

Writing & Grammar College Readiness Quiz

PART I: PARTS OF SPEECH

Answer the questions in this section based on the *italicized* sentence below.

Bob and Sally went to the store.

1. What/Who is/are the subject(s) of the sentence? **Bob and Sally**
2. What is/are the verb(s)? **Went**
3. What is/are the conjunction(s)? **And**
4. What is/are the prepositional phrase(s)? **To the store**
5. What is/are the preposition(s)? **To**
6. What is/are the object(s) of the preposition? **Store**
7. What is/are the article(s) describing store? **The**
8. What is/are the prepositional phrase(s) modifying? **Went**
9. Is/are this/these prepositional phrase(s) functioning as a/an adjective(s) or a/an adverb(s)? **Adverb**

PART II: TYPES OF SENTENCES

Correctly identify each sentence.

1. Bob and Sally are going skating.
a) **Declarative**
b) Imperative
c) Interrogative
d) Exclamatory
2. Get the door.
a) Declarative
b) **Imperative**
c) Interrogative
d) Exclamatory
3. Will you please get the door for Bob and Sally?
a) Declarative
b) Imperative
c) **Interrogative**
d) Exclamatory
4. You scared me!
a) Declarative
b) Imperative
c) Interrogative
d) **Exclamatory**

5. Sally and Bob went to the store.
 - a) Compound
 - b) Complex
 - c) Compound Complex
 - d) Triple Compound
 - e) Simple**
6. Sally went to the store, and she bought a pair of shoes.
 - a) Compound**
 - b) Complex
 - c) Compound Complex
 - d) Triple Compound
 - e) Simple
7. When Sally arrived at the store, they were nearly sold out of shoes.
 - a) Compound
 - b) Complex**
 - c) Compound Complex
 - d) Triple Compound
 - e) Simple
8. When Sally arrived at the store, she bought a pair of shoes, but she didn't really need them.
 - a) Compound
 - b) Complex
 - c) Compound Complex**
 - d) Triple Compound
 - e) Simple

PART III: PUNCTUATION

Fill in the blank and/or select the correct answer(s).

1. What type of punctuation goes at the end of a declarative sentence? **Period**
2. What type of punctuation goes at the end of an interrogative sentence? **Question Mark**
3. When including the exact words of another person in your writing, those words should be placed within what type of punctuation? **Quotation Marks**
4. Which sentence properly uses the colon?
 - a) Bob went to the store: the red and blue dilapidated building at the end of the road.**
 - b) Bob went to the store: he bought pickles.
5. Which sentence properly uses the semicolon?
 - a) Sally went to the store; she bought blueberries.**
 - b) Sally went to the store; Maya Angelou is cool.
 - c) Sally went to the store; and bought blueberries.
6. Select EACH sentence that correctly uses the comma.
 - a) Sally, will you please go to the store for me?**
 - b) My best friend, Sally, loves to come over for sleepovers.**
 - c) Since the two of you have known each other for so long, you should consider reconciling your differences.**
 - d) Sally went to the store, Bob followed.
 - e) Sally went to the store, and Bob followed.**

PART IV: IDENTIFYING INDEPENDENT & DEPENDENT CLAUSES

Fill in the blank and/or select the correct answer(s).

- Select the answer that is true.
 - An independent clause contains a subject and a verb and forms a complete thought.**
 - A dependent clause contains a subject and a verb and forms a complete thought.
- Write the independent clause from the following italicized sentence: *When going out in the rain, it is best to wear rain boots.* **It is best to wear rain boots**
- Write the dependent clause from the following italicized sentence: *When going out in the rain, it is best to wear rain boots.* **When going out in the rain**
- Write the independent clause from the following italicized sentence: *Bob and Sally always sit together when they go to the football game.* **Bob and Sally always sit together**
- Write the dependent clause from the following italicized sentence: *Bob and Sally always sit together when they go to the football game.* **When they go to the football game**

PART V: COMPLETE SENTENCES VERSUS RUN-ON SENTENCES

Select the correct answer.

- Run-on sentences join two or more independent clauses without the proper punctuation.
 - True**
 - False
- Which sentence is not a run-on sentence?
 - Sally and Susan go to the mall on Fridays that's where they hang out.
 - Sally and Susan go to the mall on Fridays, that's where they hang out.
 - Sally and Susan go to the mall on Fridays and hang out.**

PART VI: ESSAYS & ESSAY STRUCTURE

Select the correct answer.

- Proper essay structure includes having an intro paragraph, at least one body paragraph, and a conclusion paragraph.
 - True**
 - False
- The thesis statement is typically one sentence that states the main argument of the essay.
 - True**
 - False
- The thesis statement is typically the last sentence in the first body paragraph of an essay.
 - True
 - False**
- Only the intro paragraph and conclusion paragraph should have a topic sentence and concluding sentence.
 - True
 - False**
- Transitions are not necessary in essays.
 - True
 - False**

6. Organizing thoughts in your essay is not as important as making sure to get all of your key points in.
 - a) True
 - b) False**
7. Each body paragraph topic sentence should relate directly back to the thesis statement in the essay.
 - a) True**
 - b) False
8. Concrete evidence – quotes, facts, statistics, evidentiary support for your argument – is only necessary in some of the body paragraphs of an essay.
 - a) True
 - b) False**
9. With the exception of quotes exceeding three sentences, it is not acceptable to leave quotes standing alone rather than embedding them in a sentence of your own creation.
 - a) True**
 - b) False
10. The first word of each sentence should always be capitalized whether in an essay or otherwise.
 - a) True**
 - b) False