



The Learning Centre

Grammar Skills

English Usage Practice (KEY)

***Note that the grammatical errors in these sentences could be corrected in many ways. The corrections in the answer key are not the only ways to correct the errors.**

1. Going into grade one, Manat and Hannah wanted too have the same teacher; nonetheless, Manat was put into Ms. Beasley's class and Hannah was put into Mr. Jay's class.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *confusion between words w/ similar sounds (homophone or near homophone)*

Correction: *Going into grade one, Manat and Hannah wanted to have the same teacher; nonetheless, Manat was put into Ms. Beasley's class and Hannah was put into Mr. Jay's class.*

2. I went to Wal-Mart last Thursday to get some skim milk; however, Wal-Mart only had whole milk, so I had to go to Safeway instead.

Correct/Incorrect: *C*

Grammar error: *n/a*

Correction: *n/a*

3. If an Okanagan College student wants English or Writing help, they can book an appointment in one of the Learning Centre binders.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *incorrect use of a pronoun*

Correction: *If an Okanagan College student wants English or Writing help, he or she can book an appointment in one of the Learning Centre binders.*

4. Whenever I am asked of how I do my hair so nicely, I get self-conscious and answer, "I don't know."

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *incorrect use of a preposition*

Correction: *Whenever I am asked how I do my hair so nicely, I get self-conscious and answer, "I don't know."*

5. When I was a kid, my uncle was deadly injured in a logging accident, so his son came to live with my family.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *adverb/adjective confusion*

Correction: *When I was a kid, my uncle was fatally injured in a logging accident, so his son came to live with my family.*

6. Whenever my nieces come to stay at my house for the weekend, I encourage them to bring there bathing suits so we can go to the YMCA.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *confusion between words w/ similar sounds (homophones & near-homophones)*

Correction: *Whenever my nieces come to stay at my house for the weekend, I encourage them to bring their bathing suits so we can go to the YMCA.*

7. It makes me feel funny when I have to make a presentation and everyone stares at me.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *faulty diction*

Correction: *It makes me feel uncomfortable when I have to make a presentation and everyone stares at me.*

8. If our professor tests us in Section Three of the book, I am going to fail the exam.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *incorrect use of a preposition*

Correction: *If our professor tests us on Section Three of the book, I am going to fail the exam.*

9. I want to know if you are coming to my party or going to the hockey game.

Correct/Incorrect: *C*

Grammar error: *n/a*

Correction: *n/a*

10. I easy finished the math test with almost an hour to spare.

Correct/Incorrect: *I*

Grammar error: *adverb/adjective confusion*

Correction: *I easily finished the math test with almost an hour to spare.*