

ANSWER KEY – GRAMMAR EVALUATION 1

1. The little girl spoke so quiet that I could hardly hear her. (adjective – adverb form)
... so **quietly** that ...
2. Each driver should check the oil level in their car every three months. (pronoun-antecedent agreement)
... in **his or her** car ...
3. I hated to ask Anita who is a very stingy person to lend me money. (commas nonessential interrupter)
... Anita **,** who is a very stingy person **,** to ...
4. She decided to quit her high-pressured job, she didn't want to develop heart trouble. (comma splice)
... job **;** **she** ... / ... job **,** **for** she. ... / ... job **.** She ...
5. The flakes in this cereal tastes like sawdust. (subject-verb agreement)
... flakess (in this cereal) **taste**.. .
6. Much of my boyhood was devoted to getting into rock fights, crossing railway trestles, and the hunt for rats in drainage tunnels. (parallelism) ... and **hunting** for ...
7. Turning on the ignition, the car backfired. (dangling modifier)
When I turned on the ignition, the car backfired.
Turning on the ignition, **I made the car backfire.**
8. I asked the clerk if the store had Stevie Wonders latest CD. (apostrophe)
Wonder's
9. The decisions of the judge seems questionable. (subject-verb agreement)
... decisionss (of the judge) **seem** ...
10. Earlier in the day, she took a taxi to the airport. Knowing that her time was limited. (fragment)
Earlier in the day, she took a taxi to the airport, **knowing** ...
11. Anybody who wants more dessert should give their order to the pastry chef. (pro.-antecedent agreement)
... give **his or her** order ...
12. You must observe all the rules of the game, even if you do not always agree with it. (pronoun reference)
... with **them**.
13. I first spotted the turtle playing tag on the back lawn. (misplaced modifier)
Playing tag on the back lawn, I first ...
14. Because he never fully realized how important a college education could be. (fragment)
He never fully realized ...
Because could be, **he enlisted in the army.**
15. Her and I have been good friends now for many years. (pronoun case)
She and I ...
16. Lola looks more better than Gina in a leather coat. (comparative adjective)
... looks **better** than ...

ANSWER KEY – GRAMMAR EVALUATION 1 (CONTINUED)

17. When he asked for a raise his boss fired him. (comma needed – introductory clause)
... raise, his ...
18. Ruth begins each day with warm-up exercises, a long run, and taking a hot shower. (parallelism)
... and a hot shower.
19. When only three years old, my father taught me to play baseball. (dangling modifier)
When I was only three ...
20. Trying to get outside quickly, the poor dog caught it's tail in the door. (apostrophe)
... its ...
21. I bought a beautiful blouse in a local store with long sleeves and striped cuffs. (misplaced modifier)
In a local store, I bought a beautiful blouse with long sleeves and ...
22. No one in the class is better at computer programming than him. (pronoun case)
... than he.
23. Luckily someone offered me a ride to class, otherwise, I would have been late. (comma splice)
... class; otherwise, ... / ... class. Otherwise, . . .
24. He started taking pictures in college, which led to commercial photography after he graduated. (pronoun reference)
... in college. This hobby led ...

ERROR ANALYSIS FOR GRAMMAR EVALUATION

Faulty adjective/adverb form – 1, 16

Faulty pronoun-antecedent agreement – 2, 11

Comma(s) needed – 3, 17

Comma splice – 4, 23

Faulty subject-verb agreement – 5, 9

Faulty parallelism – 6, 18

Dangling modifier – 7, 19

Apostrophe error – 8, 20

Sentence fragment – 10, 14

Faulty pronoun reference – 12, 24

Misplaced modifier – 13, 21

Faulty pronoun case – 15, 22