

Sentence Skills Part 1

Sentence Skills Part 1 - Free Exercises for Sentence Correction

1. John is absent today. Because he is ill.

- A. today. Because he is ill.
- B. today because he is ill.
- C. today, because he is ill.
- D. today: because he is ill.

2. My apartment which is air conditioned, is cool in the summer.

- A. apartment which is air conditioned,
- B. apartment, which is air conditioned,
- C. apartment, which is air conditioned
- D. apartment which is air conditioned

3. John can run faster than me.

- A. faster than me.
- B. faster than I.
- C. faster than myself.
- D. faster, than I.

4. Outrunning the other players on the football field, I saw Jack score the winning touchdown.

- A. field, I saw Jack score
- B. field, I saw Jack scoring
- C. field, Jack scored
- D. field, Jack scoring

5. When you pay with a stolen credit card, this is known as larceny.

- A. When you pay with a stolen credit card, this
- B. You pay with a stolen credit card, this
- C. Paying with a stolen credit card, this
- D. Paying with a stolen credit card

Sentence Skills Answers 1

Sentence Skills Answers 1 - Answers for Sentence Correction Exercises

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- A. today. Because he is ill.
- B. today because he is ill.
- C. today, because he is ill.
- D. today: because he is ill.

The correct answer is B. When used in the middle of a sentence, the word "because" should not be preceded by any punctuation. However, if you begin the sentence with "because", you need to use a comma: Because he is ill, John is absent today. Note that the grammatical classification of "because" is that of a subordinator.

2. My apartment which is air conditioned, is cool in the summer.

- A. apartment which is air conditioned,
- B. apartment, which is air conditioned,
- C. apartment, which is air conditioned
- D. apartment which is air conditioned

The correct answer is B. In this sentence, the clause "which is air conditioned" provides extra, non-essential information about the speaker's apartment. When extra information is given in a sentence, commas must be used before and after the clause containing the information.

3. John can run faster than me.

- A. faster than me.
- B. faster than I.
- C. faster than myself.
- D. faster, than I.

The correct answer is B. When comparing yourself to someone else by using the word "than," the word "than" must be followed by "I".

4. Outrunning the other players on the football field, I saw Jack score the winning touchdown.

- A. field, I saw Jack score
- B. field, I saw Jack scoring
- C. field, Jack scored
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The correct answer is C. The phrase "outrunning the other players on the football field" describes Jack. Therefore, the name "Jack" must come after this phrase. The past tense (scored) must be used because the action is completed at the time of speaking.

5. When you pay with a stolen credit card, this is known as larceny.

- A. When you pay with a stolen credit card, this
- B. You pay with a stolen credit card, this
- C. Paying with a stolen credit card, this
- D. Paying with a stolen credit card

The correct answer is D. The words "paying with a stolen credit card" form the grammatical subject of this sentence. This type of -ing phrase is known as a present participle phrase. Since the phrase forms the grammatical subject of the sentence, it must be followed directly by a verb ("is").

Sentence Skills Part 2

Sentence Skills Part 2 - Free Exercises for Sentence Construction Shift

1. We were exhausted from our long journey and decided to go straight to bed.

Rewrite, beginning with

Exhausted

Your new sentence will include:

- A. as we were
- B. we decided
- C. we were deciding
- D. we decided and went

2. In the southern United States, many indigenous native tribes still perform traditional rites and ceremonies.

Rewrite, beginning with

Traditional rites and ceremonies

The next words will be:

- A. do still perform
- B. they still perform
- C. are still performed

D. were still performed

3. Sarah arrived at the party, and the fun finally started.

Rewrite, beginning with

The fun finally started

The next words will be:

A. although Sarah arrived

B. when Sarah arrived

C. after Sarah arrived

D. and Sarah arrived

4. Robert studied hard for his exam, but the same cannot be said of Thomas.

Rewrite, beginning with

Unlike Thomas,

The next words will be

A. studying hard

B. for Robert

C. for Robert studying hard

D. Robert studied hard

5. If he had the money, he would travel around the world.

Rewrite, beginning with

He cannot travel around the world

The next words will be:

A. because he

B. in spite of him

C. although he

D. instead of

Sentence Skills Answers 2

Sentence Skills Part 2 - Free Exercises for Sentence Construction Shift

1. We were exhausted from our long journey and decided to go straight to bed.

Rewrite, beginning with

Exhausted

Your new sentence will include:

- A. as we were
- B. we decided
- C. we were deciding
- D. we decided and went

The correct answer is B. The new sentence is: Exhausted from our long journey, we decided to go straight to bed.

2. In the southern United States, many indigenous native tribes still perform traditional rites and ceremonies.

Rewrite, beginning with

Traditional rites and ceremonies

The next words will be:

- A. do still perform
- B. they still perform
- C. are still performed
- D. were still performed

The correct answer is C. The new sentence is: Traditional rites and ceremonies are still performed by many indigenous native tribes in the southern United States.

3. Sarah arrived at the party, and the fun finally started.

Rewrite, beginning with

The fun finally started

The next words will be:

- A. although Sarah arrived
- B. when Sarah arrived

C. after Sarah arrived

D. and Sarah arrived

The correct answer is B. The new sentence is: The fun finally started when Sarah arrived at the party.

4. Robert studied hard for his exam, but the same cannot be said of Thomas.

Rewrite, beginning with

Unlike Thomas.

The next words will be

A. studying hard

B. for Robert

C. for Robert studying hard

D. Robert studied hard

The correct answer is D. The new sentence is: Unlike Thomas, Robert studied hard for his exam.

5. If he had the money, he would travel around the world.

Rewrite, beginning with

He cannot travel around the world

The next words will be:

A. because he

B. in spite of him

C. although he

D. instead of

The correct answer is A. The new sentence is: He cannot travel around the world because he does not have enough money.