ENGLISH 12 · ALASKA

English 12
Practice Test

Unit 4: Language and Style

25 Questions

Original practice test based on the Alaska curriculum. Work through each question, then check your answers at the end.

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Question 1

Which sentence shows correct subject verb agreement

A) The dogs run fast

B) The dog run fast

C) The dogs running fast

D) The dogs runs fast

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Question 2

Which sentence shows correct pronoun agreement in formal writing

A) Each student must bring our book

B) Each student must bring their own book

C) Each student must bring his or her own book

D) Each students must bring his book

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Question 3

Which sentence places the modifier correctly

A) Maya running the bus left school

B) Running to school, the bus left Maya

C) Running to school, Maya missed the bus

D) The bus running to school left Maya

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Question 4

Parallel structure means that items in a list should have

A) no verbs

B) different topics

C) different forms for variety

D) the same grammatical form

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Question 5

Which list shows parallel structure

A) She likes hiking, swimming, and biking

B) She likes hike, swimming, and to bike

C) She likes hiking, swim, and biked

D) She likes hiking, to swim, and biking

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Question 6

A comma splice is

A) a sentence with no commas

B) two sentences joined only by a comma

C) a sentence with a comma at the end

D) a list with commas

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Question 7

Which sentence is a comma splice

A) It rained. We stayed inside

B) It rained, so we stayed inside

C) It rained, we stayed inside

D) When it rained, we stayed inside

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Question 8

A sentence fragment is

A) a sentence with two clauses

B) a question

C) a very long sentence

D) a group of words that lacks a subject or a complete verb

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Question 9

Which group of words is a fragment

A) After the game ended

B) After the game ended, we went home

C) We went home after the game

D) The game ended at noon

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Question 10

A semicolon is correctly used to

A) replace every comma

B) join two closely related complete sentences

C) end a question

D) start a list after a verb

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Question 11

Which sentence uses a semicolon correctly

A) We packed; food, water, and maps

B) We packed food; water; and maps

C) We packed food and water; we left at dawn

D) We; packed food and water

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Question 12

A colon is correctly used to

A) end a sentence

B) separate a subject and verb

C) join two unrelated sentences

D) introduce a list or explanation after a complete sentence

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Question 13

Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly for possession

A) The dog´s bone

B) The dogs´ bone for one dog

C) The dog bone´s

D) The dogs bone

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Question 14

Which sentence uses your correctly

A) Your are going home

B) Your book is on the desk

C) You are book is on the desk

D) Youre book is on the desk

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Question 15

Which sentence correctly uses affect as a verb

A) We felt the affect

B) The weather will effect our plans

C) The weather will affect our plans

D) The affect was strong

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Question 16

Which sentence correctly uses effect as a noun

A) The new rule will effect us

B) They effect the rule

C) Effecting the rule helped

D) The new rule had a strong effect

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Question 17

Denotation of a word means its

A) literal dictionary meaning

B) sound

C) spelling

D) emotional feeling

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Question 18

Connotation of a word means its

A) dictionary definition only

B) feelings and associations beyond the literal meaning

C) number of letters

D) origin in Latin

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Question 19

Which pair shows a difference in connotation

A) run and walk

B) big and large in every case

C) house and home, where home suggests warmth and belonging

D) cat and dog

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Question 20

In the sentence, Her smile was sunshine, the figure of speech is

A) hyperbole

B) an idiom

C) a simile

D) a metaphor

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Question 21

In the sentence, He runs like the wind, the figure of speech is

A) a simile

B) personification

C) irony

D) a metaphor

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Question 22

Personification gives human qualities to

A) a person

B) a thing, animal, or idea

C) a verb only

D) a place name

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Question 23

Which sentence uses personification

A) Trees grow tall

B) The wind blew at 20 miles per hour

C) The wind whispered through the trees

D) The wind was strong

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Question 24

A prefix is a word part added to the

A) middle of a sentence

B) end of a paragraph

C) end of a word to change tense

D) beginning of a word to change its meaning

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Question 25

How many clauses does a simple sentence have

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ANSWER KEY

1.	A	**10.**	B	**18.**	B
2.	C	**11.**	C	**19.**	C
3.	C	**12.**	D	**20.**	D
4.	D	**13.**	A	**21.**	A
5.	A	**14.**	B	**22.**	B
6.	B	**15.**	C	**23.**	C
7.	C	**16.**	D	**24.**	D
8.	D	**17.**	A	**25.**	1
9.	A				

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