

Advanced English Grammar Fundamentals

English Grammar · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which of the following sentences correctly utilizes the subjunctive mood to express a requirement?

- A) It is essential that he be present at the meeting.**
- B) It is essential that he is present at the meeting.
- C) It is essential that he will be present at the meeting.
- D) It is essential that he has been present at the meeting.

2. What is the grammatical term for a word that is formed by joining two or more words to create a new meaning, such as 'breakfast' from 'break' and 'fast'?

- A) Portmanteau
- B) Compound**
- C) Acronym
- D) Clipping

3. In the sentence 'Whom did you invite to the gala?', why is 'Whom' the correct pronoun?

- A) It is the subject of the sentence.
- B) It is the object of the verb 'invite'.**
- C) It is a possessive pronoun.
- D) It functions as an adverbial modifier.

4. Which sentence demonstrates the correct placement of an adverb in a split infinitive?

- A) To quickly run is the goal.
- B) To run quickly is the goal.**
- C) Quickly to run is the goal.
- D) To run is quickly the goal.

5. Identify the sentence that correctly employs a collective noun with a singular verb, common in American English usage.

- A) The team are playing their best.
- B) The team is playing its best.**
- C) The team were playing their best.
- D) The team have played their best.

6. Which of these pairs represents a 'dangling modifier' error?

A) Walking down the street, the trees looked beautiful.

B) After eating lunch, we walked home.

C) Having finished the report, she left.

D) To improve your score, study daily.

7. What type of clause is 'that I bought yesterday' in the sentence 'The car that I bought yesterday is red'?

A) Independent clause

B) Restrictive relative clause

C) Non-restrictive relative clause

D) Coordinate clause

8. Which sentence correctly uses the past perfect tense?

A) By the time he arrived, the train left.

B) By the time he arrived, the train had left.

C) By the time he arrived, the train was leaving.

D) By the time he arrived, the train has left.

9. Which punctuation mark is correctly used to connect two independent clauses without a coordinating conjunction?

A) Comma

B) Semicolon

C) Hyphen

D) Apostrophe

10. What is the comparative form of the adjective 'little' when referring to quantity or amount?

A) Littler

B) Less

C) Least

D) Lesser