

English Grammar Exercises

Spot the Errors/ Common Mistakes

Exercise 1: Subject-Verb Agreement

1. Neither of the boys (is/are) interested in playing soccer.
2. The team of scientists (is/are) conducting experiments in the laboratory.
3. The number of students who attended the seminar (was/were) surprising.
4. Each of the employees (has/have) a specific role to play in the project.

Exercise 2: Misplaced Modifiers

1. Walking down the street, the flowers (were seen) in full bloom.
2. I almost broke my computer (while writing) the important report.
3. Covered in chocolate, my sister (devoured) the entire cake.
4. The cat (was chasing) the mouse with a long tail.

Exercise 3: Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

1. Every student must submit (his or her/their) assignment by Friday.
2. Each of the employees should know (his/their) responsibilities.
3. Neither of the sisters wanted to share (her/their) toys.
4. The committee members (made their/made its) decision yesterday.

Exercise 4: Homophones

1. Your (you're) always welcome at our house.
2. The (their) going to the park later.
3. He bought a new (knight/night) for the chess game.
4. She can't decide (weather/whether) to go or stay.

Exercise 5: Apostrophes

1. The dogs toys were scattered all over the yard.
2. The Smiths house is on the corner of Elm Street.
3. Its a beautiful day outside.
4. We're going to the movies with Johns friends tonight.

Answers:

Exercise 1:

1. Neither of the boys **is** interested in playing soccer.
2. The team of scientists **is** conducting experiments in the laboratory.
3. The number of students who attended the seminar **was** surprising.
4. Each of the employees **has** a specific role to play in the project.

Exercise 2:

1. Walking down the street, the flowers **were seen** in full bloom.
 - Corrected: Walking down the street, I saw the flowers in full bloom.
2. I almost broke my computer **while writing** the important report.
 - Corrected: I almost broke my computer while I was writing the important report.
3. Covered in chocolate, my sister **devoured** the entire cake.
 - Corrected: Covered in chocolate, the cake was devoured by my sister.
4. The cat **was chasing** the mouse with a long tail.
 - Corrected: The cat with a long tail was chasing the mouse.

Exercise 3:

1. Every student must submit **his or her** assignment by Friday.
2. Each of the employees should know **his** responsibilities.
3. Neither of the sisters wanted to share **her** toys.
4. The committee members **made their** decision yesterday.

Exercise 4:

1. **You're** always welcome at our house.
2. **They're** going to the park later.
3. He bought a new **knight** for the chess game.
4. She can't decide **whether** to go or stay.

Exercise 5:

1. The dogs' toys were scattered all over the yard.
2. The Smiths' house is on the corner of Elm Street.
3. It's a beautiful day outside.
4. We're going to the movies with John's friends tonight.

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