



Introduction to Composition

Test Pack

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INTRODUCTION TO COMPOSITION • PRETEST

Read each group of words. If the words form a complete sentence, circle *a*. If they do not, circle *b*.

1. The gurgling brook rushed over the rocks.

a. complete sentence

b. fragment

2. Tammy seems to read at the speed of light.

a. complete sentence

b. fragment

3. Rushing up and down the halls and around the furniture.

a. complete sentence

b. fragment

Underline the simple subject in each sentence.

4. Maxine and Vivian wrote to their grandmother.

5. The Johnson twins both like to play softball.

6. Through the dark woods trudged the two hikers.

Underline the simple predicate in each sentence.

7. The squirrel dashed up the oak tree.

8. The children slid down the snowy hill on trash can lids.

9. After the game, the boys bought lunch.

UNIT 3 TEST: ESSAYS

Read the following introductory paragraph for an essay. Then circle the letter of the answer to each question.

Do you know how good for you regular exercise is? There are many benefits! Exercise can help your heart, boost your mood, and give you an activity to share with others. All these plusses make physical activity worthwhile.

1. How does the author capture your attention?
 - a. by asking a question
 - b. by making a shocking statement
 - c. by using a specific example

2. Which is the topic sentence of the essay?
 - a. There are many benefits!
 - b. It can help your heart, boost your mood, and give you an activity to share with others.
 - c. All these plusses make exercise worthwhile.

3. Which of the following is likely to be a supporting point in the essay?
 - a. ways exercise increases heart health
 - b. expenses of different sports
 - c. the benefits of joining a gym

4. Which of the following is the best concluding paragraph for this essay?
 - a. Exercise does take commitment—in time and sometimes in money. The benefits, however, are well worth the investment. Exercise every day—for your health, for your sense of well-being, and for the fun of it!
 - b. The heart is a muscle, and like all muscles, it needs to be exercised. The regular stress of exercise strengthens the heart. A strong heart is worth the effort of exercise.
 - c. Playing on a team gives you a community as well as a fun activity. You will make friends who share your interests. Team sports are a great pastime.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPOSITION • POSTTEST

Read each group of words. If the words form a complete sentence, circle *a*. If they do not, circle *b*.

1. The ground shook.
a. complete sentence
b. fragment
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2. April showers bring May flowers.
a. complete sentence
b. fragment
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3. After walking across town and riding the bus to the mall.
a. complete sentence
b. fragment
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4. The cat, orange and white, with long, drooping whiskers.
a. complete sentence
b. fragment
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Underline the simple subject in each sentence.

5. Bree, Lauren, and Rachel saw the new movie last weekend.
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6. Donna had the flu all week!
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7. Mrs. McCann's class read *Huckleberry Finn* this year.
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Underline the simple predicate in each sentence.

8. Bree, Lauren, and Rachel saw the new movie last weekend.
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9. Donna had the flu all week!