

GRAMMAR WORKSHOP: SENTENCE STRUCTURE: TRANSITIONS, PREPOSITIONS, AND COMMON MISTAKES

Answer Key

1. **Verb Subject Agreement: If the underlined verb matches the subject, leave it alone. If it does not match the subject, cross it out and correct it.**

- 1) The number of people voting for Trump is crazy. A number of people voting for Trump are from Texas.
- 2) More than one athlete has taken steroids to get ahead.
- 3) My parents are from France, so my family goes to Lyon each year. We all go shopping in the open air market.
- 4) Was *Friday Night Lights* filmed on location in Texas?
- 5) None of this journal articles is correct. None of the people know what to do.
- 6) The teacher, not the students, decides how to run the class.

2. **Apostrophes: If the apostrophe is needed, place a check next to the sentence. If the apostrophe is used incorrectly, fix the sentence.**

- 1) I wanted to go to the party but it's too late. ✓
- 2) Her husband's wallet was full of curious items. ✓
- 3) In the current conflict it's uncertain whose borders they are contesting.
- 4) I went to the editor-in-chief's house for dinner last night ✓
- 5) The house is old and its roof is falling apart.
- 6) It's my life. ✓

3. **Prepositions: Correct these common mistakes by crossing out a preposition or replacing it with the correct one.**

- 1) Although she is smart, she lacks ~~of~~ experience.
- 2) ~~Of~~ what color is her hair?
- 3) I haven't read that book ~~in~~ a long time.
- 4) The plane is now approaching ~~to~~ D.C.
- 5) She lives **on** Brandywine St.
- 6) It hasn't rained **since** last week.
- 7) He is older **than** me.
- 8) She is superior **to** me.
- 9) I will discuss ~~for~~ the importance of the currency peg.
- 10) I am going to the store but then I am going ~~to~~ home.

Transitions: Replace the basic transition words in these sentences with a synonym.

- 1) **Conversely**, the new system does work when two people are able to help run it.
- 2) **In addition to this**, it is a high context culture in which harmony is valued so they would not be so rude.
- 3) **Equally important**, Dr. Smith comments on the phenomenon in a documentary from 2003.
- 4) **Finally**, it is not safe to drill for oil near Arctic ice shelves.
- 5) **Indeed**, this was an excellent conference.