

Middle School Grammar & Vocabulary Assessment

English Language Arts · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which of the following sentences correctly uses a semicolon to join two independent clauses?

- A) I went to the store; but it was closed.
- B) The rain fell heavily; the streets were flooded.**
- C) She studied hard; however, she was tired.
- D) He likes apples; and she likes oranges.

2. What is the grammatical term for a word that describes a noun or pronoun?

- A) Adverb
- B) Conjunction
- C) Adjective**
- D) Preposition

3. Which word is a synonym for 'meticulous'?

- A) Careless
- B) Precise**
- C) Lazy
- D) Rapid

4. In the sentence 'The trophy was won by the team,' what is the grammatical voice?

- A) Passive voice**
- B) Active voice
- C) Imperative voice
- D) Subjunctive voice

5. Which of the following is an example of a subordinating conjunction?

- A) And
- B) But
- C) Although**
- D) Or

6. What is the base form of the word 'disingenuous'?

- A) Genuous
- B) Ingenious
- C) Disingen
- D) Ingenuous**

7. Identify the correctly punctuated sentence using an apostrophe for possession.

- A) The dogs bone was buried.
- B) The dog's bone was buried.**
- C) The dogs' bone were buried.
- D) The dog bone's was buried.

8. Which term describes words that have the same spelling but different meanings and origins?

- A) Homonyms**
- B) Synonyms
- C) Antonyms
- D) Acronyms

9. In the sentence 'She sings beautifully,' what part of speech is 'beautifully'?

- A) Adjective
- B) Verb
- C) Noun
- D) Adverb**

10. Which word is an antonym for 'benevolent'?

- A) Kind
- B) Generous
- C) Malevolent**
- D) Friendly

11. Which of the following is a collective noun?

- A) Happiness
- B) Flock**
- C) Running
- D) Quickly

12. What does the prefix 'sub-' generally mean in English vocabulary?

- A) Above
- B) Under**
- C) After
- D) Between

13. Which sentence contains a dangling modifier?

- A) Walking down the street, the trees looked beautiful.**
- B) After eating lunch, we went to the park.
- C) The teacher explained the lesson clearly.
- D) She read the book in one sitting.

14. What is the plural form of the word 'phenomenon'?

- A) Phenomenons
- B) Phenomena**
- C) Phenomeni
- D) Phenomenes

15. Which word correctly completes the sentence: 'Neither the teacher nor the students _____ present'?

- A) Was
- B) Were**
- C) Be
- D) Been

16. Which of the following is a coordinating conjunction?

- A) Since
- B) Because
- C) Yet**
- D) While

17. What is a 'portmanteau' in linguistics?

- A) A word made by blending two others**
- B) A word that reads the same backward
- C) A word with two opposite meanings
- D) A type of punctuation mark

18. Identify the direct object in the sentence: 'The chef cooked a delicious meal.'

- A) The chef
- B) Cooked
- C) A delicious meal**
- D) Meal