

This is just a practice and **an example** of what you should revise in English before applying for the English admission Exam in a Master's or PhD degrees.

Questions will **NOT** be an exact copy of this sample but of the same or at parts less than this level.

Vocabulary:

Exercise 1: Confusing words are two or more words which have a similar meaning to each other but are used in a different way.

or

are related to the same topic, but have a different meaning

or

look similar, but have a different meaning

False friends are words in English which have a similar-looking word in another language but which

have a different meaning.

Complete the following sentences with the appropriate word in **bold**.

Confusing words and false friends

Choose the word that best completes the sentence

1. **action** / **activity**

The police took immediate _____ when they realised the situation was getting out of hand.

Economic _____ stagnated as the recession took hold.

2. **advice** / **advise**

Can you _____ me on the best course of action to take?

He offered me some excellent _____.

3. **affect** / **effect**

Cuts in spending will have a serious _____ on the healthcare services.

The strike will seriously _____ train services.

4. **appreciable** / **appreciative**

There is an _____ difference between manslaughter and murder.

She was very _____ of our efforts to help.

5. **assumption** / **presumption**

They raised taxes on the _____ that it would help control spending.

It's sheer _____ for the government to suggest things have improved since they came to power.

6. **avoid** / **prevent**

Rapid government reforms managed to _____ a revolution taking place.

He's always trying to _____ taking a decision if he can help it.

7. **beside** / **besides**

The office is just _____ the railway station.

_____ their regular daytime job, many people do extra work in the evening.

8. **briefly** / **shortly**

_____ before the conflict began, the army pulled down the border posts.

The senator spoke _____ about the need for political reform.

9. **channel** / **canal**

The television _____ received a formal complaint about the program.

The Suez _____ was built in the second half of the nineteenth century.

10. **conscientious** / **conscious**

Most people are _____ of the need to protect the environment.

_____ workers should be rewarded for their hard work.

11. **continual** / **continuous**

A _____ trade embargo has badly affected the economic infrastructure.

The computer has given us _____ problems ever since we installed it.

12. **control** / **inspect**

Environmental health officers regularly _____ kitchens and other food preparation areas.

The government plans to _____ the price of meat to make sure it doesn't go up too much.

13. **criticism(s)** / **objection(s)**

They didn't raise any _____ when we insisted on inspecting the figures.

The government's plan was met with severe _____.

14. **damage / injury / harm**

It was a severe _____ which needed immediate hospital treatment.

A lot of _____ was caused to buildings along the coast during the storm.

There's no _____ in taking a break from your job now and then.

15. **discover / invent**

When did he _____ the telephone?

Did Alexander Fleming _____ penicillin?

16. **during / for / while**

Stores were closed _____ the duration of the conflict.

_____ the transition from a dictatorship to democracy, the country experienced severe strikes and riots.

The bomb went off _____ the President was making his speech.

17. **however / moreover**

The plan was good in theory. _____, in practice it was extremely difficult to implement.

The plan was excellent. _____, it was clear from the beginning that it was going to be a success.

18. **considerate / considerable**

He made a _____ amount of money from his dotcom enterprise.

She's a very _____ person, so she would never intentionally upset anyone.

19. **intolerable / intolerant**

I consider his behavior to be quite _____.

The government is _____ of other political parties.

20. **job / work**

Everybody has the right to a decent _____ with good pay.

Following the recession, many people are still looking for _____.

21. **lay(s) / lie(s)**

The city of Quito _____ near the equator.

The manager made it clear he intended to _____ down some strict rules.

22. **look at / watch**

We must _____ the situation in Lugumba carefully, and be prepared to act if violence flares again.

We need to _____ the problem carefully and decide if there is anything we can do about it.

23. **permission / permit**

I'm afraid we can't _____ photography in here.

They received _____ to attend the sessions as long as they didn't interrupt.

24. **possibility / chance**

There is always the _____ that the government will reverse its decision.

If we act now, we have a good _____ of finding a cure for the disease.

Exercise 2:

Phrasal Verbs 1 Exercise 1

In the following sentences, choose the correct verb in **bold** to complete the phrasal verb in *italics*.

The meaning of each phrasal verb is given in brackets at the end of each sentence.

Phrasal Verbs 1

1. Some parents are criticized for the way they **bring / make / throw up** their children. (*to raise children*)
2. They refused to **move / face / come up** to their responsibilities, with disastrous consequences. (*to accept an unpleasant state of affairs, and try to deal with it*)
3. The President decided to **shout / cry / call off** his visit to Europe. (*to not to go ahead with a plan*)
4. It is only at election time that senators **add / count / read on** support from their constituents. (*to rely / depend on other people*)
5. Many developing countries are failing to **run / chase / catch up** with their more developed neighbors. (*to get to the same level*)
6. It can take months or even years for political scandals to **die / cut / fall down**. (*to become less strong*)
7. An alarming number of students **jump / drop / fall out** of school early every year. (*to leave a race, a competition, a course of study, etc., early or before you have finished*)
8. Major international companies can't **carry / cut / figure out** the popularity of the anti-capitalist movement. (*informal: to find it hard to understand*)
9. The committee members **dropped / made / fell out** over plans for the new health center. (*to argue*)
10. If they examined the issues more closely, they would **search / look / find out** the reasons. (*to discover*)
11. As we **grow / stand / look up** our priorities change. (*to change from being children to being adults*)
12. Salaries very rarely **catch / keep / work up** with the cost of living. (*to rise at the same speed as*)

something else)

13. The latest government report **leaves / keeps / throws** out the real reasons for current demographic shifts. (to not include)

14. The journalist **showed / pointed / spoke** out the mistakes made by the agency over the last few years. (to show)

15. Before you write your essay, you should **search / hunt / look** into the Party's history. (to research)

16. Nobody at the meeting **carried / brought / moved** up the subject of paid leave. (to start discussing a subject)

17. Once people **lose / jump / fall** behind with their mortgage payments, they come under extreme financial pressure from their bank. (to fail to do something or pay something at the time that you should)

18. The first step to a healthier lifestyle is to **cut / slice / chop** down on the amount of saturated fats you eat. (to start doing less of something, usually because it is bad for you)

Word forms: Nouns from adjectives

Change the adjective in bold in each of these sentences to a noun so that the word is grammatically correct in the sentence.

1. Items of **valuable** can be left in the safe at reception.
2. Money cannot make up for bad **tasteful** and bad manners.
3. Do you have a **thirsty** for knowledge? Then why not enroll on one of our evening college courses?
4. It is often said that "**honest** is the best policy".
5. It can often be lack of **confident** that prevents a student from maximizing his or her potential.
6. Many people heading off to college for the first time are often unaware of the **expensive** involved in simple day-to-day life.
7. Student discounts are offered on most products and services on our website, although some **restricted** apply.
8. There were a few **similar** between the Boeing 727 and the Tupolev 154, but these were mainly cosmetic.
9. The Director of Studies is unable to say with any **certain** when the new changes will be implemented.
10. Unnecessary **absent** from work is costing American companies millions of dollars a year.
11. Please complete the form and return it at your earliest **convenient**.
12. The student union has questioned the **necessary** of CCTV in the library, but the management insists it is necessary in order to reduce petty theft.
13. Despite a **relaxed** of regulations, many feel that they are under too much pressure to conform to a set out outdated rules.
14. Sometimes in business, rules have to be changed according to needs: **flexible** is the key to success.
15. Health and **safe** issues should be a priority with any organization.
16. The management accepts no **responsible** for items lost or stolen in the cafeteria and immediate area.
17. In advertising, **accurate** is very important when it comes to identifying the target market.
18. The legal **professional** is often criticized for concentrating on making money instead of upholding the law.
19. There were several unforeseen **complicated** with the new airport extension owing to opposition from environmental groups.
20. Do you know the **different** between net profit and gross profit? Is overtime the same as allowed time? If you answered "no" to the first and "yes" to the second, it's time you joined our "Business for Basics" course!
21. His success and popularity were probably due in part to his wonderful **charismatic**.
22. There is a growing problem of drug **addicted** in our cities.
23. The U.S. **constitutional** guarantees freedom of the press.
24. As soon as the **investigative** is complete, we can make a decision.
25. There can be no **justified** for paying health workers so little money.
26. By the time he was thirty, he was no longer able to differentiate between fantasy and **real**.

Adjectives from verbs

Change the verbs in **bold** into their correct adjective form so that they are grammatically correct in the context of the sentences.

1. At the recruitment drive we were shown a lot of **promote** material, but it wasn't very **inspire**.
2. Recently, there have been some **innovate** and **impress** plans to change the student social areas.
3. In the interests of the environment, we all need to change their **waste** habits, so the college is

- introducing an **oblige** code for recycling and cutting down on waste.
4. The task we were given was very **repeat** and as a result it quickly became very **bore**.
 5. Everybody was very **excite** when we were told about the cultural trip to Europe, but I was a little **doubt** it would go ahead.
 6. Our new Director of Studies isn't very **decide** and needs to play a more **act** role in the day-to-day running of the college.
 7. Computer software designers need to be far more **invent** if they want to keep up with a changing and **change** market.
 8. The Coke and coffee machines have both been out of order five times this week, and the air conditioning hasn't been working for a month: these **continue** breakdowns, coupled with the **continue** heat, have resulted in a lot of short tempers.
 9. My tutor isn't very **approach**: in fact, some of my fellow students find him a little bit **frighten**!
 10. Her presentation wasn't very **convince**, and several of her classmates were extremely **criticize** of her arguments.
 11. The market for all-**include** holidays (in which customers pay for their flight, accommodations, meals, and drinks in advance) has become very **compete**.
 12. Our tutor is very **help** and **support**, but unfortunately he isn't very **depend**.
 13. The mistake was easily **rectify**, but it would have been far more **prefer** if it hadn't happened in the first place.
 14. Fees are non-**negotiate**, and you will need to pay a non-**refund** deposit of \$500 before we can enroll you.
 15. There is **restrict** access to the building, and all visitors will need to show a **validate** pass and some form of ID.
 16. Participation in the evening training seminars is entirely **volunteer**, but we hope that everyone will attend these highly **construct** sessions.
 17. The accident was **avoid**, and it wouldn't have happened if you hadn't been so **care**.
 18. He's a very **create** and **imagine** artist, and his commitment to helping young painters is **admire**.
 19. When you apply for a job, it is very important to be **specify** about your **occupy** qualifications, and any previous experience.
 20. A good job should offer an **attract** salary and other **excel** benefits, such as a company car and free healthcare package.
 21. The two comments were **contradict**, and it was clear the student who wrote the essay wasn't very **enthuse** about his subject.
 22. An **act** lifestyle is **prefer** to a sedentary one, and is certainly much healthier.

Grammar and Structure

Practice Test I

1. Clinical psychologist Dr. Carl Rogers found that 80 _____ percent verbal communication involved five types of responses: evaluative, interpretive, supportive, probing, and understanding.
 - (A) all
 - (B) is the
 - (C) with
 - (D) of all
2. The early feminist leader Susan B. Anthony became increasingly aware through her work in the temperance movement _____ the same rights as men.
 - (A) women were not granted that
 - (B) that women were not granted
 - (C) not granted women that were
 - (D) that were not granted women
3. DNA, _____, is found in the cell nucleus in the form of very long and thin molecules consisting of two spiral strands.
 - (A) inherits material
 - (B) is inheritance material
 - (C) material is inherited
 - (D) the material of inheritance
4. _____ plants, which manufacture their own food, animals obtain nourishment by

acquiring and ingesting their food.

- (A) Unlike
- (B) Different
- (C) Whereas
- (D) As much

5. The Hawaiian alphabet, introduced by missionaries in the 1820's, __ and only seven consonants.

- (A) the five vowels consist of
- (B) consisting of five vowels
- (C) that consists of five vowels
- (D) consists of five vowels

6. Working like a telescope, _____ the size of objects at great distances.

- (A) which magnifies a telephoto lens
- (B) a telephoto lens magnifies
- (C) a telephoto lens which magnifies
- (D) and magnifying a telephoto lens

7. Volcanoes are divided into three main groups, based on their shape and the type of material they _____.

- (A) are made
- (B) made of
- (C) are made of
- (D) made for

8. _____ to inanimate objects, such as machines, is a form of animism.

- (A) When attributing emotion
- (B) Attributing emotion
- (C) Emotion is attributed
- (D) If emotion is attributed

9. _____, dolphins have no sense of smell.
- (A) As known as far
 - (B) Known thus far as
 - (C) It is known as far
 - (D) As far as is known
10. The growth of psychobiology owes _____ to major conceptual advances in the way people think about the brain.
- (A) much
 - (B) as much as
 - (C) much which
 - (D) there is so much
11. In 1938 Pearl S. Buck became the first American woman _____ the Nobel Prize for Literature.
- (A) receive
 - (B) received
 - (C) to receive
 - (D) she received
12. Now considered an art form, quilt making originated as a means of fashioning bed covers from bits of fabric that otherwise _____.
- (A) not use
 - (B) were no use
 - (C) had no use
 - (D) it was not used
13. The early years of the United States government were characterized by a debate concerning _____ or individual states should have more power.
- (A) whether the federal government
 - (B) either the federal government
 - (C) that the federal government
 - (D) the federal government
14. Beneath the streets of a modern city _____ of walls, columns, cables, pipes, and tunnels required to satisfy the needs of its inhabitants.
- (A) where exists the network
 - (B) the existing network
 - (C) the network's existence
 - (D) exists the network
15. The province of Newfoundland has than any other region of North America in which the first language is English.
- (A) its longer history
 - (B) a longer history
 - (C) the longer the history
 - (D) the history is longer

16. The antique collector must be able to distinguish real antiques from later imitations, which can be either reproductions nor fakes.
17. Paint must be stirred and sometimes dilution before it is applied.
18. A great aviation pioneer, Amelia Earhart was already famous when she sets out on her ill-fated attempt to circle the globe in 1937.
19. Although apples do not grow during the cold season, apple trees must have a such season in order to flourish.
20. Two unique features of the Arctic they are lack of precipitation and permanently frozen ground.
21. Faced with petroleum shortages in the 1970's, scientists and engineers in the United States stepped up its efforts to develop more efficient heating systems and better insulation.
22. Rabbits have large front tooth, short tails, and hind legs and feet adapted for running and jumping.
23. Dentistry is a branch of medicine that has developed very dramatic in the last twenty years.
24. The ease of solving a jigsaw puzzle depends the number of pieces, their shapes and shadings, and the design of the picture.

25. Plants range in size to tiny, single-celled, blue-green algae, invisible to the naked eye, to giant sequoias, the largest living plants.
26. During the 1940's science and engineering had an impact on the way music reach its audience and even influenced the way in which it was composed.
27. By 1860 the railroads of the United States had 3,000 miles of track, three-quarters of which it was east of the Mississippi River and north of the Ohio River.
28. Ballads were early types of poetry and may have been among a first kinds of music.
29. The thin outer layer of the skin is called the epidermis, while the layer inner, which is slightly thicker, is called the dermis.
30. With the incorporation of jazz history into current academic curricula, leading jazz musicians are now founding on the faculties of several universities.
31. Humus, a substance found in soil, is soft and spongy and enables plant roots to send out tiny hairs through that they absorb water and food.
32. Although flies live longest in cool temperatures, it breed prolifically when temperatures are warm, food is abundant, and humidity is moderate.
33. Alaska's vast areas of untamed wilderness attracts many people who enjoy the outdoors.

34. The giant panda closely resembles the bear, but account of certain anatomical features it is placed in the raccoon family.
35. The ode was original a ceremonial poem written to celebrate public occasions or exalted subjects.
36. Even as he wrote copiously on such diverse topic as education, politics, and religion, Lewis Mumford remained active in city and regional planning.
37. Oscillation is a electronic function that changes direct current to the signal of desired frequency.
38. Papier-mâché figures by Stephen Hensen, which they cheerfully depicted life in the Information Age, were the focus of an exhibit at the Museum of American History.
39. Pharmacist fill drug prescriptions, keeping records of the drugs their patients are taking to make sure that harmful combinations are not prescribed.
40. Great technical advances in aerial and satellite photography have been made since end of the Second World War.

Practice 2

Answer the questions below. If the question has a blank, choose the *correct* answer to fill in the blank. If the question has four underlined words or phrases, choose the underlined word or phrase that is *incorrect*. You will find the Answer Key in Appendix A.

1. Kay and Sandy are _____ the retirement dinner this year.
- a. to organize
 - b. organize
 - c. organizing
 - d. organized
2. Lyle _____ down as he approached the intersection.
- a. to slow
 - b. slow
 - c. slowing
 - d. slowed
3. Last month, Lillian _____ her bills with her credit card.
- a. to pay
 - b. pay
 - c. paying
 - d. paid
4. Jack _____ working overtime for the last three weeks.
- a. is
 - b. was
 - c. has been

d. did

5. The band on my watch _____.

a. break

b. broke

c. did breaking

d. broken

6. He believes we _____ go to a specialist right away.

a. will

b. must

c. should

d. would

7. Be very careful; that dog _____ bite.

a. may

b. should

c. would

d. can

8. The thieves _____ before the police could catch them.

a. flew

b. fled

c. flied

d. fled

9. Neither the president nor the senators _____ the outcome of the vote.

a. to know

b. know

c. are knowing

d. have known

10. Because the rain fell all night, the clogged drain pipe bursted and flooded the house.

A B C D

a. A

b. B

c. C

d. D

Practice 3

Here are more questions to practice verbs. You will find the Answer Key in Appendix A.

1. After the Grimm Brothers had collected "housewives tales" from around the country, they edit them

A B C

into stories appropriate for children.

D

a. A

b. B

c. C

d. D

2. Ryan ask the question that the rest of us were afraid to ask.

A B C D

a. A

b. B

c. C

d. D

BECAUSE verbs are the driving force in every sentence, and because verbs can take so many different forms, you can be sure that many questions in the structure section will be about verbs. Here are five tips to help you prepare for those questions:

1. Memorize **irregular** and **troublesome** verb forms.

2. Remember that verbs should be **consistent in tense**.

3. Make sure that verbs **agree** with their subject.
4. Make sure the correct **helping verbs** are used to convey the intended meaning.
5. Use **infinitives** and **gerunds** correctly.

3. The center fielder catch the ball and threw it to home plate, but the throw was too late.

A B C D

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C
- d. D

4. I can't help _____ that we made the wrong decision.

- a. to think
- b. think
- c. thinking
- d. thought

5. If I was a little taller, I could be an astronaut, but I don't meet the height requirement.

A B C D

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C
- d. D

6. Huey _____ in bed for another hour after the alarm went off.

- a. lie
- b. lay
- c. lied
- d. lain

7. The sun was raising over the mountain when I rose out of bed and sat at the table.

A B C D

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C
- d. D

8. I expect _____ to the meeting.

- a. to go
- b. go
- c. goes
- d. going

9. The key is _____ on the table under the envelope.

- a. lying
- b. laying
- c. lay
- d. laid

10. Lukas and Elliot said that only one of the solutions make sense, and Evan said he agrees.

A B C D

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C
- d. D

11. After Peter breaks his promise, Wendy vowed never to trust him again.

A B C D

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C

d. D

12. The doctor suggests _____ less red meat and more fresh vegetables.

a. to eat

b. eat

c. eaten

d. eating

13. “What are the value of these jewels?” Kim asked as she held them up to the light.

A B C D

a. A

b. B

c. C

d. D

14. I told Henderson that I _____ have the report ready by noon, but things didn't go as I'd planned.

a. would

b. could

c. might

d. should