CHAPTER 16 PRACTICE

Short Answer

Directions: Circle the correct completion.

1. Trust and (forgives, forgiveness) are necessary for a successful relationship.

2. He has difficulty understanding both (spoken, speaking) and written English.

3. My teacher was shocked and (disappointed, disappointing) when she caught students cheating on the test.

4. Maria is an excellent musician. She plays the piano and the guitar, and (singer, sings) too.

Directions: Add commas as necessary.

5. There are many events leading up to graduation day. For example, most graduates get their picture taken, send out graduation announcements, and invite friends and family to celebrate with them.

6. Parents, siblings, and friends look on as students receive their diplomas.

Directions: Combine the sentences into one concise sentence that contains parallel structure. Punctuate carefully.

7. Vienna, Austria, is famous for classical music.
   Vienna, Austria, is famous for opera.
   Vienna, Austria, is famous for the waltz.

8. The fireman put out a fire.
   The fireman rescued a cat stuck in a tree.
   The fireman helped a man who had had a heart attack.
9. When Jane got home from work, she took off her suit.  
   She took off her high-heeled shoes.  
   She put on an old pair of jeans.  
   She put on an old pair of slippers.  
   She put on a warm wool sweater.

Directions: Complete the sentence with is/are.

10. Not only the children but also their mother ______ looking forward to going on a picnic.

11. Both rats and mice ______ rodents with long thin tails.

12. Not only governments but also individuals ______ responsible for taking care of the environment.

13. The business leaders agree that either marketing their product on the internet or traveling overseas to explore new markets ______ the best strategy for increasing sales.

Directions: Combine the pair of sentences into one new sentence with parallel structure. Use the conjunctions given in parentheses.

14. We can have broccoli for dinner. We can have cauliflower for dinner. (either … or)

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15. During her speech, Lina spoke loudly. During her speech, Lina spoke clearly. (both … and)

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16. Greg is interested in studying medicine. His twin brother is interested in studying medicine. (not only … but also)

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17. The New York Yankees is a great baseball team. The Boston Red Sox is a great baseball team. (both … and)

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18. My English teacher hadn't graded our essays. My English teacher hadn't returned our vocabulary quizzes. (neither ... nor)

Directions: Punctuate the sentence by adding commas and periods. Do not add any words. Add capitalization as necessary.

19. My brother is an accountant he can help us with our income taxes

20. An Australian swimmer was attacked by a shark but he scared the animal away by poking it in the eye

21. A woman in Michigan got a $1 parking ticket in 1976 she finally paid it in 2008 by sending a twenty-dollar bill to the local police station she also sent a note explaining the money but she told the police not to try to find her

Directions: Correct the error(s).

22. The students' presentation was thoughtful, intelligent, and interested.

23. Not only vulcanologists but also geologists is interested in studying Hawaii's volcanoes.

Directions: Circle the correct completion(s).

24. Not only the athlete but also the spectators (was, were) angry about the referee's decision.

Directions: Combine the sentences into one concise sentence that contains parallel structure. Use the conjunctions and, or, but, or so.

25. Linda has traveled by car. Linda has traveled by bus. Linda has traveled by train. Linda has not traveled by ship. Linda has not traveled by plane. Linda has not traveled by balloon.

26. Next weekend, Shirley may visit her grandmother. She may visit her sister. She may do some shopping. She may take in a movie. She has to do the laundry. She has to clean the bathroom.
27. At her surprise birthday party, Gloria was surprised to see her high school friends. Gloria was surprised to see her aunt and uncle from New York City. Gloria was surprised to see her old college roommate. She was disappointed not to see her sister. She was disappointed not to see her niece.

Directions: Combine the sentences into one concise sentence that contains parallel structure. Use paired conjunctions (both ... and; not only ... but also; either ... or; or neither ... nor).

28. The severe rainstorm flooded basements and sewers. The severe rainstorm caused mudslides.

Directions: Punctuate the sentence by adding commas and periods. Do not add or delete any words. Add capitalization as necessary.

29. Both Silvia and her husband love the rock band Wind Tunnel but they refuse to pay $125 a ticket to attend a concert.

30. Myron has written short stories and poems for the school literary magazine and sports and feature articles for the school newspaper.

Directions: Circle the correct completion.

31. Neither James' new boss nor his co-workers (has, have) met James' wife.

32. Not only the doctors but also the hospital's chief administrator (wants, want) to improve communication with patients.

Directions: Combine the sentences into one concise sentence that contains parallel structure. Use the conjunctions and, or, but, or so.

33. Last night, Larry watched some TV. Larry surfed the internet. Larry listened to some music. Larry read the newspaper. Today, Larry has to do some serious work.
34. Mr. Kincaid owns real estate. Mr. Kincaid owns stocks. Mr. Kincaid owns bonds. Mr. Kincaid has to sell some stocks to pay his taxes. Mr. Kincaid has to sell some bonds to pay his taxes.

35. Craig has good computer skills and can type 70 words a minute. Jean has good computer skills and can type 70 words a minute. They both got jobs as executive assistants.

Directions: Combine the sentences into one concise sentence that contains parallel structure. Use paired conjunctions (both ... and; not only ... but also; either ... or; or neither ... nor).

36. The earthquake knocked over several freeways. The earthquake broke gas and water lines.

37. Philip doesn't want to go to college. Philip doesn't want to find a job.

38. Oranges are a good source of vitamin C. Cabbage is a good source of vitamin C.

Directions: Punctuate the sentence by adding commas and periods. Do not add or delete any words. Add capitalization as necessary.

39. I have tried the pineapple diet I have tried the starch diet and the protein diet too but none of them worked.

40. The weather forecaster predicts heavy fog and light drizzle for the morning but clear skies and sunshine for the late afternoon.