

# EXERCISES

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## Essay Writing Exercises

Select the most appropriate item to complete each sentence.

1. What is the missing logical step?

- 1) Healthy lifestyle = Healthy foods
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Fish = Salmon
- 4) Salmon = Omega-3 fatty acid
  - a) Tuna = Fish
  - b) Healthy diet = Fish
  - c) Vegetables = Fish
  - d) Healthy foods = Exercise

2. What is the missing logical step?

- 1) Solar System = Planets
- 2) Earth = Japan
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Peace Park = Museum
  - a) America = New York
  - b) Tokyo = Capital
  - c) Kyushu = Nagasaki
  - d) People = Family

3. What is the missing logical step?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) paragraph = sentence
- 3) sentence = word
- 4) word = letters
  - a) topic sentence = paragraph
  - b) book = essay
  - c) homework = writing
  - d) essay = paragraph

4. What is the logical order of these sentences if they were used in an introduction?

- 1) Eating fish is one way to maintain a healthy diet.
- 2) Salmon is the healthiest fish to eat because it contains healthy omega-3 fatty acids, but unlike other fish, it does not contain mercury.
- 3) A healthy lifestyle can be maintained by eating healthy foods.
- 4) Salmon is the healthiest type of fish to eat.
  - a) 3,4,1,2
  - b) 2,4,1,3
  - c) 3,1,4,2
  - d) 4,3,1,2

5. What is the logical order of these sentences if they were used in a conclusion?

- 1) Remember that eating fish is one way to maintain a healthy diet.
- 2) To sum up, salmon is the healthiest fish to eat because it contains healthy omega-3 fatty acids, but unlike other fish, it does not contain mercury.
- 3) Finally, a healthy lifestyle can be maintained by eating healthy foods.
- 4) Indeed salmon is the healthiest type of fish to eat.
  - a) 2,1,3,4
  - b) 3,1,4,2
  - c) 2,4,1,3
  - d) 3,4,1,2

6. Which sentence does NOT belong in this conclusion?
- 1) In conclusion, dogs make better pets than cats.
  - 2) Indeed dogs make great personal security systems.
  - 3) They can protect us with a simple bark or flash of teeth.
  - 4) In addition, and more importantly, dogs are loyal.
  - 5) They make naturally excellent pets and even friends.
  - 6) All things considered, choosing a dog as your pet is a wise choice.
- a) 1
  - b) 3
  - c) 5
  - d) 6
7. Given the thesis statement: "Most Japanese students find learning English difficult for three main reasons: vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation." Where would you expect to find this sentence? "In addition, many Japanese students find it difficult to distinguish between the letters R and L."
- a) in the introduction
  - b) in the second body paragraph
  - c) in the third body paragraph
  - d) in the conclusion
8. Which of the following is NOT true about thesis statements?
- a) A thesis statement is the most specific sentence in the introduction.
  - b) A thesis statement controls the rest of an essay.
  - c) A thesis statement answers the questions posed in an essay.
  - d) A thesis statement is the first sentence in the introduction.
9. Which sentence is a good body paragraph topic sentence?
- a) Turkey is part of an overall healthy diet for several reasons.
  - b) Turkey has less fat and cholesterol.
  - c) In addition, it contains less fat.
  - d) Turkey is a kind of bird.
10. An essay must have balance. This means each paragraph must \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) talk about the same number of topics
  - b) be about the same length
  - c) have a thesis statement
  - d) have a topic sentence
11. Between body paragraphs it is a good idea to have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) transition
  - b) break and eat a sandwich
  - c) example that supports the thesis
  - d) final comment
12. An essay must have logical flow. This means the essay must \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) start with the weakest support and build to the strongest support
  - b) contain circular arguments that reach a final conclusion
  - c) state the opposing view just after the strongest support
  - d) be presented in a way that makes sense
13. Which of the following best illustrates proper paragraph formatting?
- a) \_\_\_\_\_ c) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### Elements of Style Exercises

Delete (draw a line through) the “padding” from the following.

1. I think that when I become a father, I will read comics to my child. Teacher, if you can read Japanese words, please read this by all means.
2. I want to spend a more pleasant summer vacation next year. That is it!

Indicate whether the underline portion should remain or be replaced by a pronoun.

3. The person I dislike the most is different from me in at least two ways. Firstly, the person I dislike the most talks in a loud voice without considering the trouble of other people. Secondly, the person I dislike the most has a peculiar smell.

4. As a matter of course, when we were young, we were taught kanji characters at school in order to use and read kanji characters. However, we were taught kanji characters at random, so we didn't enjoy studying kanji characters.

Select the most appropriate sentence from each group.

5. a) I failed the quiz because, I did not study.  
b) I failed the quiz. Because I did not study.  
c) I failed the quiz. Because, I did not study.  
d) I failed the quiz because I did not study.
6. a) I ate a lot of food, but I was still hungry.  
b) I ate a lot of food. But I was still hungry.  
c) I ate a lot of food. But, I was still hungry.  
d) I ate a lot of food but, I was still hungry.
7. a) It was cold. So I put on a coat.  
b) It was cold, so I put on a coat.  
c) It was cold so, I put on a coat.  
d) It was cold. So, I put on a coat.

Rewrite the following sentences, correcting the errors in level of formality for academic writing.

8. After I graduate from SUAC, I'm gonna move to Tokyo because I wanna be famous!!!!

9. I'm interested in robots and machines and so on, so I'll probably get a job designing equipment and the like.

## Punctuation Exercises

Add the necessary punctuation, capitalization, and spaces to the following.

### Example

*theboysranthegirlswalked*



*The boys ran. The girls walked.*

1. theteacherlecturedthestudentstooknotes

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2. tomomicametoclassbuttohistayedhome

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3. whereisthephonesheasked

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4. howmuchmoneydoyouneed

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## Grammar Exercises

Select the most appropriate item to complete each sentence.

1. I had too \_\_\_\_\_ homework last semester.

- a) much                      b) many

2. There were \_\_\_\_\_ people at the concert.

- a) much                      b) many

3. The new home page doesn't have \_\_\_\_\_ information.

- a) much                      b) many

4. There were \_\_\_\_\_ new videos for sale at the video store.

- a) much                      b) many

5. We \_\_\_\_\_ when the teacher entered the classroom.

- a) talked                      b) talking      c) were talking                      d) had talked

6. I \_\_\_\_\_ abroad only once before I graduated high school.

- a) have been  
b) had been  
c) will be  
d) will have been

7. My father \_\_\_\_\_ health problems for some time before he had entered the hospital.

- a) has  
b) has had  
c) had been having  
d) has been having

8. I can't talk on the phone right now because I \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) drive
  - b) am driving
  - c) drove
  - d) had driven
9. I'm not hungry because I \_\_\_\_\_ lunch already.
- a) have had
  - b) am having
  - c) will be having
  - d) have
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ problems lately motivating myself to study.
- a) had
  - b) have
  - c) had had
  - d) have been having
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ the starting pitcher in next week's game.
- a) was
  - b) had been
  - c) will be
  - d) will have been
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ my diet the first thing tomorrow morning!
- a) am beginning
  - b) have begun
  - c) began
  - d) beginning
13. He \_\_\_\_\_ from the game after the seventh inning.
- a) removed
  - b) was removed
  - c) removing
  - d) was removing
14. I \_\_\_\_\_ him hit his second homerun of the game back in the fifth inning.
- a) see
  - b) will see
  - c) saw
  - d) was seeing
15. Mount Fuji, \_\_\_\_\_ extinct volcano, is the highest mountain in Japan.
- a) ∅
  - b) a
  - c) an
  - d) the
16. There seems to be \_\_\_\_\_ discrepancy in my account.
- a) ∅
  - b) a
  - c) an
  - d) the
17. This morning, I had \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast and left home quite early.
- a) ∅
  - b) a
  - c) an
  - d) the
18. \_\_\_\_\_ project will probably run into complications later on.
- a) ∅
  - b) A
  - c) An
  - d) The
19. Do you take \_\_\_\_\_ sugar with your coffee?
- a) ∅
  - b) a
  - c) an
  - d) the

20. Mary has been in the United States \_\_\_\_\_ a year.  
a) during b) for
21. The festival is celebrated \_\_\_\_\_ July 22nd.  
a) in b) at c) on
22. You need to transfer \_\_\_\_\_ Yamashina station to the Kosei line.  
a) Ø b) at c) on
23. If I could watch an NBA game \_\_\_\_\_ live, I know I would be excited.  
a) Ø b) in c) at d) on
24. I want to meet my friends and talk \_\_\_\_\_ many things.  
a) Ø b) about c) with
25. I have a beautiful image \_\_\_\_\_ Italy.  
a) Ø b) at c) of d) to
26. I also want to travel \_\_\_\_\_ foreign countries.  
a) Ø b) to c) at
27. If I could travel anywhere, I want to go \_\_\_\_\_ Europe.  
a) Ø b) to
28. His apartment is \_\_\_\_\_ than my apartment.  
a) cleaner b) cleanliness c) clean d) cleanly
29. AM/PM is my favorite \_\_\_\_\_ store.  
a) convene b) convenient c) conveniently d) convenience
30. Location is the most \_\_\_\_\_ thing for me when choosing an apartment.  
a) importance b) important c) import d) importantly
31. She was a very popular teacher and will be \_\_\_\_\_ missed.  
a) sadness b) sad c) sadly d) sadden
32. You should find a good lawyer to \_\_\_\_\_ you about your problem.  
a) advice b) advise c) adviser d) advised
33. It's late. I should \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a) gone b) went c) go d) going
34. I \_\_\_\_\_ not eat spicy things before I visited Thailand, but now I love them.  
a) could b) may c) must d) ought to
35. If I'm to do well on the test, I had better \_\_\_\_\_ all of the material in this chapter.  
a) knowing b) known c) knew d) know

## Vocabulary Exercises

Select the most appropriate item to complete each sentence.

1. The campus has many \_\_\_\_\_ available to students.  
a) laboratores    b) laboratories    c) laboratoryes    d) laboratorys
2. The constant \_\_\_\_\_ cost the company millions of customers.  
a) delaies    b) delaies    c) delayes    d) delays
3. I'd like to put up some \_\_\_\_\_ above my washing machine.  
a) shelfes    b) shelves    c) shelves    d) shelvies
4. I have to return these \_\_\_\_\_ on the way home tonight.  
a) video    b) videoes    c) videoies    d) videos
5. The Yankees have won more World \_\_\_\_\_ than any other team.  
a) Serie    b) Series    c) Serieses    d) Seriess
6. I came up with at least two \_\_\_\_\_ to solve the problem.  
a) hypotheses    b) hypothesis    c) hypothesises    d) hypothesisis
7. I like baked \_\_\_\_\_ more than rice.  
a) potato    b) potatoes    c) potatoies    d) potatos
8. All of these \_\_\_\_\_ failed to see the most obvious reason.  
a) analyses    b) analysis    c) analysises    d) analysisis
9. I was so \_\_\_\_\_! I spilled coffee on my boss during the meeting!  
a) embarrassed    b) embarrassing    c) shocking    d) unpleasant
10. Yesterday I finished a great book! It was very \_\_\_\_\_ and I really liked it.  
a) interested    b) interesting    c) uninterested    d) uninteresting
11. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains.  
a) play skiing    b) go skiing    c) do skiing    d) go play skiing
12. My dad \_\_\_\_\_ bowling every Saturday with his friends.  
a) plays    b) does    c) goes    d) go
13. Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ fishing?  
a) go    b) done    c) played    d) gone
14. My sister likes to \_\_\_\_\_ skiing, \_\_\_\_\_ aerobics, and \_\_\_\_\_ tennis.  
a) do, play, play    b) go, do, play    c) play, do, play    d) play, do, do
15. \_\_\_\_\_ students don't have a lot of money.  
a) Every    b) Almost    c) Most of    d) Most
16. \_\_\_\_\_ teammates are good players.  
a) Almost    b) Mostly    c) Most of my    d) Almost every

17. McDonald's uses \_\_\_\_\_ Australian beef.  
a) mostly            b) almost            c) most of my            d) most

18. I \_\_\_\_\_ visit my parents during the vacation.  
a) almost            b) most of my            c) most            d) usually

Select the most appropriate item for each underlined portion.

19. I like to eat tofu every day.  
a) soybean cake  
b) fermented soybeans  
c) bean curd  
d) This word is correct. It is an English word and being used correctly.

20. I have an arubaito four times a week.  
a) an arubaito  
b) a part-time job  
c) a work  
d) This word is correct. It is an English word and being used correctly.

21. My lover lives in Osaka.  
a) sweetheart  
b) boyfriend (or girlfriend)  
c) male (or female) friend  
d) This word is correct. It is an English word and being used correctly.

22. The master of the restaurant is very kind.  
a) sempai  
b) boss  
c) manager  
d) This word is correct. It is an English word and being used correctly.

## Writing Guide Exercise Answer Key

### Exercises 1

#### Essay Writing Exercises

1. *b*
2. *c*
3. *d*
4. *c*
5. *c*
6. *a*
7. *c*
8. *d*
9. *b*
10. *b*
11. *a*
12. *d*
13. *c*

#### Elements of Style

1. *I think that... Teacher, if you can read Japanese words, please read this by all means.*
2. *That is it!*
3. *Second and third occurrences should be replaced.*
4. *Second, third, and fourth occurrences should be replaced*
5. *d*
6. *a*
7. *b*
8. *After I graduate from Shizuoka University of Art and Culture (for the first time, after that you can use (SUAC), I am going to move to Tokyo because I want to be famous.*
9. *I am interested in robots and machines, so I will probably get a job designing equipment.*

### Exercises 2

#### Punctuation Exercises

1. *The teacher lectured. The students took notes.*
2. *Tomomi came to class, but Toshi stayed home.*
3. *"Where is the phone?" she asked.*
4. *How much money do you need?*

#### Grammar Exercises

1. *a*
2. *b*
3. *a*
4. *b*
5. *c*
6. *b*
7. *c*
8. *b*

9. *a*
10. *d*
11. *c*
12. *a*
13. *b*
14. *c*
15. *c*
16. *b*
17. *a*
18. *d*
19. *a*
20. *b*
21. *c*
22. *b*
23. *a*
24. *b*
25. *c*
26. *b*
27. *b*
28. *a*
29. *d*
30. *b*
31. *c*
32. *b*
33. *c*
34. *a*
35. *d*

### Exercises 3

#### Vocabulary Exercises

1. *b*
2. *d*
3. *c*
4. *d*
5. *b*
6. *a*
7. *b*
8. *a*
9. *a*
10. *b*
11. *b*
12. *c*
13. *d*
14. *b*
15. *d*
16. *c*
17. *a*
18. *d*
19. *d*
20. *b*
21. *b*
22. *c*