

UNIT 1 REVIEW

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE, pages 23–26

EXERCISE 1

Identifying Formal and Informal English

Identify each of the following sentences as an example of either formal (F) or informal (I) English. (10 points)

EXAMPLE

What's up? (I)

- _____ 1. Before traveling to Canada, you must first buy a map.
- _____ 2. The principal lost her cool after she saw what was in the gymnasium.
- _____ 3. That new skateboard trick of yours is wicked awesome.
- _____ 4. These flowers should be watered once every day.
- _____ 5. That's the facts, Jack.
- _____ 6. Before leaving to go to the store, Carol counted her money.
- _____ 7. That new CD you bought really rocks!
- _____ 8. The garage is now as clean as a whistle.
- _____ 9. I'm kind of tired to catch a movie right now.
- _____ 10. They washed the dishes after dinner.

EXERCISE 2

Identifying Figurative Language

Tell whether each of the following sentences contains an example of simile (S), metaphor, (M), or personification (P). (10 points)

EXAMPLE

Hailstones as big as cantaloupes crashed down upon the town. (S)

- _____ 1. James exploded like dynamite when he saw the mess in the kitchen.
- _____ 2. The bee waltzed from flower to flower.
- _____ 3. Her cat clung to the sofa like a magnet.
- _____ 4. School was a prison with a different warden.
- _____ 5. The engine hummed its approval after receiving a change of oil.

- _____ 6. The novel manuscript in his basement was a pot of gold.
- _____ 7. Her words crashed into him like a battering ram.
- _____ 8. The devastation of the burned house was a riddle.
- _____ 9. As crafty as a viper, Karen plotted her next move.
- _____ 10. The waves furiously pounded their fists against the boat's keel.

EXERCISE 3

Understanding Formal and Informal English

Revise each of the following sentences so that it is written in formal English. (20 points)

EXAMPLE

Marie ran out of steam after the second lap. (*Marie became too tired to continue after the second lap.*)

- 1. Andy had butterflies in his stomach before starting his speech.

- 2. You there, freeze!

- 3. After the third inning, the wheels came off our wagon.

- 4. Ben fell to pieces when he saw that his lottery ticket was worthless.

- 5. Do we have to ride in your old pile of garbage to the store?

- 6. You can try again, but that dog won't hunt anymore.

7. Mom is going to have a cow when she sees your pink hair.

8. After the police arrived, I realized that the chickens were coming home to roost.

9. Sit down and take a load off.

10. Kent was so pumped after his team won the World Series.

EXERCISE 4

Understanding Figurative Language

Write a simile or metaphor describing each of the following things by comparing it with something else. (20 points)

EXAMPLE

crow (*A crow is a scavenging rodent with wings.*)

1. a mirror

2. a young child

3. honor

4. brothers and sisters

5. an oak tree

6. a meadow

7. jealousy

8. cold rain

9. a compliment

10. fog

EXERCISE 5

Understanding the Importance of Grammar and Syntax

Revise the word order in the following sentences so that each makes sense. (20 points)

EXAMPLE

Soaring the spotted I falcon. (*I spotted the soaring falcon.*)

1. Girl the happy sidewalk skipped the down.

2. Shirt sewed the torn he blue.

3. Flashed an icy the cross woman glance.

4. Child crowd the addressed the bold.

5. Trap devious the set hunter the.

6. Barked mail carrier angry an the dog at.

7. Thirsty a the drank horse from stream.

8. Parade veterans the proudly several in marched.

9. Fell day all steadily snow.

10. Mayor speech a yesterday gave long boring the.
