sparrow.
The movie was long and boring. He took too long to bring the story to a close.
A person must be truly dedicated to change a habit. It must work hard to overcome obstacles.
Of the following, which word becomes an **irregular** plural:

A. Mouse  
B. Chair  
C. Elephant  
D. Lounge

CLUE: What is a **regular** plural?
Which of the following is an example of incorrect punctuation?

"Is it serious, Doctor?" The patient asked, her hands twisting in her lap.
Barack Obama, the President of the United States, gave an address last week.
Annie hoped to see the Brooklyn Bridge during her visit.
President Barack Obama offered an address last week.
The Louvre is the most well-known museum in Paris. It is the current home of the Mona Lisa.

Which word in the sentences above is the antecedent?

A. Mona Lisa  
B. Paris  
C. The Louvre  
D. Home
Adam ran slowly at the end of his race, his hand wiping haphazardly as his brow.
Which words in the sentence above are examples of adverbs?

A. Ran
B. Wiping
C. Adam
D. His
E. Slowly
F. Haphazardly
G. Race
H. Brow
Which subject and verb combination best completes this sentence?
The children's _______ _______ upset by the poor timing of parent-teacher conferences.

A. classes, became  
B. parents, were  
C. teachers, grow  
D. ball, were
Which of the following is an example of the past perfect tense?

A. Will describe
B. Indicated
C. Has offered
D. Had offered
Which of the following definitions best fits the word "juxtaposition"?

A word describing the position of two objects placed together for the purpose of comparing or contrasting.
A synonym for the word “diagonal.”
The act of moving an item from one place to another.
A word used to suggest that two items are similar in nature.
Words that are similar in sound, but are different in spelling and meaning are called homophones.

Which homophones best fit in this sentence: Caleb and Sanchez were _____ busy _____ take out the trash.

A. two, too  
B. to, too  
C. to, to  
D. too, to
Ox is a singular word possessing an irregular plural form.

Which of the following is the correct plural form?

A. Oxes
B. Oxen
C. Oxs
D. None of the above
Over and done may be combined to form a compound word.

What is the proper way to create this compound word?

A. Done-over
B. Overdone
C. Over-done
D. Doneover
Listed below are four commonly misspelled words, only one of which is spelled correctly.

Which word is correct?

A. Villian
B. Tempermental
C. Conveneint
D. Recommend
Which of the following four sentences is punctuated correctly?

Andrea called her mom, ecstatic to tell her, she was graduating the next May.
Adam bought his girlfriend a snake, for her birthday; Molly didn't know what to get her boyfriend for Christmas.
Amanda, River, and Doug went camping this weekend.
Carlos Cindy and Eleanor, forgot to go to the zoo.
The word "doctor" may be used as a simple noun or descriptor, but may also be used as a title or in the place of a name.

Of the sentences listed below, which correctly capitalizes the word?

"Is it serious, Doctor?"

The Doctor sighed and shook his head.

The Doctor wore a pristine white coat.

Doctor Wilde stepped into the room, his assistant behind him.

He quickly introduced himself as the patient's primary care doctor.

I saw doctor Ingalls at the store yesterday, but was too shy to say hello.