

Sample Lessons #2

L.7.1a 1. **Do not begin a sentence with a subordinating conjunction unless the clause is followed by a main clause.**

Incorrect: Because the furnace was broken. (fragment)

Correct: Because the furnace was broken, the meeting was cancelled.

Complete the sentence by adding a main clause.

When will the gym floor be waxed?

After the dance on Friday, _____

L.8.1b 2. Write A if the verb is *active*; write P if it is *passive*.

_____ An elegant reception was given by the Duchess.

_____ She treated all her guests like royalty.

L.8.2a 3. **Use dashes instead of commas when too many commas make a sentence unclear.**

Unclear: There are several companies, Atlas Movers in Chicago, Illinois, for example, that do a great job.

Clear: There are several companies — Atlas Movers in Chicago, Illinois, for example — that do a great job.

Insert arrows to show where dashes should be placed.

We brought some supplies paper, paints, water, glue, and scissors to decorate the gym.

L.8.2b 4. Show how you can properly write this passage, leaving out the part that is highlighted.

The consumption of refined sugar, which has been linked to weight gain, cardiovascular disease, and tooth decay, also increases the risk of diabetes.

L.8.4b 5. The Latin roots *ig*, *igni*, and *flam* have to do with fire or burning. Match the words with their meanings. Use a dictionary if you need help.

_____ ignition A) volcanic rock

A) volcanic rock

_____ igneous B) chemical reaction caused by heat

B) chemical reaction caused by heat

_____ ignite C) set on fire

C) set on fire

L.8.2c 6. Choose the correct spelling. Use a dictionary for help.

seperate

separate

L.8.5a 7. **Extreme exaggerations, understatements, sarcasm, or words that say just the opposite of what is meant are examples of *verbal irony*.** Someone breaks a valuable vase and exclaims, “Oh, this is just perfect!” In fact, he means the opposite—the situation is far from perfect. This is verbal irony.

Imagine you step outdoors into a fierce blizzard. Which quote would qualify as an example of verbal irony?

____ "This storm is going to tear our house apart!"

"I can barely see two feet in front of me."

____ "Lovely weather we're having, isn't it?"

L.8.1a 8. An infinitive acts as what part of speech?

noun

adjective

adverb

any of these

L.7.2a 9. Underline the adjectives. Insert a comma between coordinate adjectives.

A rusty abandoned car was bathed in a single dim streetlight.

L.7.1a 10. Underline the adjective phrase; circle the noun it modifies.

The water under the bridge was muddy after the storm.