

# Exercise 6.8

**Focus:** Reviewing and practicing error-identification problems involving verb forms, word choice, and word forms.

**Directions:** Circle the *one* underlined expression that must be rewritten in order to form a correct sentence.

- The editor has gave encouragement to many young, promising writers.  
A B  
C D
- Miguel threw the ball so hardly that I could not catch it.  
A B C  
D
- Flu is more popular in the winter than at any other time of year.  
A B  
C D
- The director had not idea who had written him the anonymous note.  
A B C  
D
- By this time next year, sales have increased considerably.  
A B C  
D
- A good golfer careful chooses which club to use.  
A B C  
D
- The traditional dancers worn bright and colorful costumes.  
A B C  
D
- You can save some money at the grocery store if you make a listing of the items you need.  
A B C D
- Suzanna Hampton will become vice-president in charge of marketing when John Huang will retire.  
A B C D
- There is several people in the meeting room waiting for the meeting to begin.  
A B  
C D
- Generally, more trade fairs are hold in Paris during March than during any other month.  
A B  
C D
- The sun setting through the palm trees was so beautiful sight that I photographed it.  
A B C D
- In generally, I enjoy traveling, but there are some places I would rather not go.  
A B C  
D
- You can look at the menu on the computer screen and choice whatever program you want.  
A B C D
- The important of this invention will not be known for at least several years.  
A B  
C D
- After working most of the night, I felt asleep at about five in the morning.  
A B C  
D
- Deer are sometimes seeing in the hills north of town.  
A B  
C D
- The scientists made many experiments to prove that the drug was effective.  
A B  
C D

19. Who said you that you should deliver  
 those goods here?  
 A B C D

20. At our company, raises and promotions are  
 based on performance, not on senior.  
 A B C D

## D. Preposition Errors

(For more information about prepositions, see Lesson 5, Section E, pages 140-149.)

There are two types of preposition errors that appear in the underlined portions of Part VI sentences. These involve preposition choice and the inclusion/omission of prepositions.

### Incorrect Preposition Choice

This type of error involves the use of one preposition when another is required, given the context of the sentence.

#### Sample Item: Preposition Errors

You should keep your immigration control card  
attached with your passport at all times.  
 A B C D

(A)   (C)  (D)

On my opinion, the Allegro Café is one of the  
 best restaurants in the city.  
 A B C D

(B)  (C)  (D)

The participle *attached* is correctly followed by the preposition *to*.

Before the word *opinion*, the preposition *in* is needed.

Preposition choice depends either on the noun, adjective/participle, or verb that comes before the preposition (as in the first sample item) or on the object that follows the preposition (as in the second sample item).

## Exercise 6.9

**Focus:** Identifying errors involving preposition choice.

**Directions:** Decide if the underlined word or phrase is used correctly. If so, mark it "C" for "Correct." If not, mark the sentence "X" and rewrite the underlined expression, correcting the mistake.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The film starts on seven o'clock. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Tomiko comes from a town in Japan that is famous of its beautiful pottery. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Annie has lived in Amsterdam since all her life. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. There will be a meeting of department heads during Wednesday. \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Payday is a week for now. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The market for this product is still growing. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The only way you can get to the island is on boat. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Ben played a lovely melody in his flute. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. We won't arrive to Bangkok until eleven o'clock. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. I need to finish this project at least on Friday. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The directions for using the tools were printed on four languages. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Several business leaders said that they were afraid of a trade war between the two countries. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. I was satisfied from the performance review I received. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Mona grew up in a farm, I believe. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Thanks for my neighbor, I was able to get my car started this morning. \_\_\_\_\_

### Inclusion or Omission of Prepositions

Some preposition errors involve the inclusion or omission of prepositions. In other words, a preposition is used when it should not be, or is not used when it should be.

#### Sample Item: Preposition Inclusion/Omission Errors

Katie is charge of ordering supplies for the office.

A                      B                      C                      D

- B       C       D

The preposition *in* has been omitted from the phrase *in charge of*.

## Exercise 6.10

**Focus:** Identifying errors involving inclusion or omission of prepositions.

**Directions:** Decide if the underlined word or phrase is used correctly. If so, mark it "C" for "Correct." If not, mark the sentence "X" and rewrite the underlined expression, correcting the mistake.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Next month, Mr. Stewart is traveling to overseas for an international sales conference. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I will meet you for lunch on next Friday. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The reporter asked me a lot of questions. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. In spite the problems, I enjoyed the trip. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. This is the book in which I was telling you about. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I think that hat belongs Patty. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Most the money is in the vault. \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Sally went upstairs to get some papers that she had forgotten. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Hundreds people gathered in the square. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Please contact to one of our sales representatives if you have any further questions. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. My seat was in the rear the plane. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. The schedule was approved the director. \_\_\_\_\_

## E. Errors with Gerunds, Infinitives, and Simple Forms

(For more information about gerunds, infinitives, and simple forms, see Lesson 5, Section G, pages 160-168.)

### Sample Item: Gerund/Infinitive/Simple Form Errors

I hope taking a course in information systems at  
 the community college next fall.  
 A B C D

After the verb *hope*, an infinitive (*to take*) is needed.

The Canadian corporation Holiday Hosts plans  
to opening a chain of low-cost hotels in Asia.  
 A B C D

The correct form of the infinitive is *to open*.

A  B  C  D

A  B  C  D

There are two main types of errors involving gerunds, infinitives, and simple forms:

### Use of One of These Three Forms When Another is Needed

In this type of error, a gerund is used in place of an infinitive, an infinitive in place of a simple form, and so on.

### Incorrect Form of the Infinitive

Expressions such as *for to do*, and *to doing* are incorrect forms of the infinitive.

## Exercise 6.11

**Focus:** Identifying errors involving gerunds, infinitives, and simple forms.

**Directions:** Decide if the underlined word or phrase is used correctly. If so, mark it "C" for "Correct." If not, mark the sentence "X" and rewrite the underlined expression, correcting the mistake.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Brady was not willing risk his money on that scheme. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I stopped to get a newspaper every morning because I just do not have time to read it. \_\_\_\_\_

3. It is important to following all these directions carefully. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I want to stay home tonight, but my roommate would rather go out. \_\_\_\_\_
5. During my free time, I enjoy acting in amateur theatrical productions. \_\_\_\_\_
6. She had the doorman to get her a taxi. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Commuting to work is much easier now because of the new light-rail system. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Kazuo was able for to record the entire scene on his camcorder. \_\_\_\_\_
9. My friends are looking forward to meeting you. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The boss made me to work late again last night. \_\_\_\_\_
11. It is forbidden importing goods derived from animals on the endangered species list. \_\_\_\_\_
12. I appreciate your help us. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Have you arranged for someone picking you up at the airport? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Ms. Preswick was hired to replace Mr. Clarkson, who is retiring next month. \_\_\_\_\_
15. His financial situation made it necessary for him to have two jobs. \_\_\_\_\_

## F. Errors with Pronouns

(Note: For the purpose of this lesson, possessive adjectives such as *his* or *her* are considered pronouns. Relative pronouns are not discussed in this chapter; they are discussed in Section K, "Errors with Connecting Words.")

Three main types of errors involving pronouns are possible in Part VI: problems involving agreement, form, and inclusion.

### Incorrect Agreement of Pronouns and Nouns

A singular pronoun must be used to refer to a singular noun, and a plural pronoun to a plural noun. Similarly, a masculine pronoun must be used to refer to a masculine noun, a feminine pronoun to a feminine noun, and a neuter pronoun to a neuter noun.

#### Sample Item: Pronoun Agreement Errors

Today, most companies get the opinion of focus groups  
A B  
 before marketing its products on a large scale.  
C D

- (A) (B) ● (D)

Gardening is a good way to relax, and he can  
A B C  
 provide fresh vegetables as well.  
D

- (A) (B) ● (D)

The plural possessive *their* must be used to refer to the plural noun *companies*.

The neuter pronoun *it* should be used to refer to *gardening*.

## Incorrect Form of Pronouns

This error involves the use of incorrect grammatical forms of pronouns.

### Sample Item: Pronoun Form Errors

Management at this firm always awards employees  
                  A                  B  
for them achievements and hard work.  
                  C                                  D

The possessive form *their* is needed in place of the object form *them*.

- (A)     (B)         (D)

## Incorrect Inclusion of Pronouns

This error involves the unnecessary inclusion of a pronoun. In a main clause, a subject pronoun is unnecessary if there is already a subject noun. In an adjective clause, a pronoun is unnecessary if the relative pronoun takes the place of the personal pronoun.

### Sample Item: Pronoun Inclusion Errors

That bridge, which was built back in the 1920s,  
          A                                  B                  C  
it needs to be replaced.  
          D

The pronoun *it* is unnecessary because there is a noun-phrase subject (*That bridge*).

- (A)     (B)     (C)

The telephone system, which it was just installed,  
                                  A                                  B  
still has a few problems.  
          C                  D

The pronoun *it* is used unnecessarily because *which* is the subject of the adjective clause.

- (B)     (C)     (D)

## Exercise 6.12

**Focus:** Identifying errors involving pronouns.

**Directions:** Decide if the underlined word or phrase is used correctly. If so, mark it "C" for "Correct." If not, mark the sentence "X" and rewrite the underlined expression, correcting the mistake.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The client wanted to talk to Mr. Kwang and I alone. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I heard the news, but I couldn't believe they could be true. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Yours work on this project impressed the manager. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. This topics were thoroughly discussed at a recent business luncheon. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Ms. O'Donnel, whose her clothes were lost by the hotel laundry, was understandably upset. \_\_\_\_\_
6. I hope all of you enjoyed yourself at the company picnic. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The company raised its prices again. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Nancy bought her nephew a compact disc for her birthday. \_\_\_\_\_
9. They left some of theirs papers in the taxi. \_\_\_\_\_
10. In that age of e-mail, fax machines, and cellular telephones, business executives can communicate quickly and easily. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Bill and I plan to take a vacation in Bali. \_\_\_\_\_
12. He cannot remember the names of all the people whom he met at the gathering. \_\_\_\_\_
13. That is the same car that we saw it parked here yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_
14. This is my briefcase, and that one is yours. \_\_\_\_\_
15. I took vitamin C for my cold, but they didn't seem to help. \_\_\_\_\_
16. The waitress burned himself on the hot dish. \_\_\_\_\_
17. I wonder what hers opinion of this issue is. \_\_\_\_\_
18. That man whom I was talking to him at the party last night is my accountant. \_\_\_\_\_
19. We took a lot of pictures at the zoo, but we have not had their developed yet. \_\_\_\_\_
20. This book, which was written by the president of a major corporation, it offers some very practical advice for all managers. \_\_\_\_\_

## G. Errors with Singular and Plural Nouns

There are a number of errors involving singular and plural nouns.

A Singular Noun Used When a Plural Is Required, or a Plural Is Used When a Singular Is Required

### Sample Item: Singular/Plural Errors

Mr. Devons purchased several small parcel of land  
A B  
on the edge of town.  
C D

- (A) ● (C) (D)

The notebooks on the conference table belongs  
A B C  
to Kenji.  
D

- (B) (C) (D)

The plural noun *parcels* should be used. The word *several* indicates the need for a plural noun.

The singular verb *belongs* indicates that the subject should be singular (*notebook*).

## Noncount Nouns Incorrectly Pluralized

As the name indicates, a noncount noun represents something that cannot be counted. Mass nouns (*air, butter, furniture*), abstract nouns (*glory, sincerity, patriotism*), and fields of study (*chemistry, engineering, management*) are all noncount nouns.

### Sample Item: Plural Noncount Nouns

I prefer not to take a lot of luggages with me on a business trip.

A                      B                      C  
D

The noncount noun *luggage* should not be pluralized.

- (A)       (B)       (C)       (D)

Some determiners (words used before nouns) indicate whether a noun is a singular noun, a plural noun, or a noncount noun, as shown in the following chart:

### Determiners Used with:

Singular Nouns	Plural Nouns	Noncount Nouns
a/an one a single each every this that	two, three, four, etc. dozens of, hundreds of, thousands of, etc. a few (of) many (of) a number of the number of several a couple of every one of each one of each of one of these those	much little a great deal of an amount of

### Incorrect Use of Plural Nouns in Compound Nouns

A compound noun consists of two nouns used together to express a single concept. Only the second noun of a compound noun is pluralized.

house plants                      vegetable gardens  
 diamond rings                  factory gates



### Sample Item: Singular/Plural Errors with Compound Nouns

Today, groceries stores carry many goods that are  
not considered food items.

A

B

C

D

- B  C  D

The first noun of the compound noun should not be pluralized. The correct phrase is *grocery stores*.

### Errors in Numbers + Nouns

This error involves measurements and other words that are used with numbers. When a number + noun is used before another noun, the first noun is not pluralized and the phrase is hyphenated. When a number + noun is used alone, the noun is pluralized and the expression is not hyphenated.

a ten-kilometer race  
a six-year-old girl

a race of ten kilometers  
a girl who is six years old

### Sample Item: Singular/Plural Errors with Number + Noun

This company offers a two-weeks vacation to employees  
after their first year of employment.

A

B

C

D

- A  B  C  D

The phrase should read a *two-week vacation*.

### Errors in Numbers Used Indefinitely

When used indefinitely, numbers such as *dozens*, *hundreds*, and *thousands* are pluralized.

three hundred people  
ten thousand dollars

hundreds of people  
thousands of dollars

### Sample Item: Singular/Plural Errors with Numbers Used Indefinitely

There are probably dozen of ways that this  
problem can be solved.

A

B

C

D

- A  B  C  D

The word *dozen* should be pluralized.

### Errors with Irregular Plurals

Most nouns in English are pluralized by adding the letter -s or the letters -es, but a few nouns have irregular plurals. Only the most common of these are tested on TOEIC.

### Common Irregular Plurals

<b>Singular</b>	child	man	woman	foot	tooth
<b>Plural</b>	children	men	women	feet	teeth

#### Sample Item: Singular/Plural Errors with Irregular Plurals

Both of her childrens are in high school now.

The correct plural form of the noun *child* is *children*.

- A      B      C      D
- (A)    ●    (C)    (D)

## Exercise 6.13

**Focus:** Identifying errors involving singular and plural nouns.

**Directions:** Decide if the underlined word or phrase is used correctly. If so, mark it "C" for "Correct." If not, mark the sentence "X" and rewrite the underlined expression, correcting the mistake.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. When you go to the store, will you get two pounds of coffees? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Hundreds of applications were submitted. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Although it looks new, that car is over ten-year old. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Many of the most important discovery were made by accident. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. We rented a two-rooms suite at the Empire Hotel. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. We tested every one of the components. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Your advices on this matter would be appreciated. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. All the new employees must attend a meeting at four. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. His foots hurt after the hike. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. This solvent is available only in five-liter containers. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Can we wait for another few minute? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Each department sent a representative. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Amy likes to drive her car on twisting mountains roads. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Each of the participant will receive a small gift. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. I have called Ms. Olsson several times, but she has never returned my calls. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Alexandria invited a number of the woman that she works with to lunch at her house. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. There is going to be a gathering of coins collectors at this hotel next weekend. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Rafael and Inez have an eight-months-old baby. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. This store sells simple but elegant jewelries. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Several people won door prizes. \_\_\_\_\_