

Writing Clearly: Grammar for Editing, 3E

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Answer Key

Unit 7

Pre-test: What Do You Already Know?

See page 352 of *Writing Clearly, Third Edition* for answers to the Pre-test.

Practice What You Have Learned (pages 169–172)

Exercise 1 (page 169)

- I* 1. Molecular genetics is a field that is progressing very quickly.
- I* 2. Students should be proud, instead of embarrassed, to know their native language.
- I* 3. She wonders whether studying so hard is worth it. (OR: She wonders whether it is worth it to study so hard.)
- I* 4. Engineering 101 is the course that I spend the least time on.
- I* 5. Room 100 Smith Hall is one of the largest classrooms on my campus; it can hold around 500 students.
- I* 6. As they grow up, many children develop attitudes they will later have as adults.
- C* 7. *Correct*
- I* 8. Astronauts need to be prepared for every obstacle that they could encounter in space. (OR: Astronauts need to be prepared for every obstacle that could be encountered in space.)
- I* 9. When she has time, Kim likes to take bike rides, read novels, and visit her friends.
- I* 10. The office is well equipped and has a lot of antique furniture. (OR: The office, which is well equipped, has a lot of antique furniture.)
- I* 11. Putting up beautiful art has made me feel more relaxed in my office. (OR: By putting up beautiful art, I feel more relaxed in my office.)

Exercise 2 (page 170)

- I* 1. That Jack arrived late and that he was not prepared angered his supervisor.
- I* 2. That is Dr. Wood, my thesis advisor, who chairs the Chemistry Department. (OR: That is Dr. Wood, my thesis advisor and chair of the Chemistry Department.)
- C* 3. *Correct*
- I* 4. His job involves washing lab equipment, setting up experiments, and recording data.
- I* 5. Sitting in a coffee shop and searching the Internet is one of my favorite evening activities.
- I* 6. I spent the day in San Francisco walking on the Golden Gate Bridge, visiting Chinatown, and doing many other things.

Exercise 3 (page 171)

Answers will vary. Possible answers follow.

1. Three things I enjoy doing in my free time are reading, cooking, and playing tennis.
2. We are looking for the following characteristics in a job applicant: honesty, intelligence, and a good work ethic.
3. Several good places to go for a bicycle ride in my area are Lincoln Park, the village of Whale Bay, and the downtown boardwalk.
4. Below are some ways to avoid feeling homesick in a new environment:
 - Stay active
 - Make new friends
 - Play sports
 - Join a club

Exercise 4 (page 172)

Note that there is usually more than one way to correct a sentence boundary problem.

Possible answers follow.

1. The most useful class I took was statistics, but it was very challenging for me. (OR: The most useful class I took was statistics, although it was very challenging for me.)
2. Thus far, school is more fun than work; however, I find the studies quite hard.
3. *Correct*
4. Chicago is such an interesting city, and I love going there. (OR: Chicago is such an interesting city that I love going there.)
5. Another reason why some people do not exercise regularly is simply a lack of time.

Post-test: What Do You Know Now? (pages 173–175)

A (page 173)

1. My teacher, who uses computers, ~~she~~ asks the students to tell her about new grammar resources they have discovered on the Internet.
2. My teacher is older, but she has a lot of energy and experience.
3. ~~As for~~ The class in advanced physics is going very well. (OR: As for the class in advanced physics, it is going very well.)
4. ~~By~~ Having the students come in for conferences is helping them learn individually and work on specific problems in their writing.
5. The grammar that will be covered on the grammar exam is as follows: sentence structure, ~~finding the correct~~ verb tense, verb form, dependent clauses, modals, and ~~reviewing~~ conditional sentences.
6. My grandparents ~~they~~ like to visit us often.
7. How to solve that problem is not clear to me.
8. The best formula for success in college is to study hard, find a study group, and exercise.

9. When students first get to college, it is a difficult adjustment because high school is so different.
10. ~~As~~ Many new students find out after their first tests that they must study harder than before. (OR: As many students find out after their first tests, ~~that~~ they must study harder than before.)

B (page 173)

1. The weather and the time of year determine which route we take.
2. Eating, watching the football game, and talking a lot added up to a wonderful Thanksgiving Day.
3. My sister Susan works harder than any person I know.
4. Memorizing the formulas will help me pass the chemistry exam.
5. Getting good grades is a must in today's competitive world.

C (page 174)

Answers will vary. Possible answers follow.

- ro* 1. Intercultural marriages are becoming more common; however, very traditional people still think that they will not work.
- frag* 2. Even though it is summer, we are still experiencing cold nights.
- cs* 3. At the end of a semester, students usually feel very stressed; what is worrying them is all the work they have to complete before final exams.
- cs* 4. It is going to snow tonight; drivers need to be very cautious on the highways.
- frag* 5. Although we have talked about this problem many times before, we still have not figured out a solution to it.
- ro* 6. My mother would dedicate time to studying grammar and making vocabulary lists as a way to learn new vocabulary in English; however, all this work did not help her that much because she really needed to go out and speak English in public.

D (page 175)

Answers will vary. Possible answers follow.

1. The four courses I am taking this quarter are chemistry, English composition, calculus, and Spanish.
2. I get really nervous when I think about what I have to study this week and how little time I have to do it all.
3. Next week, when I do not have any midterms, I am going to read a book, go out to a nice restaurant, and take a bike ride.
4. The two universities which my sister is thinking of applying to are Brown and Stanford.