

Parts of Speech

Concrete and Abstract Nouns

A **noun** is a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea.

Examples: musician, studio, guitar, hope

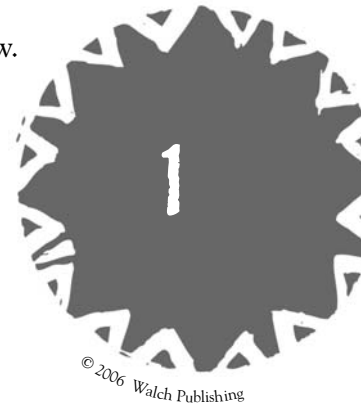
Nouns can be concrete or abstract. The examples listed above are all concrete except the noun *hope*.

Based on the examples listed above, explain the difference between a concrete and an abstract noun.

Think about some concrete and abstract nouns in your daily life. Make a list below.

Concrete

Abstract



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Concrete or Abstract?

Remember that a **concrete noun** names a person, place, or thing that can be sensed with one of the five senses. An **abstract noun** names an idea or quality and cannot be sensed with one of the five senses.

For each of the following nouns, write **C** on the line if it is a concrete noun or **A** if it is an abstract noun.

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| ___ 1. ocean | ___ 7. grandmother |
| ___ 2. aviary | ___ 8. justice |
| ___ 3. sorrow | ___ 9. ability |
| ___ 4. communication | ___ 10. Miami |
| ___ 5. Earth | ___ 11. bracelet |
| ___ 6. beauty | ___ 12. belief |





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Common and Proper Nouns

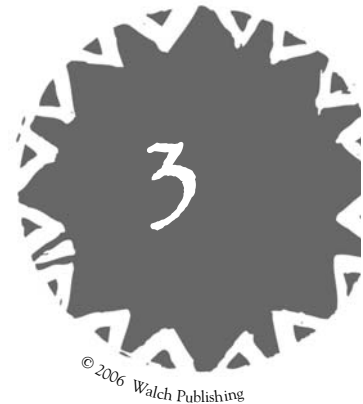
A **common noun** names a person, place, or thing. A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, or thing.

Common nouns: teacher, school, calendar

Proper nouns: Mrs. Ramirez, Riverdale High School,
September

Read the following sentences. Underline the common nouns once. Underline the proper nouns twice.

1. My grandmother came to the United States from Ireland before the Great Depression.
2. My brother usually drives us to school in his Toyota Camry.
3. Ryan works nights and weekends at Parker's Restaurant.
4. Aunt Hilda bought me an iPod for my birthday.
5. When I graduate from high school, I'm going to college at Boston University.



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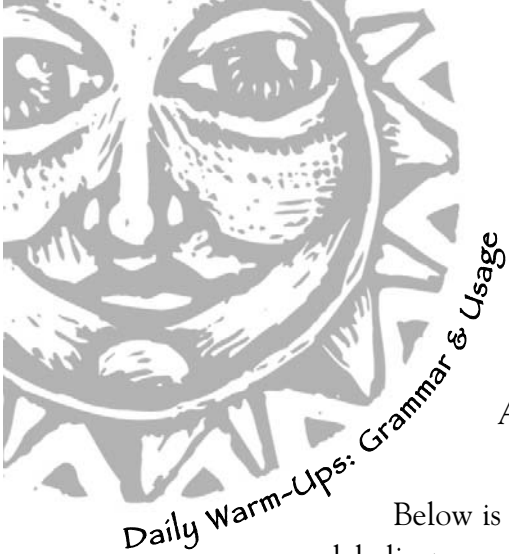
Making Proper Nouns

Remember that a **common noun** names a person, place, or thing.
A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, or thing.

Make each of the common nouns below into proper nouns. The first one has been done for you.

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. road <u>Baker Road</u> | 6. park _____ |
| 2. river _____ | 7. month _____ |
| 3. store _____ | 8. school _____ |
| 4. teacher _____ | 9. car _____ |
| 5. aunt _____ | 10. holiday _____ |





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Compound or Collective?

A **compound noun** is a noun that includes more than one word. Compound nouns may contain two or more words, hyphenated words, or two words that are combined as one.

Examples: dining room, babysitter, turtleneck

A **collective noun** names a group of people or things.

Examples: team, class, flock

Below is a list of compound and collective nouns. Create a two-column chart, labeling one column “Compound” and one column “Collective.” Write the words in the appropriate columns.

first aid
gang
home run
post office
group
washing machine
sleeping bag

crew
league
paperback
crowd
tribe
fish tank
family

bystander
orchestra
greenhouse
herd
motorcycle
software
committee



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Pronouns

A **pronoun** is a word that takes the place of one or more nouns. Pronouns are used to eliminate repetition in speaking and writing.

Example: Rachel and Joey ran around the track until they got too tired.
(*They* replaces the repetition of *Rachel and Joey*.)

The following sentences do not use pronouns. Rewrite the sentences using pronouns to avoid repetition.

1. Bianca and Erin went to the mall to shop for Bianca and Erin's prom dresses.
2. Bianca found the exact dress that Bianca was looking for.
3. Erin found a dress that Erin loved, but the dress wasn't Erin's size.
4. The salesperson helped Erin look for Erin's dress in another color.





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Personal Pronouns

Complete the personal pronoun chart below.

First Person Singular Plural	
Second Person Singular Plural	
Third Person Singular Plural	



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Pronouns and Antecedents

Recall that a pronoun is used to replace a noun to avoid unnecessary repetition. The word that the pronoun replaces is called its **antecedent**.

Example: Veronica loves her new MP3 player. She uses it at the gym every day.

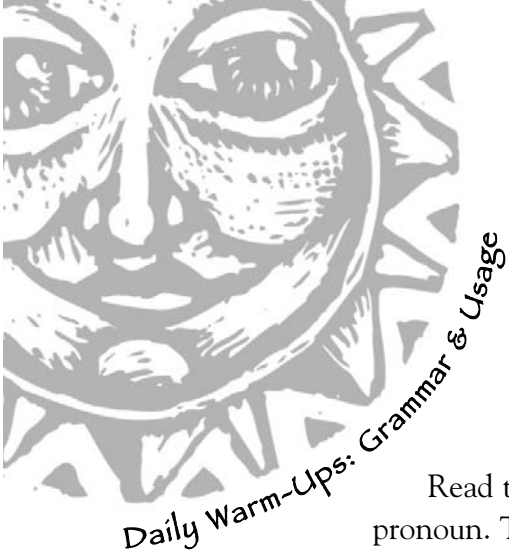
(*Veronica* is the antecedent for *her* and *She*. *MP3 player* is the antecedent for *it*.)

As you can see in the example above, the antecedent can be in the same sentence as the pronoun, or it can be in the previous sentence.

Read the following sentences. Underline the pronouns, and circle their antecedents.

1. Mrs. Edwards always writes her comments at the end of the essays.
2. Jorge and Derek said they need a ride to school in the morning.
3. The gym was decorated more than it had been in previous years.
4. The mother woke up her children before they could wake up on their own.
5. Miranda failed her math test, so she will retake it next week.





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Reflexive and Intensive Pronouns

Reflexive and intensive pronouns are formed by adding *-self* or *-selves* to personal pronouns.

Examples: I usually make **myself** dinner if my parents work late. (reflexive)

I **myself** do not enjoy biking. (intensive)

Read the following sentences. Underline each reflexive and intensive pronoun. Then decide if each one is reflexive (**R**) or intensive (**I**). Write the correct letter on the line before each sentence.

- ___ 1. The girl I babysit for finally learned to tie her shoes herself.
- ___ 2. You yourself can come to the benefit dance tomorrow night.
- ___ 3. Andrei bought himself new soccer cleats.
- ___ 4. The officer herself wrestled the criminal to the ground.
- ___ 5. I couldn't find myself in our class picture.



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Indefinite Pronouns

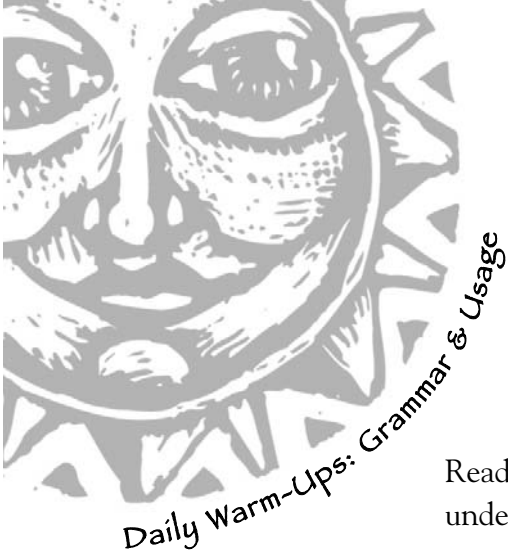
Indefinite pronouns refer to unnamed people or things. They do not usually have definite antecedents.

Examples: **Everyone** I invited is coming to the party.

Have you seen **anybody** from class?

List as many indefinite pronouns as you can below. Then use three of them in sentences of your own.





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Demonstrative or Interrogative?

Demonstrative pronouns are used to point out specific people, places, or things. *This, that, these, and those* are all demonstrative pronouns. **Interrogative pronouns** are used to ask questions. *What, which, who, whom, and whose* are all interrogative pronouns.

Read the following sentences. Circle the demonstrative pronouns, and underline the interrogative pronouns.

1. Who is sitting on that bench?
2. Whose book is this?
3. Will you please pick up these papers?
4. Which one of you broke that lamp?
5. We bought those lamps on our trip to Europe.
6. What can I get for you?



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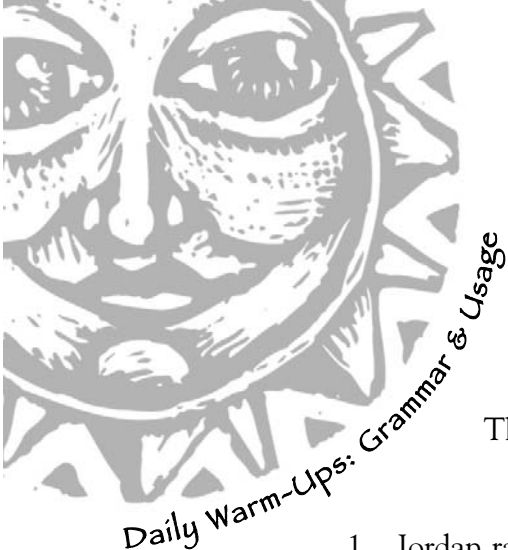
Reviewing Pronouns

Remember that there are several different types of pronouns: personal, reflexive, intensive, indefinite, demonstrative, and interrogative.

Read each of the pronouns below. Write the type of each pronoun on the line provided.

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. himself _____ | 7. them _____ |
| 2. which _____ | 8. that _____ |
| 3. everyone _____ | 9. what _____ |
| 4. these _____ | 10. another _____ |
| 5. mine _____ | 11. yours _____ |
| 6. someone _____ | 12. myself _____ |





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Take Action

An **action verb** tells what the subject of the sentence is doing.

Example: The baby **crawled** across the room to her mother.

Read each of the following sentences. Underline the action verbs.
There may be more than one action verb in each sentence.

1. Jordan raised his hand and asked for help.
2. Mom popped a bag of popcorn in the microwave.
3. Josh flew on an airplane to Minneapolis.
4. Yukiko applied to six different colleges across the country.
5. The class rode the bus to the museum for a field trip.
6. Hector ate his dinner and then watched a movie.



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Action or Being?

A **verb** is a word that expresses action or being. A sentence cannot exist without a verb.

Examples: Taylor **ran** to the end of the street and back.
(action)
Now Taylor **is** exhausted. (being)

Read each of the following sentences. Decide whether each sentence contains a verb that expresses action or being. Write **A** on the line if it contains an action verb. Write **B** on the line if it contains a verb that expresses being.

- ___ 1. Kwame **took** his driver's test last week.
- ___ 2. He **made** a mistake parallel parking.
- ___ 3. Kwame **was** upset that he didn't pass his test.
- ___ 4. He **plans** on taking his test again next month.
- ___ 5. He **is** excited to try one more time.





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Transitive and Intransitive Verbs

A **transitive verb** is a verb that has an object. An **intransitive verb** does not have an object. To find out if a verb has an object, ask the question *what?* or *whom?* after reading the verb.

Examples: I **walked** my dog around the block. (Dog is the object, so the verb is transitive.)

I **walked** around the block. (*Walked what? Walked whom?* There is no object, so the verb is intransitive.)

Decide if the verb is transitive (**T**) or intransitive (**I**). Write the correct letter on the line.

- ___ 1. Holly **rocked** her baby to sleep.
- ___ 2. Omar **ran** down the football field.
- ___ 3. He **scored** a touchdown just in time.
- ___ 4. Lindsay **raised** her hand to ask a question.
- ___ 5. John **drove** to the store to buy milk.
- ___ 6. Juanita **swam** across the lake and back.



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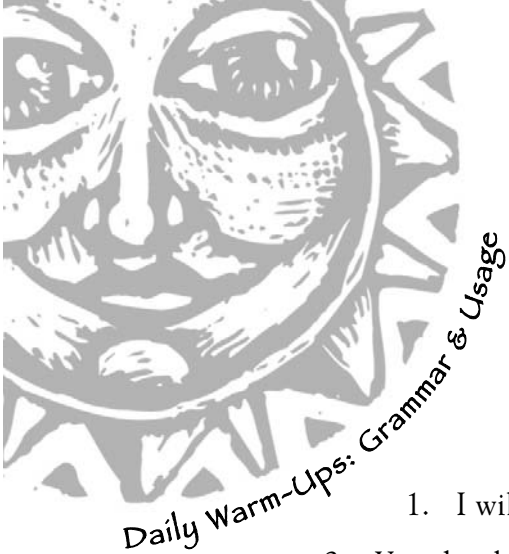
Verb Phrases

A **verb phrase** is a group of words that contains a main verb and one or more helping verbs.

Example: We **are going** to the supermarket on the way home. (*Going* is the main verb, and *are* is the helping verb.)

Helping verbs are often helpful to memorize. List as many helping verbs as you can below. Try to think of at least twenty.





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More Verb Phrases

Remember that a **verb phrase** is a group of words that contains a main verb and one or more helping verbs.

Read the following sentences. Underline the verb phrases.

1. I will be finished in an hour.
2. You should write a letter to the editor.
3. We are giving you a ride to practice, right?
4. Jennifer is going to visit her grandparents for the holidays.
5. We might take a vacation next year.
6. You have been running for over an hour!
7. I was rushing to my appointment this morning.
8. They were looking for a place to stay.



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Linking Verbs

A **linking verb** is a verb or verb phrase that links the subject with another word in the sentence. The other word in the sentence names or describes the subject.

Examples: Cecile **was** a freshman last year. (*Was* links *freshman* and *Cecile*.)

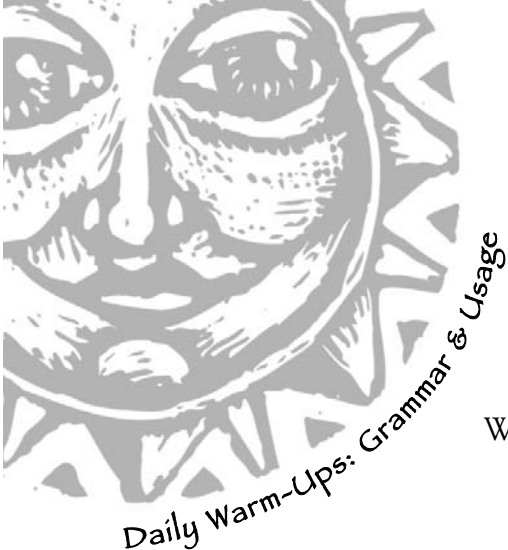
You **must have been** proud of your students. (*Must have been* links *proud* and *you*.)

Linking verbs can be tricky. Remember that verbs are only linking verbs if they link the subject with another word that renames or describes the subject.

Read the following sentences. Write **Y** on the line if a sentence contains a linking verb and **N** on the line if it does not.

- ___ 1. This trip has been long and tiring.
- ___ 2. She was at the game until it ended.
- ___ 3. You are late again.
- ___ 4. I am tired of your excuses.
- ___ 5. You should have been here four hours ago!





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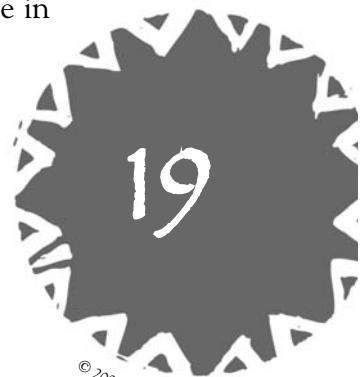
Using Linking Verbs

Recall that a **linking verb** links the subject with another word in the sentence. The other word in the sentence names or describes the subject.

Write a paragraph about the outdoors using the following linking verbs:

was have been might be seem become

When you have finished writing your paragraph, circle the verb or verb phrase in each sentence. Then underline the two words or phrases that the verb links.



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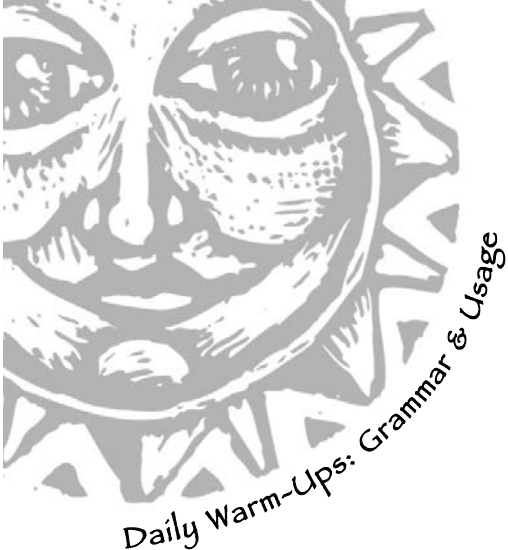
More Linking Verbs

The following verbs may also be used as linking verbs:

appear	feel	look	seem	sound	taste
become	grow	remain	smell	stay	turn

Use six of the linking verbs from the box above in sentences of your own.
Circle the words that rename or describe the subjects.





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Verb Review

Remember that verbs can take many forms—action (**A**), transitive (**T**), intransitive (**I**), linking (**L**), helping (**H**). Keeping all of these forms in mind, underline the verbs in an essay or paper you have written recently. Label each verb or verb phrase with the correct letters listed above.



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Adjectives

An **adjective** is a word that describes a noun or a pronoun. Most adjectives come before the nouns or pronouns they modify. Others come after the nouns or pronouns. Some come after linking verbs.

Examples: The **soft**, **cuddly** puppy fell asleep in my lap.

(before a noun)

The puppy, **soft** and **cuddly**, fell asleep in my lap.

(after a noun)

The puppy is **soft** and **cuddly**. (after a linking verb)

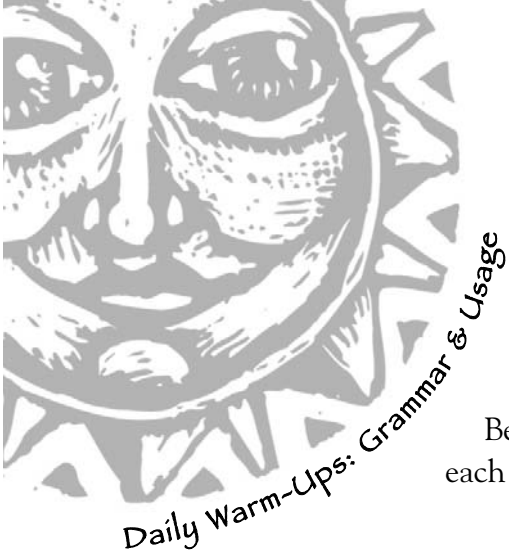
Read the following sentences. All the adjectives come before the noun. Rewrite each sentence so the adjectives come after the noun or after a linking verb.

1. The tall green grass needs to be mowed.

2. The heavy rain washed away all the pollen.

3. The child was afraid of the big, scary grizzly bear.





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More Adjectives

Recall that adjectives are words that describe nouns and pronouns. Adjectives answer questions such as *What kind?* *Which one(s)?* *How many?* and *How much?*

Below is a list of several nouns. Write an adjective on the line before each noun. Use the questions above to help you think of adjectives.

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. _____ textbooks | 6. _____ students |
| 2. _____ kitten | 7. _____ picture |
| 3. _____ bedroom | 8. _____ women |
| 4. _____ desk | 9. _____ essay |
| 5. _____ car | 10. _____ lamp |



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Proper and Compound Adjectives

A **proper adjective** begins with a capital letter and comes from a proper noun.

Examples: French bread, Shakespearean sonnet

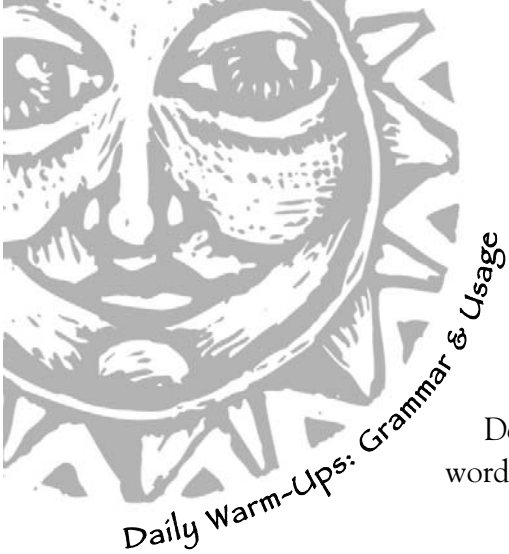
A **compound adjective** contains more than one word. The words may be combined into one word, or they may be joined by a hyphen.

Examples: brand-new car, ten-minute presentation

Read the following sentences. Circle the proper adjectives, and underline the compound adjectives.

1. The well-dressed woman ducked into the French bistro.
2. My father gave me a fifteen-minute lecture about buying American cars.
3. The child was afraid of the three-headed monster in the movie.
4. For dessert we're having Boston cream pie.
5. The fair-skinned woman wore a long dress and high-heeled boots.





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Articles

A, *an*, and *the* make up a group of adjectives called **articles**.

Remember that *a* comes before words that begin with consonant sounds, and *an* comes before words that begin with vowel sounds.

Decide which article (*a* or *an*) should come before each of the following words. Write the correct article on the line.

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. ____ flower | 7. ____ watch |
| 2. ____ orange | 8. ____ chain |
| 3. ____ hour | 9. ____ honor |
| 4. ____ beverage | 10. ____ scientist |
| 5. ____ performance | 11. ____ adjective |
| 6. ____ igloo | 12. ____ pineapple |



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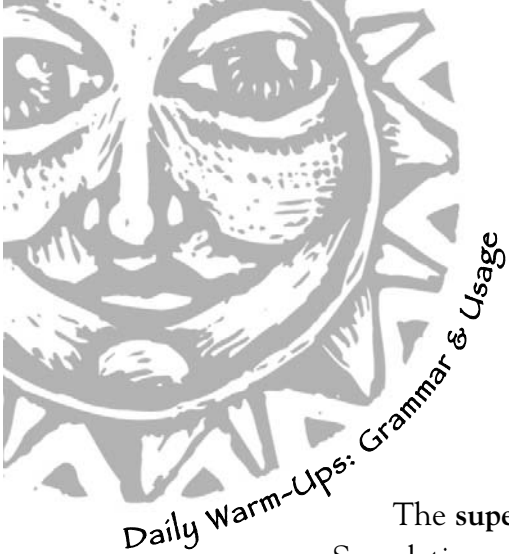
Even More Adjectives

Read the following sentences. Underline all the adjectives, including articles.

1. My favorite contestant is the tall girl in the black dress.
2. We took a long, exhausting walk around the city.
3. The hurricane caused excessive damage to our home.
4. I received a gorgeous bouquet of flowers today.
5. My parents gave me a stunning gold bracelet for graduation.
6. The narrow street made it difficult to walk with traffic.
7. We had two delicious appetizers at the Italian restaurant.
8. The little girl wore a pink helmet to match her new bicycle.

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Comparatives and Superlatives

Adjectives can be used to compare two or more things. The **comparative** compares two things and adds *-er* to the adjective. The comparative may also be formed by placing the word *more* in front of the adjective.

Examples: faster, more delicious

The **superlative** compares more than two things and adds *-est* to the adjective. Superlatives may also be formed by placing the word *most* in front of the adjective.

Examples: fastest, most delicious

Write five sentences about one of your favorite activities that contain comparatives and superlatives.



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Adverbs

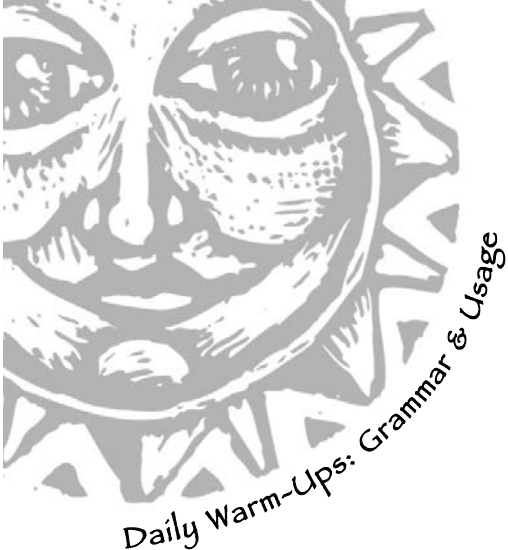
An **adverb** is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Adverbs tell *how*, *when*, *where*, *how much*, and *why*. Many adverbs end with the letters *-ly*.

Examples: near, always, very, lovely

Read the words below. Check the words that are adverbs.

- | | | |
|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| ___ 1. great | ___ 6. carefully | ___ 11. fast |
| ___ 2. well | ___ 7. bright | ___ 12. windy |
| ___ 3. too | ___ 8. often | ___ 13. also |
| ___ 4. for | ___ 9. almost | ___ 14. almost |
| ___ 5. yesterday | ___ 10. nor | ___ 15. unexpectedly |

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More Adverbs

Remember that an **adverb** is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Many adverbs end in *-ly*.

Change the following words into adverbs. Write the adverb on the line.

1. careful _____

2. basic _____

3. easy _____

4. comfortable _____

5. rare _____

6. happy _____

7. drastic _____

8. quick _____

9. equal _____

10. variable _____

11. bare _____

12. terrible _____



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Adverbs in Action

Remember that an **adverb** is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Adverbs tell *how*, *when*, *where*, *how much*, and *why*. Many adverbs end with the letters *-ly*.

Underline the adverbs in the following sentences.

1. You're finished already? You completed the test too quickly.
2. The children quietly watched the movie and then went outside.
3. Sometimes I walk to school, but usually I take the bus.
4. Don't ever speak to me like that again!
5. Yesterday we took a field trip, and today we'll write a paper about it.
6. The students eagerly gathered near the gym.
7. I think I'll write more in my journal later.
8. You did rather well on your exam.





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Writing with Adverbs

Remember that an **adverb** is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Adverbs tell *how*, *when*, *where*, *how much*, and *why*. Many adverbs end with the letters *-ly*.

Use the following adverbs in sentences of your own. Underline any additional adverbs in your sentences.

1. brightly, so
2. too, well
3. extremely, still
4. hard, today
5. sometimes, never



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Adjectives and Adverbs

Remember that an adjective modifies a noun or a pronoun, and an adverb modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

Read each of the following sentences. Underline the adjectives and circle the adverbs.

1. We awoke to a blanket of fluffy white snow on the ground.
2. We patiently waited to see if we had a snow day.
3. When we got the news, I breathed a sigh of relief. I had an extra day to finish my ten-minute presentation.
4. I eagerly crawled back into my warm, cozy bed.
5. Fortunately, I could sleep for another three hours. I had stayed awake much too late the previous night.





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Prepositions

A **preposition** is a word that shows the relationship between a noun or pronoun and another word in the sentence. In order to be a preposition, the word must have an object. To determine if a word is a preposition, insert the word *what* or *whom* after the preposition. This will tell you if the preposition has an object. If a noun or pronoun answers the question of *what* or *whom*, then the word is a preposition.

Read the following sentences. Underline each preposition.

1. The dog jumped onto the couch.
2. I'm going to the movies with Emily tonight.
3. Please don't wait until Sunday to start your paper.
4. There will be no talking during the presentations.
5. Will you sit beside me at the assembly?
6. We went inside when it started raining.

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Listing Prepositions

A **preposition** is a word that shows the relationship between a noun or a pronoun and another word in the sentence.

Example: The skier came out **of** the gate and raced **down** the hill.

List as many prepositions as you can in the space below. You should be able to think of at least twenty.





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Conjunctions

A **conjunction** is a word that joins other words or groups of words.

A **coordinating conjunction** is made up of one connecting word.

A **correlative conjunction** is made up of two connecting words.

Examples: and, but, or (coordinating)

either/or, neither/nor (correlative)

Underline the conjunctions in the following sentences.

1. Bring either your sneakers or your boots.
2. Whether we go to the fair or we stay home will depend on the weather.
3. I want to finish my homework, but I'd rather go to the mall.
4. Please run and get your book out of your locker.
5. I forgot not only my uniform but also my glove for the game today.
6. First we will review the material, and then we will have the quiz.



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Combining with Conjunctions

Remember that a **conjunction** is a word that joins other words or groups of words. Use conjunctions to combine each of the following pairs of sentences into one. Try to vary the conjunctions that you use.

1. I remembered my book. I forgot my homework.

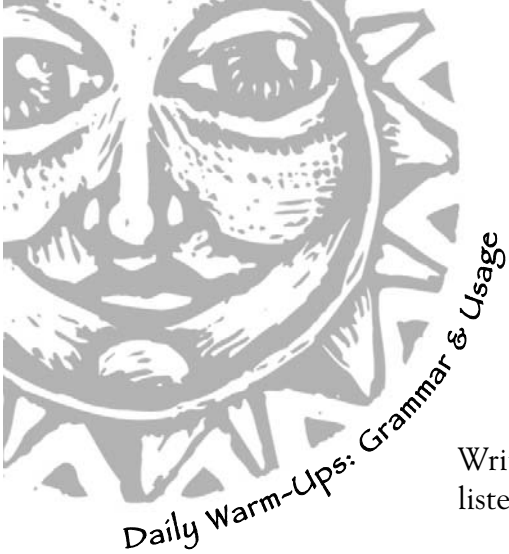
2. I got home from school early. I watched television for an hour.

3. I want to visit the art museum. I want to visit the museum of natural history.

4. I fell skiing down the mountain. I broke my wrist.

5. I got eleven hours of sleep last night. I still feel tired.





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Interjections

An **interjection** is a word or group of words that shows feeling. An interjection is separated from the rest of the sentence by a comma or an exclamation point.

Examples: Well, I have to start my homework.

Wow! You finished your homework already?

Write a sentence with an interjection to express each of the feelings listed below.

1. excitement _____
2. disappointment _____
3. fear _____
4. surprise _____
5. disbelief _____



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Review I

Write two examples for each part of speech listed below.

Noun

Adverb

Pronoun

Preposition

Verb

Conjunction

Adjective

Interjection





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Review II

Define and describe each of the eight parts of speech listed below.

1. noun _____
2. pronoun _____
3. verb _____
4. adjective _____
5. adverb _____
6. preposition _____
7. conjunction _____
8. interjection _____



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Review III

Take a paragraph you have written recently and label each word with the correct part of speech. Use the following abbreviations to label the words:

noun (n.)

adverb (adv.)

pronoun (pn.)

preposition (prep.)

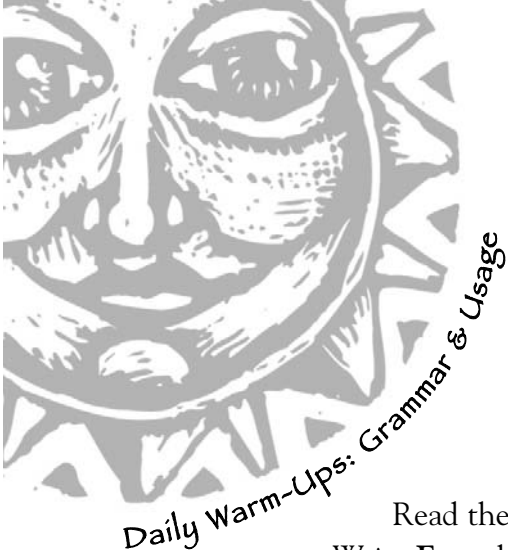
verb (v.)

conjunction (c.)

adjective (adj.)

interjection (int.)





Sentences

What Is a Sentence?

A **sentence** is a group of words that expresses a complete thought. A sentence contains a subject (noun) and a predicate (verb). If a group of words does not contain a subject and a predicate, it is not a sentence; it is a fragment.

Examples: Ramon ran to the store. (sentence)
Ran to the store. (fragment)

Read the following groups of words. Write **S** on the line if it is a sentence.
Write **F** on the line if it is a fragment.

- ___ 1. Kim took her driver's test yesterday.
- ___ 2. She failed.
- ___ 3. Will take it again next month.
- ___ 4. She is extremely disappointed.
- ___ 5. Practice makes perfect.
- ___ 6. Making left-hand turns.



Sentences

Fragments to Sentences

Remember that a sentence contains a subject and a predicate. If it does not, then it is a fragment.

Turn the following fragments into sentences. Write the sentence on the line. Make sure it includes a subject and a predicate.

1. the chicken in your salad _____

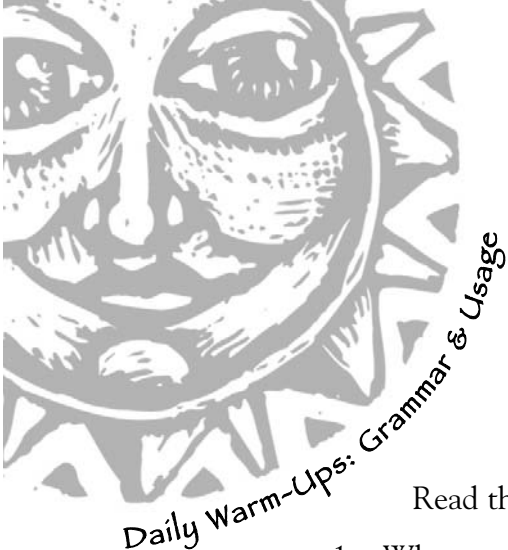
2. from one place to another _____

3. the soccer ball in the goal _____

4. with my mother _____

5. to pick up some milk _____





Sentences

Types of Sentences

There are four types of sentences: declarative, imperative, interrogative, and exclamatory.

Declarative: makes a statement

Imperative: gives a command/direction, or makes a request

Interrogative: asks a question

Exclamatory: expresses strong feeling or emotion

Read the following sentences. Write the type of sentence on the line.

1. Where are you going? _____
2. Please don't stay out too late. _____
3. You look absolutely stunning in that dress! _____
4. I want to go camping this summer. _____
5. Will you help me with this assignment? _____
6. Take your feet off the table. _____
7. We are taking a vacation to Hawaii next year. _____
8. Ouch! That bee sting hurts! _____



Subjects and Predicates

Remember that a sentence is a group of words that contains a subject and a predicate. A subject is a noun or pronoun, and a predicate is a verb.

Example: Brooke tiptoed down the hallway.

(*Brooke* is the subject, and *tiptoed* is the predicate.)

Read the following sentences. After each sentence, write the subject on the first line and the predicate on the second line.

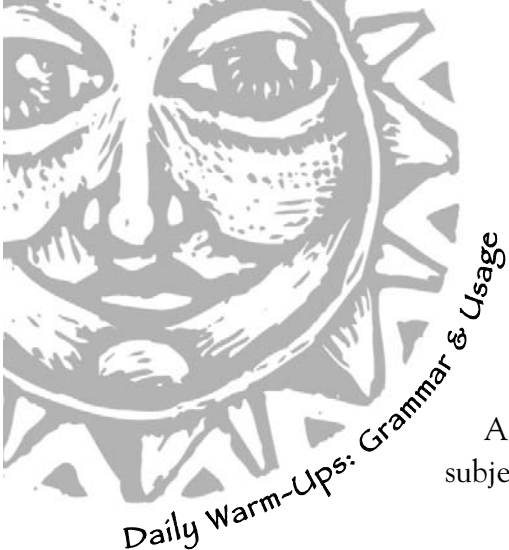
1. The puppy played with the older dog all day.

2. Henry bought a new MP3 player with his birthday money.

3. Kaylee locked her keys in her car.

4. Kyle took the bus to the mall after school.





Sentences

Complete and Simple Subjects

A **complete subject** is a group of words that names what a sentence is about.

Example: The tall boy out in left field made a great diving catch.

A **simple subject** is the main word (noun or pronoun) in the complete subject.

Example: The tall boy out in left field made a great diving catch.

Read the following sentences. Underline the complete subjects, and circle the simple subjects.

1. A slice of apple pie is my ideal dessert.
2. The little black dog chased our car down the street.
3. The lady across the street baked us cookies when we moved in.
4. My sister Tiana knows how to make jewelry.
5. Anthony was late to class today.



Complete and Simple Predicates

A **complete predicate** is a group of words that tells something about the subject.

Example: Juan **runs on the treadmill at the gym.**

A **simple predicate** is the main word or phrase in the complete predicate.

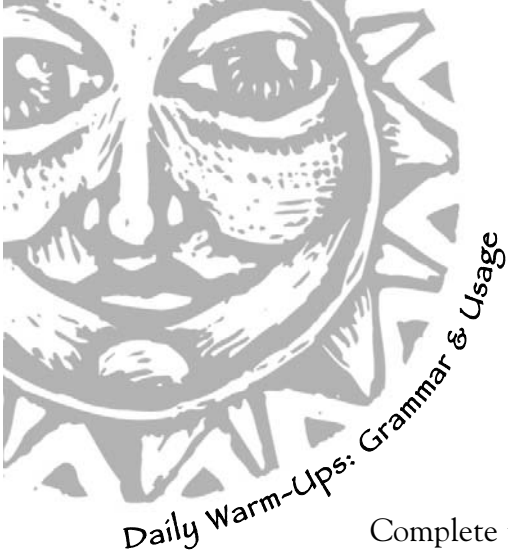
Example: Juan **runs** on the treadmill at the gym.

Read the following sentences. Underline the complete predicates, and circle the simple predicates.

1. The little black dog chased our car down the street.
2. The lady across the street baked us cookies when we moved in.
3. My sister Tiana knows how to make jewelry.
4. That teacher always gives tests on Mondays.

Now write two sentences of your own that contain complete and simple predicates.





Sentences

Compound Subjects

A **compound subject** contains two or more subjects, uses the same verb, and is joined by a conjunction such as *and* or *or*.

Examples: Joaquin, Brandon, and Michael played basketball after school.

Mom or Dad will pick you up after practice today.

Complete the following sentences with compound subjects.

1. _____ are my favorite foods.
2. _____ helped make dinner and set the table.
3. _____ decorated for the party.
4. _____ are going to the dance together.
5. _____ were absent from class today.



Compound Verbs

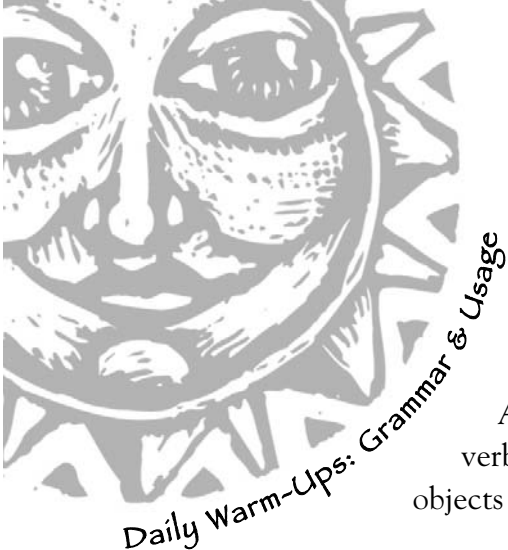
A **compound verb** contains two or more verbs, uses the same subject, and is joined by a conjunction such as *and* or *or*.

Examples: Barron washed **and** dried the dishes after dinner.
Kenya pitched a tent **and** built a fire.

Read the following sentences. Write **Y** on the line if the sentence contains a compound verb, and write **N** if it does not.

- ___ 1. Jenna and I will pick you up and take you to the play.
- ___ 2. Kevin is taking a nap, and Montell is reading a book.
- ___ 3. You should either do your homework or fill out your applications.
- ___ 4. The robber put the car in drive and sped away.
- ___ 5. Grandma told us to rake and bag the leaves.
- ___ 6. Aysha and Grace visited many colleges in the Northeast.





Sentences

Direct Objects

A **complement** is part of a sentence that follows the subject and verb. Complements are sometimes necessary for the sentence to make sense. There are four types of complements: direct objects, indirect objects, predicate nominatives, and predicate adjectives.

A direct object is a noun or pronoun that receives the action of the verb. The verb used with a direct object is always an action verb. Direct objects answer the question What? or Whom?

Example: Jason hit a **grand slam**.

Complete each of the following sentences with a direct object.

1. Nadia watched _____
2. The doctor examined _____
3. Mr. Gallagher teaches _____
4. Cedric caught _____
5. Lily takes _____



Indirect Objects

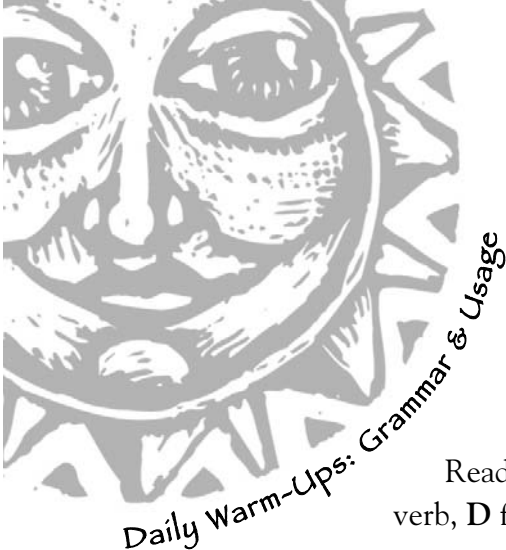
An indirect object is part of a sentence that follows an action verb. It answers one of the following questions: *To whom?* *For whom?* *To what?* *For what?* The indirect object always comes between the verb and the direct object.

Example: Rashid gave his **teacher** a gift.

Underline the direct object in each of the following sentences.

1. Mom brought me my lunch.
2. I made you a turkey sandwich.
3. Mrs. Robinson gave her class homework for the weekend.
4. Madison told me to say hello to you.
5. I'll get you a drink when I'm at the store.
6. Please save Ella a piece of cake.





Sentences

Direct or Indirect?

Remember that a **direct object** is a noun or pronoun that receives the action of the verb. An **indirect object** is a noun that tells to whom or for whom something is done. The indirect object always comes between the verb and the direct object.

Read the following sentences. Label the parts of each sentence. Use **V** for verb, **D** for direct object, and **I** for indirect object.

1. Lila sent Mr. Hernandez an e-mail.
2. We gave my grandmother a gift certificate for Mother's Day.
3. The dentist mailed my parents a bill for my cleaning.
4. The little girl made her father a card for his birthday.
5. Mrs. Adams read her kindergartners a story before their snack.
6. The pitcher threw the batter a 95-mile-an-hour fastball.



Predicate Nominatives

Complements that follow linking verbs are called **subject complements**. A **predicate nominative** is a noun or pronoun that completes the linking verb. It identifies, explains, or renames the subject of the sentence.

Example: Mrs. O'Connor is my favorite **teacher**.

Read the following sentences. Circle the predicate nominative. Then draw an arrow from the predicate nominative to the subject.

1. Emily is a fabulous dancer.
2. Dogs are the best pets.
3. Mr. Lopez became an instructor after only one year.
4. Sanjay is the best player on the team.
5. John has been an asset to the committee.





Sentences

Compound Predicate Nominatives

Remember that a **predicate nominative** is a noun or pronoun that completes the linking verb. It identifies, explains, or renames the subject of the sentence. A **compound predicate nominative** contains two or more predicate nominatives that follow the same linking verb.

Example: Our pets' names are **Rocco, Phoebe, and Jester.**

Read the following sentences. Write **Y** on the line if it contains a compound predicate nominative. Write **N** if it does not.

- ___ 1. Raquel and Rosa are not twins.
- ___ 2. My favorite foods are pizza, scrambled eggs, and chicken fingers.
- ___ 3. The students who scored highest on the test were Jack and Marcia.
- ___ 4. The next class president will be either Juan or Greg.
- ___ 5. The next class president should be Ana.
- ___ 6. Mrs. Nguyen is the best teacher in the school.



Making Predicate Nominatives

Remember that a **predicate nominative** is a noun or pronoun that completes the linking verb. It identifies, explains, or renames the subject of the sentence. Predicate nominatives can be compound.

Use the following words to write sentences that contain predicate nominatives. The words listed below should be part of the predicate nominative.

1. Dan, Matt, and David _____

2. the best snack _____

3. soccer, basketball, and baseball _____

4. our substitute teacher today _____



Predicate Adjectives

Remember that complements that follow linking verbs are called **subject complements**. A **predicate adjective** is an adjective that follows a linking verb and describes the subject.

Example: The dog was afraid of its own shadow.

Afraid describes *the dog*.

Read the following sentences. Circle the predicate adjective in each sentence.
Then draw an arrow from the predicate adjective to the subject.

1. The new teacher was very shy on her first day of school.
2. Those flowers are absolutely beautiful!
3. It will be too hot to play the softball game today.
4. That dog is old and tired.
5. My biology teacher is so smart.

Predicate Adjectives vs. Regular Adjectives

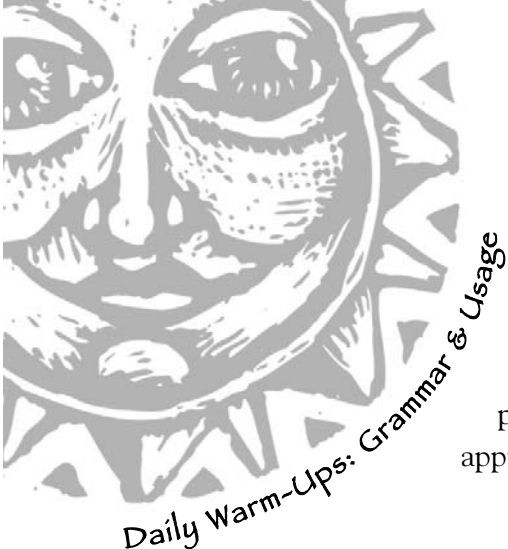
Be sure not to confuse predicate adjectives with regular adjectives. Remember that predicate adjectives follow linking verbs and describe the subject.

Examples: Dogs make **great** pets. (regular adjective)
Dogs are **great**. (predicate adjective)

Read the following sentences. Write **PA** on the line if the sentence contains a predicate adjective. Write **RA** on the line if it contains a regular adjective.

- ___ 1. Mr. Davis is a wonderful teacher.
- ___ 2. Vinnie is always cordial to people he meets.
- ___ 3. This test will be easy.
- ___ 4. This test will be an easy one.
- ___ 5. Florida is nice this time of year.
- ___ 6. Florida is a nice place to visit.





Sentences

Reviewing Subject Complements

Remember that predicate nominatives and predicate adjectives are types of subject complements. These are complements that follow linking verbs.

Read the following sentences. Decide if the words in bold are predicate nominatives (PN) or predicate adjectives (PA). Write the appropriate letters on the line before each statement.

- ___ 1. Sammy was the best **dog**.
- ___ 2. He was so **playful** and **fun**.
- ___ 3. Tomorrow will be **rainy**.
- ___ 4. Luisa is **excited** to see her son.
- ___ 5. Janice is a **student** at the local university.
- ___ 6. Jonathan will become a **doctor** someday.
- ___ 7. You are an **inspiration** to all of us.
- ___ 8. Clarence is **good** at crossword puzzles.



Sentences

Reviewing Sentences I

Write a definition for each of the sentence parts below. If you have trouble defining each part, write an example.

1. compound subject _____

2. compound verb _____

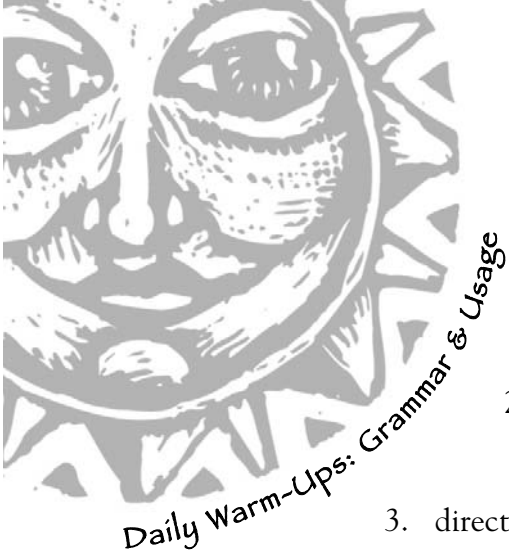
3. direct object _____

4. indirect object _____

5. predicate nominative _____

6. predicate adjective _____





Sentences

Reviewing Sentences II

Write a sentence that contains each of the following parts.

1. compound subject _____

2. compound verb _____

3. direct object _____

4. indirect object _____

5. predicate nominative _____

6. predicate adjective _____



Reviewing Sentences III

Write a paragraph about what you did last night. Label the parts of each sentence. Use the abbreviations below as labels.

complete subject (CS)

simple subject (SS)

complete predicate (CP)

simple predicate (SP)

compound subject (CDS)

compound verb (CV)

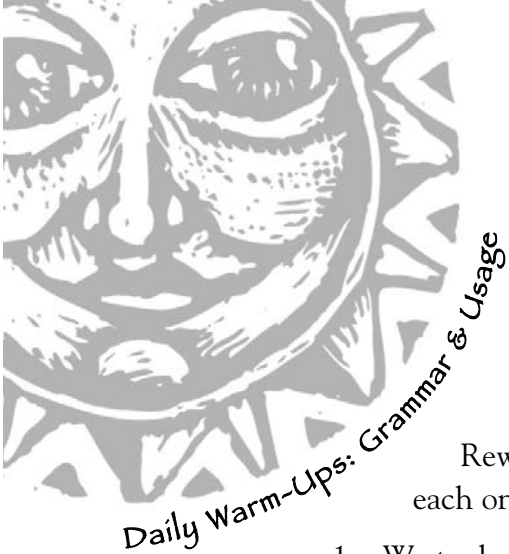
direct object (DO)

indirect object (IO)

predicate nominative (PN)

predicate adjective (PA)





Phrases

Prepositional Phrases

A **phrase** is a group of words that functions as a single part of speech. A **prepositional phrase** begins with a preposition and must always end with an object. The object is always a noun or a pronoun.

Example: Take your feet **off the desk** and put them **on the floor**.

Rewrite the following sentences, adding a prepositional phrase to each one.

1. We took a class field trip to the museum.
2. We saw several interesting exhibits.
3. Then we ate lunch at the museum café.
4. The ride home was long and tiresome.
5. Overall, we had a great day.



Adjective Phrases

There are two types of prepositional phrases: adjective phrases and adverb phrases. **Adjective phrases** are used to modify nouns or pronouns. Adjective phrases answer the following questions: *Which ones?* and *What kind?* An adjective phrase immediately follows the noun or pronoun it modifies.

Example: I met the woman **in the red dress** last week.

Read the following sentences. Underline the adjective phrases and circle the nouns or pronouns they modify.

1. The little girl on the bus waved to her mother.
2. The students in the auditorium waited patiently for the guest speaker.
3. The homework for that class is always so difficult.
4. The bedroom was painted an ugly shade of pink.
5. The baby across the hall is always crying.





Phrases

Adverb Phrases

Adverb phrases are prepositional phrases used to modify verbs, adjectives, or adverbs. Adverb phrases tell *how*, *when*, *where*, *how much*, and *why*.

Examples: Will you please take me **to school**? (where)

Because you were late, you missed the lesson.
(why)

Read the following sentences. Underline the adverb phrases and circle the verbs, adjectives, or adverbs they modify.

1. Are you angry with me?
2. I crossed the finish line with great satisfaction.
3. We slept during our flight.
4. Because of our hunger, we ordered an appetizer.
5. I can pass the test with your help.



More Adverb Phrases

Remember that an adverb phrase is a prepositional phrase used to modify verbs, adjectives, or adverbs. Adverb phrases tell *how*, *when*, *where*, *how much*, and *why*.

Read the following sentences, paying close attention to the adverb phrases in bold. Decide what the adverb phrase is doing in the sentence. On the line before each sentence, write *how*, *when*, *where*, *how much*, or *why*.



- _____ 1. Are you going **to the mall** later?
- _____ 2. I crossed the finish line **with great satisfaction**.
- _____ 3. We slept **during our flight**.
- _____ 4. **Because of our hunger**, we ordered an appetizer.
- _____ 5. I can pass the test **with your help**.
- _____ 6. Mrs. Leland lives **down the street**.





Phrases

Adjective Phrase or Adverb Phrase?

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Read each of the following sentences and decide if it contains an adjective phrase (**ADJ**) or an adverb phrase (**ADV**). Write the appropriate abbreviation on the line before each sentence.

- ____ 1. The woman by the dock will be your instructor.
- ____ 2. The little girl talked during the whole movie.
- ____ 3. Will you please pick me up at 3:30?
- ____ 4. All of the tickets are sold out.
- ____ 5. You will get a detention because of your tardiness.
- ____ 6. The man with Joanna is her boyfriend.



Appositives and Appositive Phrases

An **appositive** is a noun or pronoun that identifies or explains another noun or pronoun in the sentence. An **appositive phrase** is a group of words that identifies or renames the noun or pronoun that it follows.

Examples: My older sister, **Sarah**, works at the mall after school. (appositive)
Sarah, **my older sister**, works at the mall after school. (appositive phrase)

Read the following sentences. Circle the appositives, and underline the appositive phrases.

1. My brother, Tyrone, is going to college in the fall.
2. Have you read *The Bell Jar*, a book by Sylvia Plath?
3. Boston, the capital city of Massachusetts, is my favorite place to visit.
4. The guitar, my favorite instrument, is easy to play.
5. My physics teacher, Mr. Manchester, is out sick today.





Phrases

Appositives and Commas

Appositives and appositive phrases may or may not need to be set off by commas. If an appositive contains information that is necessary to understand the meaning of the sentence, no commas are needed.

Example: Anne's friend **Michael** helped her with the assignment.

(Anne has more than one friend, so the information is necessary.)

If an appositive contains information that is unnecessary to understand the meaning of the sentence, commas should separate the appositive from the rest of the sentence.

Example: Sasha's mother, **Chantal**, just had an operation.

(Sasha only has one mother, so the information is unnecessary.)

Write five sentences of your own that contain appositives. Use commas when appropriate.



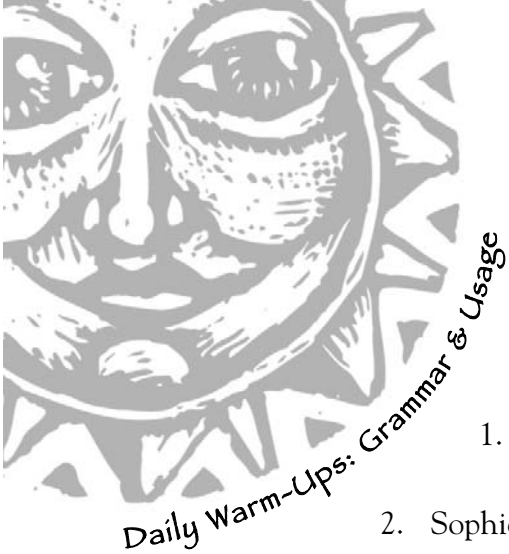
Adding Appositives

Remember that an **appositive** is a noun or pronoun that identifies or explains another noun or pronoun in the sentence. An **appositive phrase** is a group of words that identifies or renames the noun or pronoun that it follows.

Rewrite each of the following sentences with an appositive or an appositive phrase. Be sure to use commas properly.

1. When I was much younger, my family went to Disney World on vacation.
2. Kerri plans to attend New York University in the fall.
3. My parents grew up in Washington state.
4. Derek Jeter has been an all-star shortstop for many years.
5. I have to e-mail my chemistry teacher to ask her about our assignment.





Phrases

Making Appositives

Appositives and appositive phrases can be used to eliminate short sentences. Combine the following sentences by using appositives. Be sure to use commas properly.

1. We had brownie sundaes for dessert. They are my favorite.
2. Sophie is my cousin. She plays the violin well.
3. I read a great book last week. It was called *The Joy Luck Club*.
4. Have you seen Pedro? He is my parents' friend.
5. The Morins are moving next week. They are our neighbors.
6. Britney pulled a ligament in a race. She is a skier.



Participles

A **verbal** is a verb form used as another part of speech. A **verbal phrase** is a verbal with modifiers. There are three types of verbals: participles, gerunds, and infinitives.

A **participle** is a verb form that is used as an adjective. This means that it describes a noun or a pronoun. A participle answers the questions *Which one(s)?* and *What kind?*

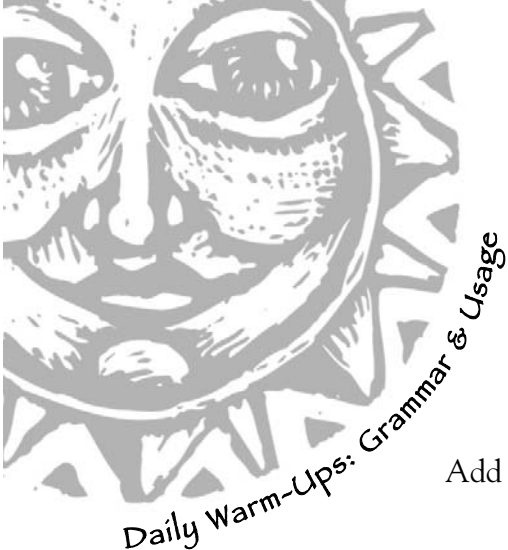
Examples: **broken** leg, **failing** students

Participles take two forms: present and past. Present participles end in *-ing*, and past participles usually end in *-ed*. Sometimes past participles have more irregular endings such as *-n*, *-t*, or *-en*.

Read the following sentences. Underline the participles.

1. I ate burnt toast for breakfast this morning.
2. The motorcycle came to a screeching stop.
3. The howling wolf scared the camping family.
4. His torn shirt was a result of the accident.





Phrases

Participle Fill-in

Remember that participles take two forms: present and past. Present participles end in *-ing*, and past participles usually end in *-ed*. Sometimes past participles have more irregular endings such as *-n*, *-t*, or *-en*.

Add a participle to each of the following nouns.

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. _____ rain | 7. _____ house |
| 2. _____ students | 8. _____ blanket |
| 3. _____ sun | 9. _____ bird |
| 4. _____ car | 10. _____ ocean |
| 5. _____ road | 11. _____ food |
| 6. _____ dog | 12. _____ boat |



Participial Phrases

A **participial phrase** is a phrase that works as an adjective. The phrase contains a participle and its complement(s) and modifies the subject of the sentence.

Examples: **Racing around the track**, the horse moved into first place.

The party, **hosted by Jasmine**, was a great success.

Read the following sentences. Underline the participial phrases and circle the words they modify.

1. Driving to school, Raymond realized he forgot his homework.
2. Reviewing her notes, Jackie felt ready for the test.
3. The test, printed on both sides of the paper, took me two hours.
4. Tired from his long day, Kasim rested on the couch.
5. Mrs. Goodman, walking up and down the aisles, lectured us on plagiarism.



Commas in Participial Phrases

When a participial phrase comes at the beginning of a sentence, it is followed by a comma. When it comes in the middle of a sentence, it may or may not need a comma. If the information in the phrase is necessary for the sentence to make sense, no commas are needed.

Example: The child **swimming in the lake** is my younger brother.

If the information in the phrase is unnecessary for the sentence to make sense, then the phrase should be set off by commas.

Example: My brother, **swimming in the lake**, turns seven next month.

Read the following sentences. Underline the participial phrases and add any necessary commas.

1. Landing safely on the runway the plane neared the airport.
2. The children covered in mud ran through the kitchen.
3. The vegetables grown in my garden are organic.
4. The students talking during the movie had to stay after class.



Gerunds

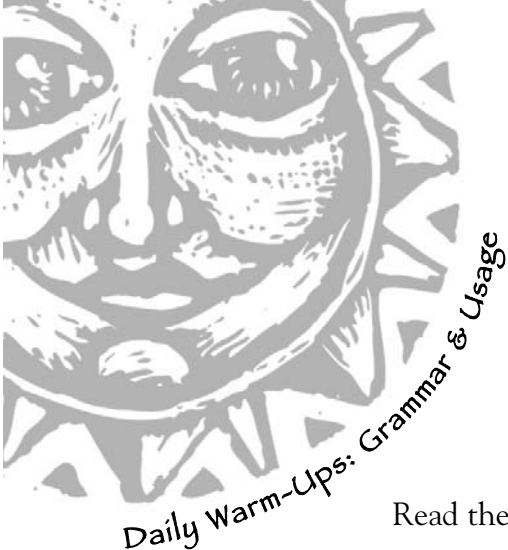
A **gerund** is a verb that is used as a noun. Gerunds are usually created by adding *-ing*.

Read the following sentences. Put a check mark next to those that contain a gerund.

- ___ 1. Mia was running down the soccer field.
- ___ 2. Talking on instant messenger and writing e-mails are my favorite things to do after school.
- ___ 3. Brian enjoys walking to work when it isn't raining.
- ___ 4. Dinah was caught cheating on the test.
- ___ 5. Malcolm's favorite activity is swimming.

Now write two sentences about yourself using gerunds.





Phrases

Gerund Phrases

A **gerund phrase** is a phrase that contains a gerund and its complements to make up a noun.

Examples: **Backpacking across Europe** is certainly a great idea.

Drawing portraits is Anna's favorite thing to do.

Read the following sentences. Underline the gerund phrases.

1. Hiking up the mountain will be difficult for my mother because she has a bad back.
2. I was doing my homework for four hours last night.
3. I found my father outside raking the lawn.
4. Flying over the Grand Canyon was an amazing experience.
5. I think smoking cigarettes is disgusting.
6. Pushing this button will turn off the computer.



Writing Gerund Phrases

Remember that a **gerund phrase** is a phrase that contains a gerund and its complements to make up a noun.

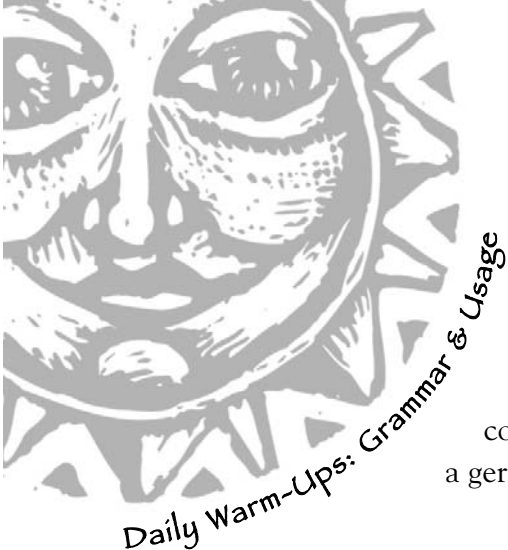
Examples: **Backpacking across Europe** is certainly a great idea.

Drawing portraits is Anna's favorite thing to do.

Use the *-ing* words below to write sentences containing gerund phrases.

1. traveling
2. identifying
3. working
4. writing
5. camping
6. collecting





Phrases

Confusing Participles and Gerunds

Participles that end in *-ing* can be easily confused with gerunds. Participles are used as adjectives, and gerunds are used as nouns.

Read the following sentences. Write **P** on the line if the sentence contains a participle, and write **G** on the line if the sentence contains a gerund.

- ___ 1. Talking during class is not allowed unless you are called on.
- ___ 2. The winding road was dangerous to drive.
- ___ 3. Aware of the approaching snowstorm, the students hoped school would be canceled.
- ___ 4. Terri enjoys kayaking during the summer.
- ___ 5. You spend too much time playing video games.
- ___ 6. The freezing rain made the roads very slick.



Infinitives

An **infinitive** is a verb form that usually begins with the word *to* and is used as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb. Infinitives are often confused with prepositional phrases because they both start with *to*.

Examples: I love **to play** field hockey. (infinitive)
You should come **to my next** field hockey game.
(prepositional phrase)

Find a paper or essay that you have recently written. Label all the infinitives with an **I** and all the prepositional phrases with a **P**.





Phrases

Infinitive Phrases

Remember that an **infinitive** is a verb form that usually begins with the word *to* and is used as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb. An **infinitive phrase** contains an infinitive and its modifiers.

Examples: I asked Mr. Aube **to explain the worksheet.**

We went **to see a play** for our class field trip.

Read the following sentences. Underline the infinitive phrases.

1. I asked you to speak clearly.
2. I would like to send flowers to the neighbors.
3. To pass the test requires several hours of studying.
4. I want to try surfing when we go to Hawaii.
5. To avoid getting in trouble, Claire lied about where she had been.
6. I have been known to change my mind.

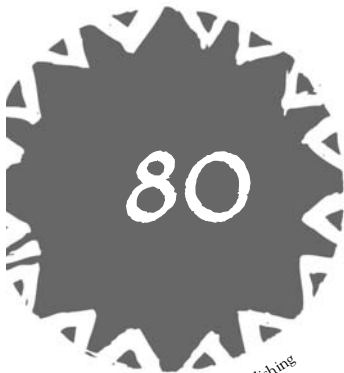


Reviewing Verbals

Remember that verbals are verb forms that are used as another part of speech. These include participles, gerunds, and infinitives. Participles are used as adjectives; gerunds are used as nouns; and infinitives begin with *to* and are used as nouns, adjectives, or adverbs.

Read the following sentences and decide what type of verbal each sentence contains. Write **P** for participle, **G** for gerund, and **I** for infinitive.

- ___ 1. Skiing is my favorite winter sport.
- ___ 2. That team will be hard to beat.
- ___ 3. You can walk out on the frozen lake.
- ___ 4. The child was afraid of the barking dog.
- ___ 5. Riding my bike is something I don't do nearly enough.
- ___ 6. The birthday card, written in cursive, looked odd.
- ___ 7. That chicken has to be eaten before it spoils.
- ___ 8. Will you please try to help me?





Clauses

Introduction to Clauses

A **clause** is a group of words that contains a subject and a verb. A clause is different from a phrase in that it contains a subject and a verb, and a phrase does not. Like phrases, clauses can be used as nouns, adjectives, and adverbs.

Examples: I'll take a shower **after breakfast.** (phrase)

I'll take a shower **after I eat breakfast.** (clause)

(*I* is the subject of the clause, and *eat* is the verb.)

Read the following phrases and clauses. Write **P** on the line for each phrase and **C** for each clause.

___ 1. when you finish

___ 2. to the mall

___ 3. the librarian at school

___ 4. before Carrie went to sleep

___ 5. after school

___ 6. by the stairs

___ 7. as Rico drove by

___ 8. when I wake up



Clauses

Independent Clauses

An **independent clause** can stand alone as a sentence because it expresses a complete thought. It is also known as the **main clause** of the sentence. If an independent clause stands alone, it is called a sentence. If it is paired with another clause, it is called a clause.

Examples: Julio went to practice, and Kara went home. (clause)
Julio went to practice. Kara went home. (sentence)

Combine the following sentences into independent clauses.

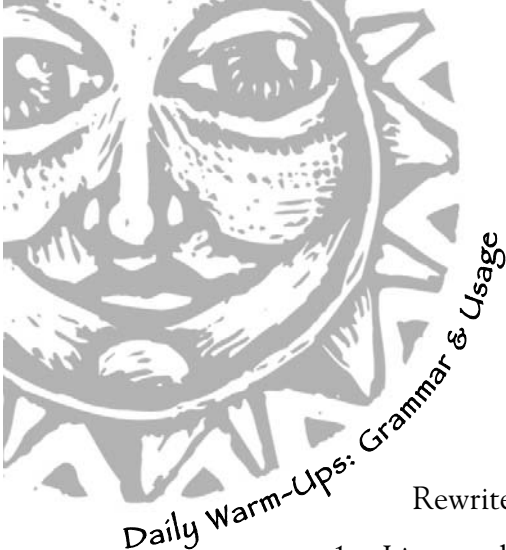
1. I am going to bed. You should, too.

2. Grant's birthday is in April. Selim's is in May.

3. I have Mr. Lopez for English. My sister has Mrs. Thomas.

4. My favorite class is biology. Shannon's is geometry.





Clauses

Subordinate Clauses

A **subordinate clause** cannot stand alone as a sentence. It does not express a complete thought. Subordinate clauses are also called **dependent clauses** because they *depend* on another clause to form a complete sentence.

Example: *After he ran*, Cameron took a shower. (*After he ran* does not express a complete thought.)

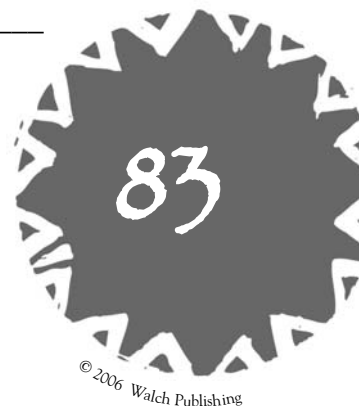
Rewrite the following sentences with subordinate clauses.

1. Lian got his license.

2. We rented a movie last night.

3. Lena got a letter from Clemson University.

4. Please set the table.



Clauses

Independent or Subordinate?

Remember that a **clause** is a group of words that contains a subject and a verb. An **independent clause** is the main clause of a sentence. It expresses a complete thought and can stand alone as a sentence. A **subordinate clause** cannot stand alone. It needs to be paired with an independent clause to make a complete sentence.

Example: After he finished his homework, Theo ate dinner.

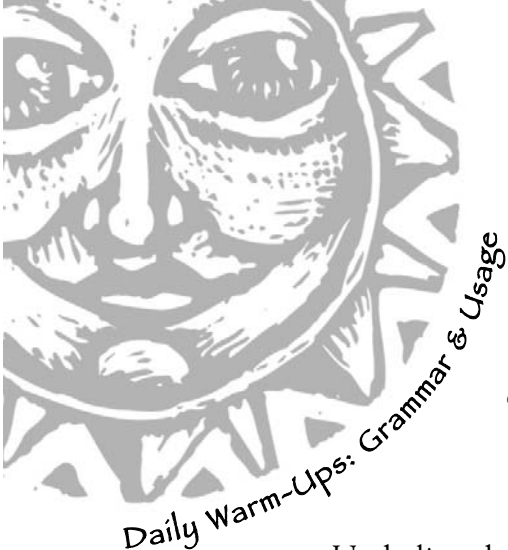
(subordinate clause)

(independent clause)

Read each of the following clauses. Write **I** on the line if it is an independent clause and **S** on the line if it is a subordinate clause.

- ___ 1. because we were running late
- ___ 2. Devon brought his laptop to class
- ___ 3. after you get the directions
- ___ 4. he asked me to help him
- ___ 5. we watched television for most of the night
- ___ 6. when the airplane landed





Clauses

Adverb Clauses

Subordinate clauses can be used as nouns, adjectives, and adverbs.

An **adverb clause** is a clause that acts as a verb and modifies a verb, adjective, or adverb. It usually modifies a verb. An adverb clause answers *How? When? Where? Why? How much?* and *Under what condition?*

Example: Stay away from a dog **when it's growling**.

Underline the adverb clauses in the following sentences.

1. We will leave whenever your mother gets home.
2. We'll take the bus if it rains tomorrow.
3. I put my essay in my bag so I wouldn't forget it.
4. They got to the movie after it had started.
5. You grill the steak while I make the salad.
6. Take the cookies out of the oven before they burn.



Modifying Adjectives and Adverbs

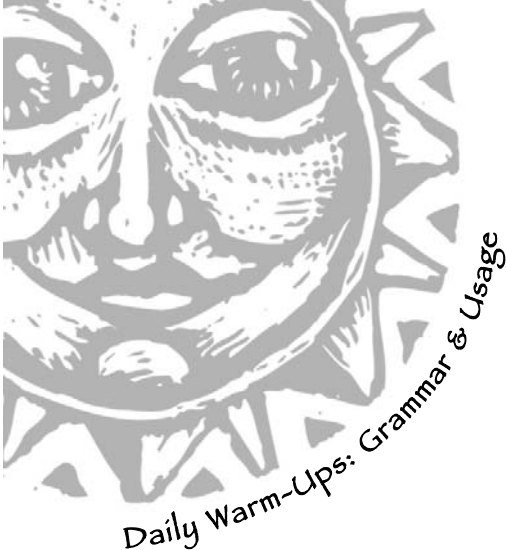
Most adverb clauses modify verbs, but some modify adjectives and adverbs.

Examples: My sister is older **than I am.** (adjective)

You drove more carefully **than I did.** (adverb)

Write five sentences of your own containing adverb clauses that modify adjectives and adverbs.





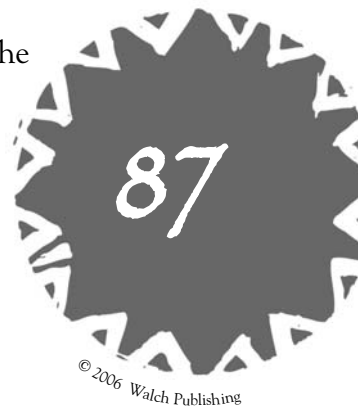
Clauses

Subordinating Conjunctions

An adverb clause begins with a **subordinating conjunction**. Look at the list of subordinating conjunctions below.

after	before	until
although	if	when
as	since	whenever
as if	than	where
as though	though	wherever
because	unless	while

Use the list above to write five sentences that contain adverb clauses. Underline the subordinating conjunction, and circle the word that the clause modifies.



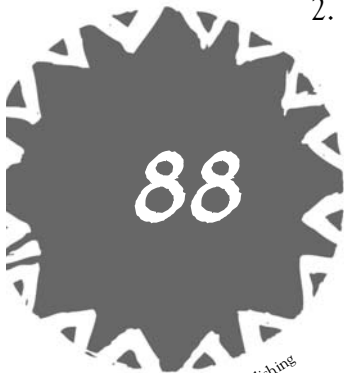
Adjective Clauses

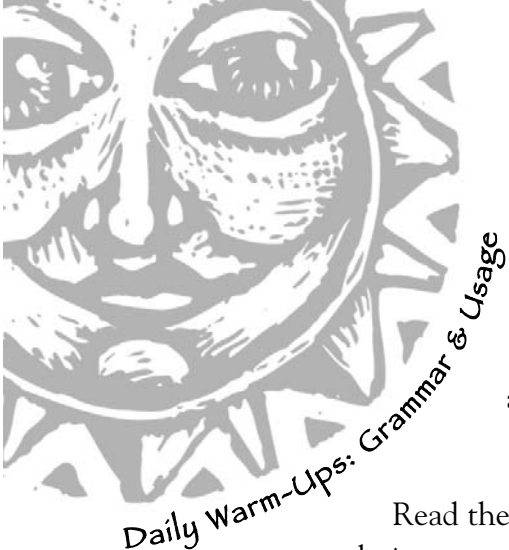
An **adjective clause** is a type of subordinate clause that is used to modify a noun or a pronoun. The clause is used as an adjective. Adjective clauses answer *Which one(s)?* and *What kind?*

Example: The person **who is at the door** is looking for Mom.

Underline the adjective clauses in the following sentences.

1. The book, which is downstairs on the coffee table, only took a few hours to read.
2. Andy is driving a car that has a headlight out.
3. The man who got in the car accident was rushed to the hospital.
4. This is the route that we take every day.
5. I am looking for the student who wrote this paper.
6. I like a teacher who takes a hands-on approach.
7. The shoes that I just bought are extremely uncomfortable.
8. The teacher who gave that assignment is Mr. McDonald.





Clauses

More Adjective Clauses

Remember that an **adjective clause** is a type of subordinate clause that is used to modify a noun or a pronoun. Adjective clauses usually begin with relative pronouns. These include *who*, *whom*, *whose*, *which*, and *that*. Adjective clauses can also begin with *when* and *where*.

Read the following sentences. Underline the adjective clauses. Circle the relative pronouns.

1. Are those the shoes that you bought last week?
2. You got the shoes when we went shopping, right?
3. Here is where we stayed for the wedding.
4. The college that Isabel attends is in New York.
5. Everyone who passed the test will not have to take the final.
6. We ate pizza, which was left over from dinner, for lunch.



Clauses

Combining Adjective Clauses

Adjective clauses can be used to create more interesting sentences. Use adjective clauses to combine the following sentences. Use the words in the box below to begin the clauses.

who whom whose which that when where

1. The waiter brought us our breakfast. His name escapes me.
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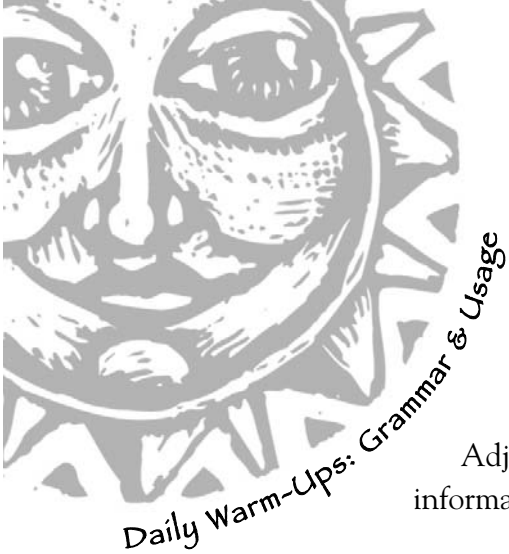
2. The store is in the mall. I bought my jeans there.
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3. My mother rented me a movie. It is about airplanes.
-

4. The restaurant was shut down. The customers got food poisoning.
-

5. My sister goes everywhere in her car. She bought it herself.
-





Clauses

Adjective Clauses and Commas

Adjective clauses do not need to be set off by commas if the information in the clause is necessary for the sentence to make sense.

Example: The person **who robbed the bank** is from a neighboring town.

Adjective clauses should be set off by commas if the clause contains information that is not necessary to make sense of the sentence.

Example: The bank robber, **who is from a neighboring town**, got away with over \$10,000.

Read the following sentences. Add commas where necessary.

1. Our neighbor who makes a great apple pie is Mrs. Kimball.
2. The woman who makes the apple pie is Mrs. Kimball.
3. That book which is the best book I have ever read is over there.
4. The place where she works is all the way on the other side of town.
5. The dog that bit me now has to wear a muzzle.



Clauses

Noun Clauses

A **noun clause** is a subordinate clause that can be used as a noun or a pronoun. It can be a subject, predicate nominative, direct object, appositive, indirect object, or object of the preposition.

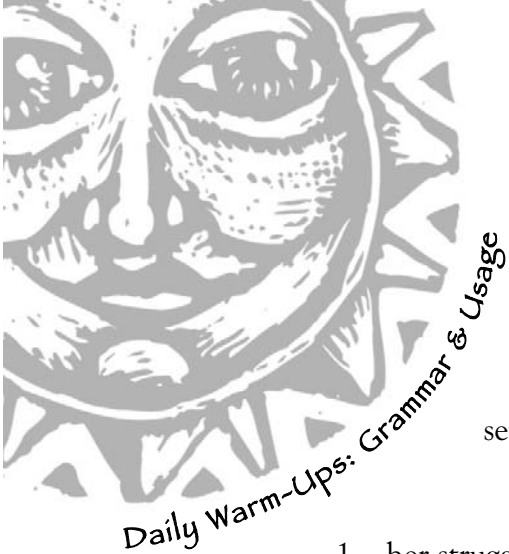
Example: Whatever you want to do is okay with me.

Noun clauses can begin with the same words that begin adjective clauses. They may begin with any of the words in the box below.

how	what	where	who	whomever
if	whatever	whether	whoever	whose
that	when	which	whom	why

Underline the noun clauses in the following sentences.

1. How much I weigh is none of your business.
2. The award goes to whoever writes the best essay.
3. A quick dinner is what I can handle right now.
4. Do you know where diamonds are found?
5. Everyone wants to know how he did the trick.



Clauses

Writing Noun Clauses

Remember that a **noun clause** is a subordinate clause that can be used as a noun or a pronoun.

Add a noun clause to complete each sentence below. Write the sentence on the line.

1. her struggle is _____
2. do you know _____
3. is an accomplishment _____
4. the money will go to _____
5. is a mystery to us _____



Clauses

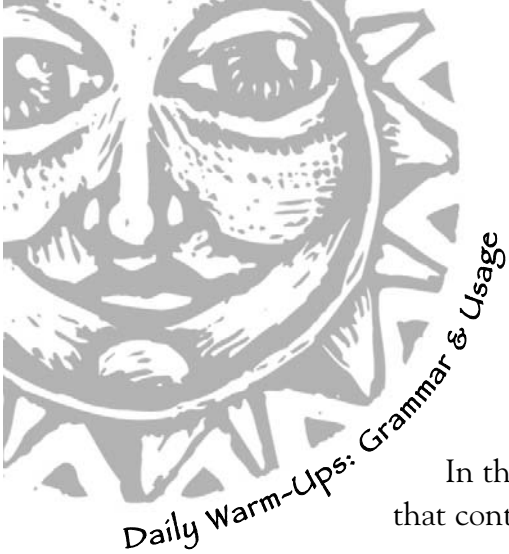
Subordinate Clause Review

Remember that an **adverb clause** is a clause that acts as a verb and modifies a verb, adjective, or adverb. An **adjective clause** is a clause that is used to modify a noun or a pronoun. A **noun clause** is a clause that can be used as a noun or a pronoun.

Decide what type of subordinate clause each of the following sentences contains. Write **ADV** for adverb clause, **ADJ** for adjective clause, and **N** for noun clause.

- _____ 1. The man who works behind the counter is my uncle.
- _____ 2. How you want to pay me back is up to you.
- _____ 3. You can go if you finish your homework in time.
- _____ 4. I was late because I overslept.
- _____ 5. The man who is at the door wants to see you.
- _____ 6. Did you know that we can stay an extra day?
- _____ 7. I have a lot of homework that I have to do tonight.
- _____ 8. We left as soon as the concert ended.





Clauses

Writing Subordinate Clauses

Remember that an **adverb clause** is a clause that acts as a verb and modifies a verb, adjective, or adverb. An **adjective clause** is a clause that is used to modify a noun or a pronoun. A **noun clause** is a clause that can be used as a noun or a pronoun.

In the space below, write two sentences that contain adverb clauses, two that contain adjective clauses, and two that contain noun clauses.



Clauses

Simple and Compound Sentences

A **simple sentence** contains one independent clause.

Example: The dog is barking.

A simple sentence can have a compound subject and a compound verb.

A **compound sentence** contains two or more independent clauses.

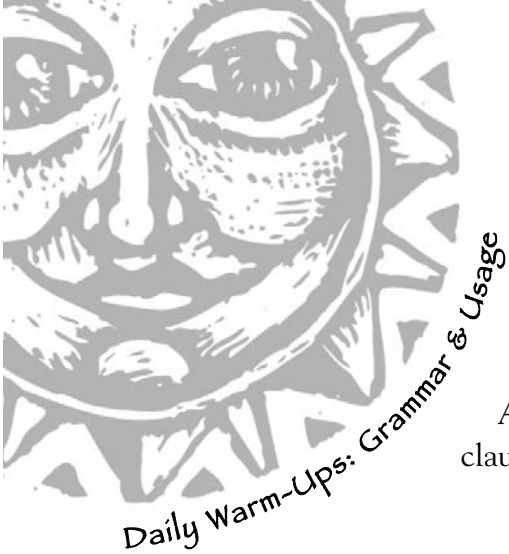
Example: The dog is barking, and it has been all afternoon.

Read the following sentences. Write **S** on the line if it is a simple sentence.

Write **C** if it is a compound sentence.

- ___ 1. Sean and Talisha are best friends.
- ___ 2. I like to snowboard in the winter, and I like to skateboard in the summer.
- ___ 3. Donald finished his test and handed it to his teacher.
- ___ 4. You drive the car, and I'll walk.
- ___ 5. Luis, Beatrix, and Rose all ran in the race.
- ___ 6. I went to the mall first, and then I stopped at the grocery store.





Clauses

Complex and Compound-Complex

A **complex sentence** contains one independent clause and one or more subordinate clauses.

Example: Although I have been to the beach several times this week, I want to go again today.

A **compound-complex sentence** contains two or more independent clauses and one or more subordinate clauses.

Example: If you are late for school today, you will miss your test, and you will probably get a detention.

Read the following sentences. Write **C** on the line for complex or **CC** on the line for compound-complex.

- ___ 1. I like cake a lot more than I like ice cream.
- ___ 2. Nicole went to school, but Dave stayed home because he had the flu.
- ___ 3. If you go see a movie, you have to take your brother, and he has to sit with you.
- ___ 4. Because you stayed home from school today, you cannot go out tonight.

Clause Fragments

A fragment is not a complete sentence. It does not express a complete thought. Turn the following fragments into complete sentences. Write the sentence on the line.

1. I forgot your birthday. Because I didn't write it on my calendar.

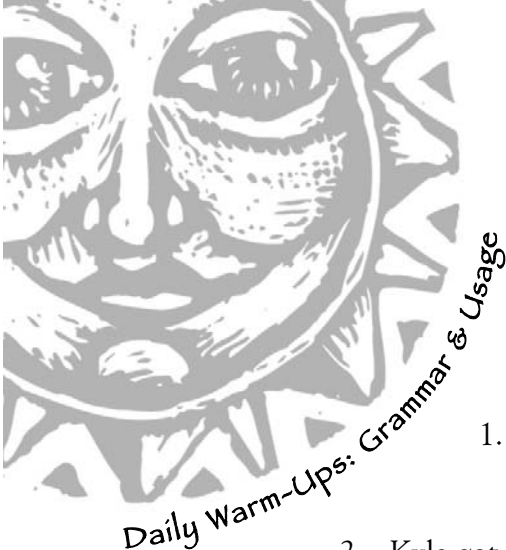
2. Here is my history paper. That you wanted to read before I handed it in.

3. Grandma brought strawberry pie. Which was a big hit.

4. Since it is raining. We are going to the movies instead.

5. Where is Monica? Who was supposed to help me study.





Clauses

Run-on Sentences

A **run-on sentence** is two or more sentences that are written as one sentence. Correct the following run-on sentences. Write the sentence on the line.

1. I broke my leg, the doctor took an X ray.
-

2. Kyle got a new laptop he uses it all the time.
-

3. Thanh went to bed early he wasn't feeling well.
-

4. Angela wrote a short story, she won an award for it.
-

5. Samantha got her license she practiced for hours the day before her test.
-



Clauses

Fragments and Run-ons

Create three sentence fragments and three run-on sentences.

Then exchange your sentences with a classmate and correct his or her sentences.



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Verb Usage

Principal Parts

A verb has four principal parts: present, present participle, past, and past participle.

Present	walk
Present Participle	am walking
Past	walked
Past Participle	have walked

Choose a verb from the list below. Write the verb's four principal parts. Then use each of the parts in a sentence.

play

ask

stop

cook

bake



Regular Verbs

A **regular verb** is a verb that contains *-ed* or *-d* in its past and past participle forms. If you can add *-ed* or *-d* to the present form of the verb, it is a regular verb.

Think of five regular verbs, and use them to complete the following chart.

Present	Present Participle	Past	Past Participle
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			





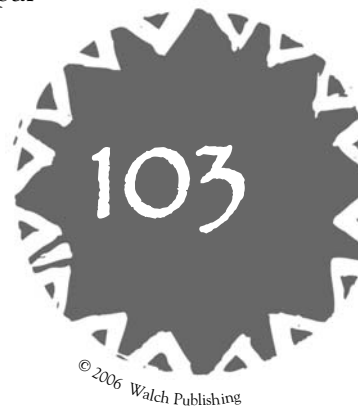
Verb Usage

Irregular Verbs I

An **irregular verb** cannot form its past and past participle by adding *-ed* or *-d* to its present form. Some irregular verbs do not change forms in the present, past, and past participle. These include the following verbs:

burst cost hit let put

Choose an irregular verb from the list above. Write the verb's four principal parts. Then use each of the parts in a sentence.



Irregular Verbs II

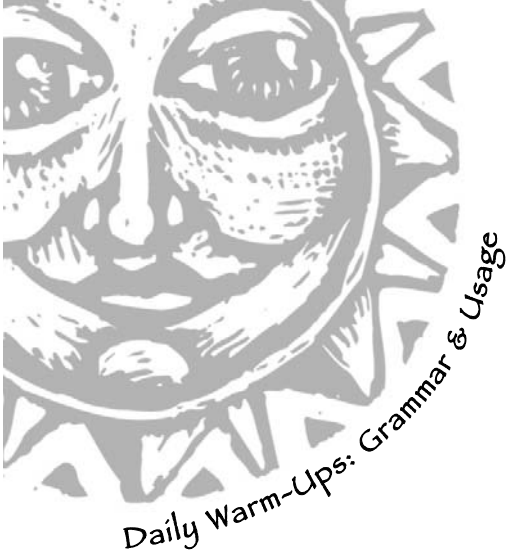
Remember that an **irregular verb** cannot form its past and past participle by adding *-ed* or *-d* to its present form. Some irregular verbs have the same form for the past and past participle. These verbs include the following:

bring feel fight find hold leave make sell win

Think of at least five other irregular verbs that follow this form. Use them to complete the chart below.

Present	Present Participle	Past	Past Participle
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			





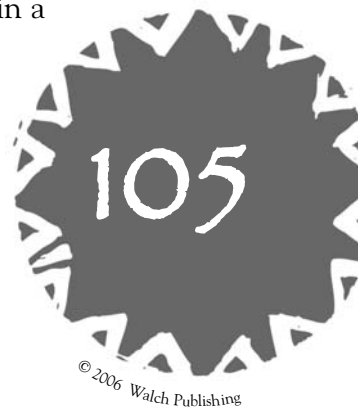
Verb Usage

Irregular Verbs III

Remember that an **irregular verb** cannot form its past and past participle by adding *-ed* or *-d* to its present form. Some irregular verbs form the past participle by adding *-n* to the past.

Present	break
Present Participle	breaking
Past	broke
Past Participle	broken

Think of another irregular verb that follows this pattern. Write its principal parts in a chart like the one above. Then use each of the principal parts in a sentence.



Irregular Verbs IV

Remember that an **irregular verb** cannot form its past and past participle by adding *-ed* or *-d* to its present form. Some irregular verbs form the past participle by adding *-n* to the present.

Present	see
Present Participle	seeing
Past	saw
Past Participle	seen

Circle the correct verb form to complete each sentence.

1. I have (grew, grown) several types of vegetables in my garden every summer.
2. The pitcher (threw, thrown) out the runner at first base.
3. She must have (know, known) that you were coming today.
4. The robbers (took, taken) all of my jewelry.
5. Please (give, gave) me your keys.





Verb Usage

Irregular Verbs V

Remember that an **irregular verb** cannot form its past and past participle by adding *-ed* or *-d* to its present form. Some irregular verbs form the past and past participle by changing a vowel. These include *begin*, *drink*, *shrink*, *sing*, *sink*, and *swim*. Complete the chart below with the principal parts of these six irregular verbs.

Present	Present Participle	Past	Past Participle
1. begin			
2. drink			
3. shrink			
4. sing			
5. sink			
6. swim			

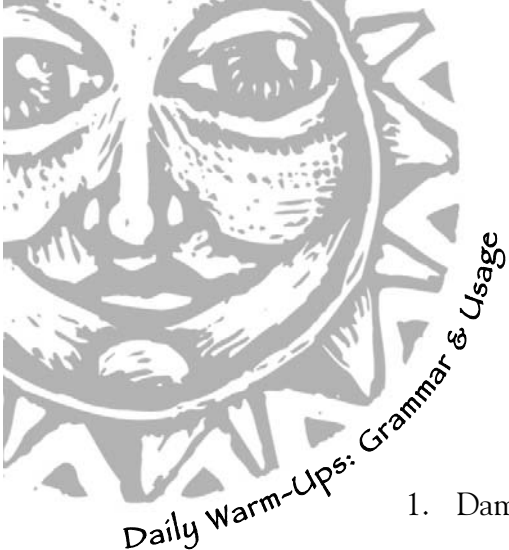
Irregular Verbs VI

Remember that an **irregular verb** cannot form its past and past participle by adding *-ed* or *-d* to its present form.

Write the correct principal part on the line for each irregular verb in parentheses.

1. Where have they (go)? _____
2. The little boy (fall) out of the tree. _____
3. I have (ride) several of the horses at that stable. _____
4. We (eat) at that restaurant across the street. _____
5. I think I (wear) that yesterday. _____
6. We have (run) all over the city. _____
7. They (come) to the meeting a bit overdressed. _____
8. You have (write) one of the best essays in the class. _____





Verb Usage

Reviewing Irregular Verbs I

Remember that an **irregular verb** cannot form its past and past participle by adding *-ed* or *-d* to its present form.

Complete the following sentences by circling the correct verb form.

1. Damon (bring, brought) his sister to school.
2. We are (making, made) a cake for your birthday tonight.
3. My parents (sell, sold) our house after only a week on the market.
4. Please wait until I have (spoke, spoken).
5. The students (stole, stolen) the rival mascot.
6. Will you (draw, drew) me a map so I can find it?
7. I should have (knew, known) that you wouldn't make it to practice.
8. I (saw, seen) her down by the library.



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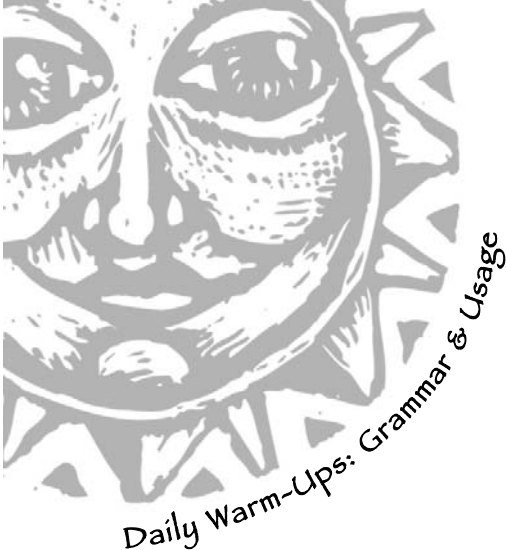
Reviewing Irregular Verbs II

Remember that an **irregular verb** cannot form its past and past participle by adding *-ed* or *-d* to its present form.

Read the following sentences. If the verb is used correctly, write **C** on the line. If the verb is used incorrectly, write **I** on the line.

- ___ 1. Tristan finally brang his book to class today.
- ___ 2. We begun class early today.
- ___ 3. My contact lens must have sunk to the bottom of the pool.
- ___ 4. That chair must have broke when you sat on it.
- ___ 5. Have you seen Ms. Fecteau?
- ___ 6. Who teached the class last Monday?
- ___ 7. I have thought about majoring in psychology next year.
- ___ 8. When did you spoke to the guidance counselor?





Verb Usage

Lay vs. Lie

Some verbs are easily confused. This includes the verbs *lay* and *lie*. *Lay* means “to put or set down.” *Lie* means “to rest or recline.”

Present	Present Participle	Past	Past Participle
lay lie	laying lying	laid lay	laid lain

Read the following sentences. Write **C** on the line if the underlined verb is used correctly. Write **I** on the line if it is used incorrectly.

- ___ 1. I want to lie on the couch after dinner.
- ___ 2. Lie your books on the floor while taking the exam.
- ___ 3. They are lying out on the beach.
- ___ 4. I laid down for a nap just in time.
- ___ 5. Please lay your pencils down and close your books.



Verb Usage

Sit vs. Set

Sit and *set* are two other verbs that are easily confused. *Sit* means “to rest in an upright position.” *Set* means “to put or place.”

Present	Present Participle	Past	Past Participle
sit set	sitting setting	sat set	sat set

Complete the following sentences with the correct form of *sit* or *set*.

1. Please _____ down at your desks.
2. We are _____ the table for dinner.
3. We are _____ at the table for dinner.
4. The salad is _____ over there on the counter.
5. We have _____ here for a long time.
6. The sun _____ around 8:00 P.M. this time of year.





Verb Usage

Raise vs. Rise

Raise and *rise* are two other verbs that are easily confused. *Raise* means “to lift up,” “to increase,” or “to grow.” *Rise* means “to get up” or “to move upward.”

Present	Present Participle	Past	Past Participle
raise rise	raising rising	raised rose	raised risen

Write one sentence for each form listed in the chart above.



Verb Tenses I

The **tense** of a verb is the time expressed by that verb. A verb has six tenses: present, past, future, present perfect, past perfect, and future perfect. Look at the tenses of the verb *play* below.

Present	play
Past	played
Future	will play
Present Perfect	have played
Past Perfect	had played
Future Perfect	will have played

Study the chart above. Then create your own chart for the verb *call*.





Verb Usage

Verb Tenses II

Remember that the **tense** of a verb is the time expressed by that verb. Complete the following chart for the verb *cook*.

Present	
Past	
Future	
Present Perfect	
Past Perfect	
Future Perfect	

Now use each of the verb tenses you listed in the chart above in sentences of your own.



Verb Usage

Verb Tenses III

Remember that the **tense** of a verb is the time expressed by that verb. The tenses of an irregular verb are a bit trickier to form. Knowing the four principal parts of the irregular verb will help you. Look at the four principal parts of the verb *bring*.

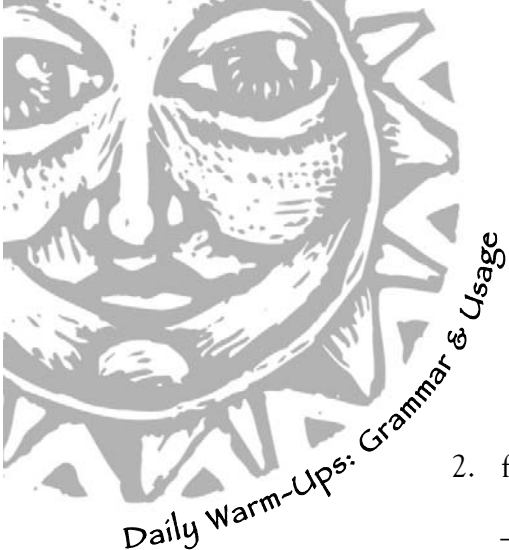
Present	bring
Present Participle	bringing
Past	brought
Past Participle	have brought

Now look at the six tenses of *bring*.

Present	bring
Past	brought
Future	will bring
Present Perfect	have brought
Past Perfect	had brought
Future Perfect	will have brought

Now create two charts like the ones above for the irregular verb *drive*.





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Verb Tenses IV

Explain how each tense listed below is formed.

1. past tense _____

2. future tense _____

3. present perfect tense _____

4. past perfect tense _____

5. future perfect tense _____

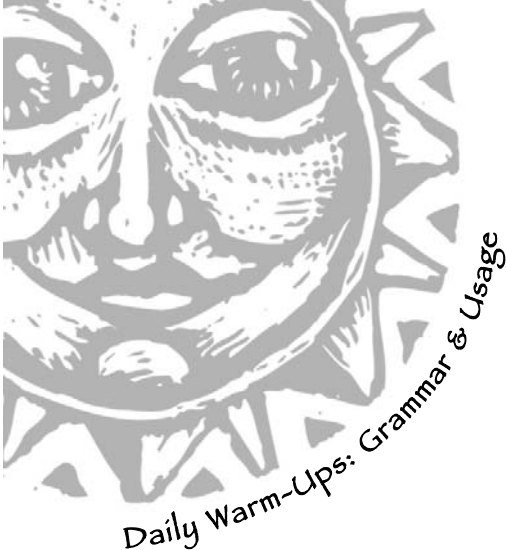


Verb Tenses V

Read the following sentences. Write the tense of the bold verb form on the line after each sentence.

1. I **will have made** at least twenty phone calls by the end of the day. _____
2. I **have used** the treadmill a lot this week. _____
3. I **will do** my homework later. _____
4. I **have eaten** a sandwich every day for lunch this week. _____
5. They **had taken** the baby to the pediatrician. _____
6. I **run** at least three times a week. _____





Verb Usage

Progressive Forms

Progressive forms of verbs express ongoing action and usually end in *-ing*. Like all verbs, progressive forms have six tenses.

Present Progressive	I am running.
Past Progressive	I was running.
Future Progressive	I will be running.
Present Perfect Progressive	I have been running.
Past Perfect Progressive	I had been running.
Future Perfect Progressive	I will have been running.

Write a sentence for each progressive tense of the verb *travel*.



Emphatic Forms

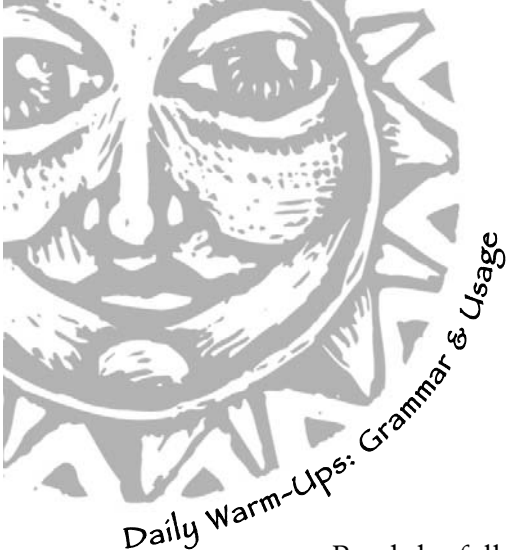
Emphatic forms are used to show emphasis. They appear in two tenses: present emphatic and past emphatic. Present emphatic tenses include the word *do* or *does* before the verb. Past emphatic tenses include the word *did* before the verb.

Examples: I **do run** every day. (present emphatic)
I **did run** yesterday. (past emphatic)

Write six sentences that express the emphatic form. Three should contain the present emphatic, and three should contain the past emphatic.

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Verb Usage

Active and Passive Voice

When a sentence is written in the **active voice**, it means that the subject is performing the action. When a sentence is written in the **passive voice**, it means that the action of the verb is being performed on the subject.

Examples: Olivia wrote the essay. (active)

The essay was written by Olivia. (passive)

Read the following sentences. Write **A** on the line if it is written in active voice.
Write **P** on the line if it is written in passive voice.

- ___ 1. The house was cleaned by the cleaning lady.
- ___ 2. Keiko filled out her college applications.
- ___ 3. The lifeguard saved the drowning toddler's life.
- ___ 4. The computer was fixed by Justin.
- ___ 5. Sam was bitten by the dog.
- ___ 6. The dog bit Sam.



Verb Usage

Agreement I

A verb must agree with its subject in number. The number of the subject is either singular or plural. Nouns are made plural by adding -s or -es in most cases. Singular and plural pronouns are:

Singular: I, you, he, she, it **Plural:** we, you, they

Verbs are also singular and plural. A singular verb must be paired with a singular subject. A plural verb must be paired with a plural subject.

Rewrite each sentence below with the correct agreement.

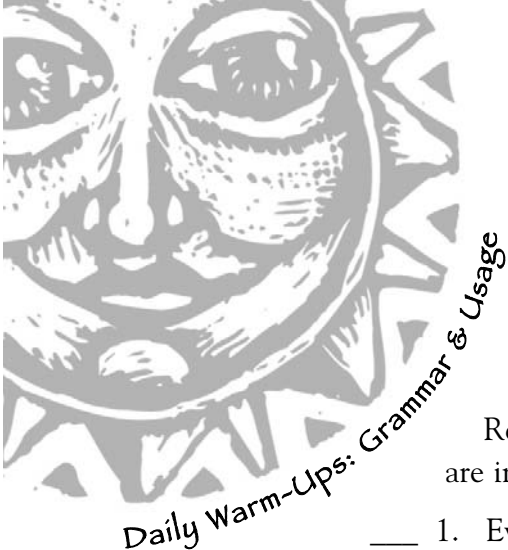
1. Meghan and Leena was making cookies in the kitchen.

2. Cesar have a lot of homework tonight.

3. You and I am going to practice, right?

4. The band play downtown every weekend.





Verb Usage

Agreement II

Remember that subjects and verbs must agree in number. Singular verbs should follow the words *each*, *neither*, *everyone*, *everybody*, *nobody*, and *someone*.

Read the following sentences. Write a check mark next to those that are in agreement.

- ☐ 1. Everyone in the choir practice after school.
- ☐ 2. Someone must really love me.
- ☐ 3. Neither of us are going to the party this weekend.
- ☐ 4. Nobody likes a cheater.
- ☐ 5. Each of you have taken this exam.
- ☐ 6. Everybody in the class pass in the homework on time.
- ☐ 7. Has nobody seen the new reality show on Channel 6?
- ☐ 8. Neither of you were at the assembly this morning.

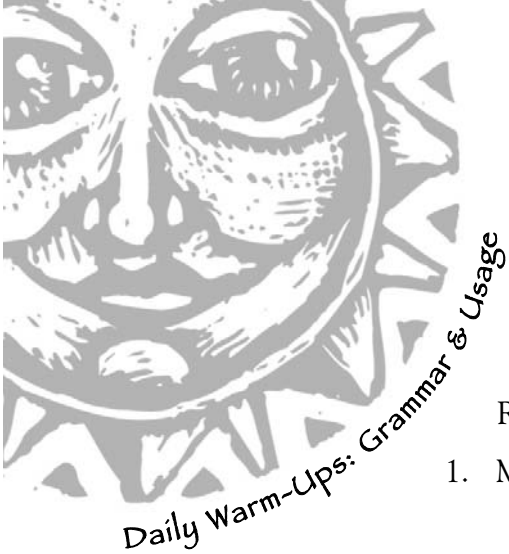


Agreement III

Remember that subjects and verbs must agree in number. Plural verbs almost always follow the words *all*, *both*, *few*, *many*, *several*, and *some*.

Write six sentences that each use one of the words listed above. Make sure they are followed by a plural verb. Then exchange your sentences with a classmate and make sure his or her sentences are in agreement.





Verb Usage

Using Better Verbs

Many verbs are boring and overused. You can greatly improve your writing by using more colorful verbs.

Examples: Russ **came** into class just as the bell rang.

Russ **raced** into class just as the bell rang.

Rewrite each of the following sentences using more colorful verbs.

1. Mrs. Solis went to the back of the classroom.
2. A guest speaker came to our class yesterday.
3. Please go to the board and write your answer.
4. The dog entered the house.
5. Where did you put my book?



Pronoun Usage

Pronoun Cases

Pronouns come in three cases: nominative, objective, and possessive. Pronoun forms in the nominative case are listed below.

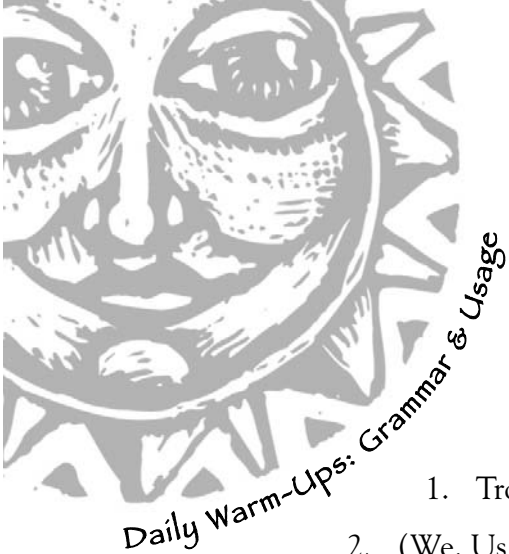
Nominative Case	
Singular	I, you, he, she, it
Plural	we, you, they

Complete the pronoun charts below for the objective and possessive cases.

Objective Case
Singular
Plural

Possessive Case
Singular
Plural





Pronoun Usage

Nominative Case

The **nominative case** is used for subjects and predicate nominatives. These pronouns are *I, you, he, she, it, we, and they*.

Read the following sentences. Circle the pronoun that correctly completes each sentence.

1. Troy and (I, me) are going for a run after school.
2. (We, Us) want to get in shape for track season.
3. That was (she, her) on the phone.
4. Sadie is an excellent painter. The winner of the art contest was (her, she).
5. (He, Him) and Grant are going on a tour of the museum.
6. The class marshals will be Layla and (I, me).
7. You and (I, me) should work on our project this afternoon.
8. The students on the basketball team are (they, them).



Objective Case

The **objective case** pronouns are used for direct objects, indirect objects, and objects of a preposition. These pronouns include *me*, *you*, *him*, *her*, *it*, *us*, and *them*.

Read the following sentences. Put a check mark next to those that contain the correct pronouns.

- ___ 1. Abigail told *we* to meet *her* in the gym.
- ___ 2. Please bring Anna and *me* to the movies tonight.
- ___ 3. Did you ask your mother and *I*?
- ___ 4. Show *he* what you learned today.
- ___ 5. Will you go with *me* tonight?
- ___ 6. Lamont drives Barbara and *I* crazy.
- ___ 7. The competition came down to *he* and *I*.
- ___ 8. We are having dinner with *them* tonight.





Pronoun Usage

Possessive Case

Possessive case pronouns are used to show ownership or possession. These pronouns include *my*, *mine*, *your*, *yours*, *his*, *her*, *hers*, *its*, *our*, *ours*, *their*, and *theirs*.

Write sentences that use each of the possessive pronouns listed above.
When finished, check your sentences to be sure that you have used the pronouns correctly.



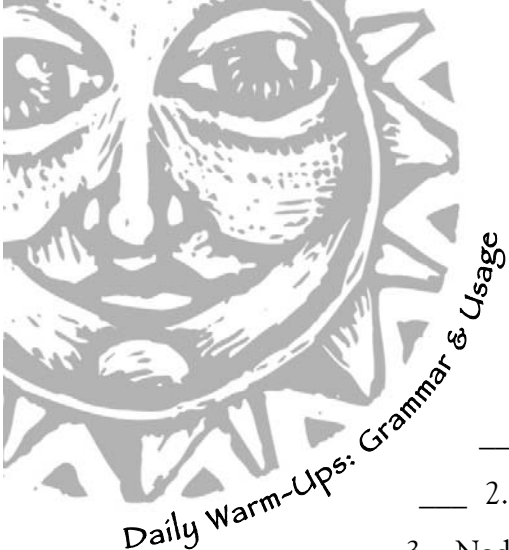
Who and Whom

The pronouns *who* and *whom* are often confused. *Who* is used when someone is the subject. *Whom* is used when someone is the object of a verb or preposition.

Read the following sentences. Circle the correct pronoun to complete each sentence.

1. The teacher (who, whom) gave us our notes is Mr. Chin.
2. To (who, whom) do you want to send this e-mail?
3. (Who, Whom) will be at the assembly?
4. (Who, Whom) did you ask for help?
5. About (who, whom) are you speaking?
6. I don't know (who, whom) the instructor is.
7. Mr. Alexander, (who, whom) is my favorite teacher, returned our quizzes.
8. Carly is the woman to (who, whom) you address your questions.





Pronoun Usage

Comparison Pronouns

Pronouns are often used in comparisons following the words *than* and *as*. Read the following sentences. Put a check mark next to each sentence that correctly uses pronouns in comparisons.

- ☐ 1. My sister is taller than me.
- ☐ 2. Kareem works as hard as they.
- ☐ 3. Nadia took as long as me to read the book.
- ☐ 4. You are more fortunate than I.
- ☐ 5. You look better than him in the picture.
- ☐ 6. They swam faster than he in the race.
- ☐ 7. Mr. Muñoz said everyone did as well as me.
- ☐ 8. Clayton knew that he could do better than her.



Antecedents I

A pronoun must agree in number and gender with its antecedent. Recall that an antecedent is the word that the pronoun replaces or refers to.

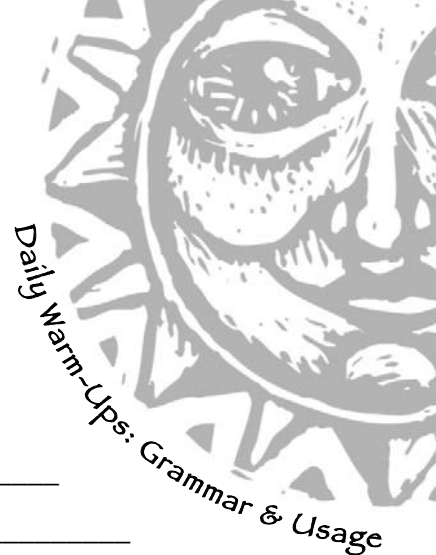
For each of the following antecedents, write a sentence with a pronoun that agrees in number and gender.

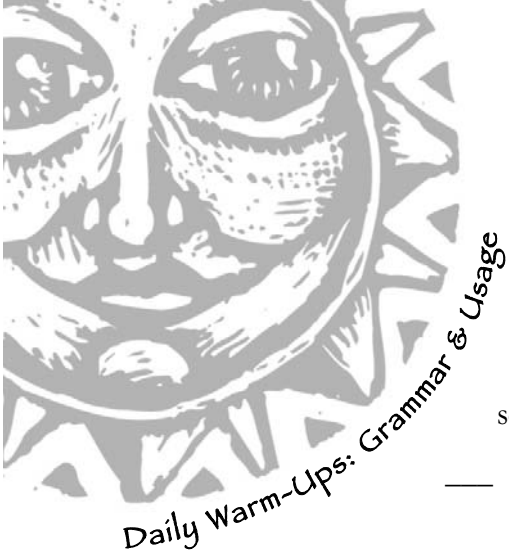
1. student _____

2. students _____

3. everyone _____

4. some _____





Pronoun Usage

Antecedents II

A pronoun must agree in number and gender with its antecedent. Recall that an antecedent is the word that the pronoun replaces or refers to.

Read the following sentences. Put a check mark next to the sentences that have pronoun/antecedent agreement.

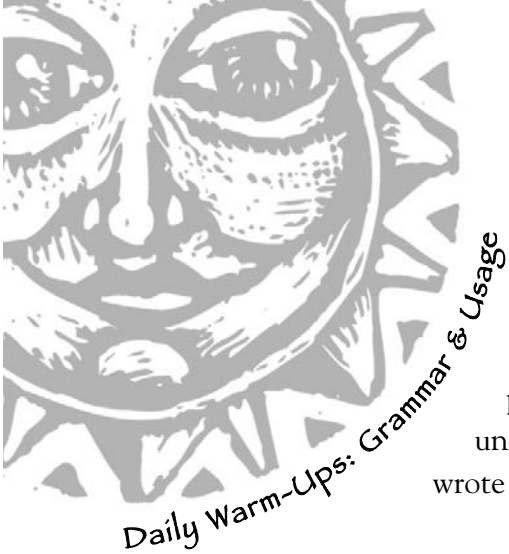
- ☐ 1. All students should report to the office for their first day of orientation.
- ☐ 2. Each student brought his or her textbook to class.
- ☐ 3. Each student brought their textbooks to class.
- ☐ 4. Either Lauren or Mina will ride their bike to school.
- ☐ 5. Both of my children got their acceptance letters today.

Now write two sentences of your own using pronouns that agree with their antecedents.

Pronoun Review I

Write a paragraph about what you hope to accomplish in the next year. Label all pronouns in the nominative case with **NC**. Label all pronouns in the objective case with **OC**. Label the pronouns in the possessive case with **PC**.





Pronoun Usage

Pronoun Review II

Take out an essay or paper that you have written this year. Underline all the pronouns. Check to see if you used them correctly. Did you use the pronoun cases correctly? Do the pronouns agree with their antecedents? After you evaluate your paper, write a paragraph in the space below explaining your understanding of pronouns. Has your understanding changed since you wrote the paper?



Adjective/Adverb Usage

Comparisons I

Adjectives can be used in comparisons. This means that the form of the adjective changes depending on how many things are being compared. There are three degrees of comparison: positive, comparative, and superlative.

Examples: great (positive)
greater (comparative)
greatest (superlative)

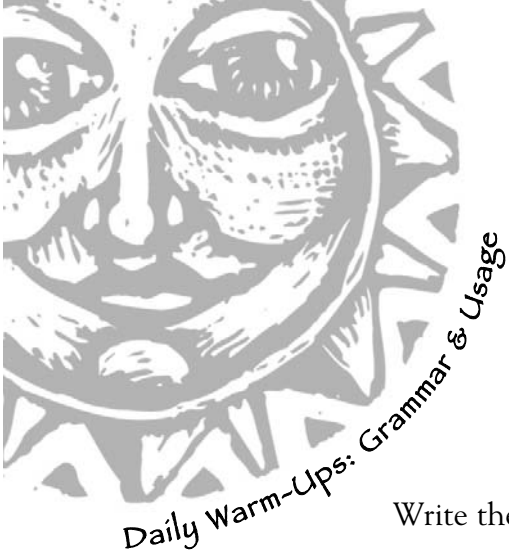
The positive degree is used when no comparison is being made. Most comparatives, which compare two things, are formed by adding *-er* to the positive. Most superlatives, which compare more than two things, are formed by adding *-est* to the positive.

Write the comparative and superlative forms for each of the words below.

1. young _____
2. bright _____
3. quiet _____
4. nice _____

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Adjective/Adverb Usage

Comparisons II

Not all comparisons are created by adding *-er* and *-est*. Many two-syllable adjectives and adverbs and almost all adjectives and adverbs with three or more syllables use *more* or *most* to form comparatives and superlatives.

Examples: difficult, more difficult, most difficult

Write the comparative and superlative forms for each of the words below.

1. interesting _____
2. small _____
3. delicious _____
4. funny _____
5. friendly _____
6. careful _____



Adjective/Adverb Usage

Comparisons III

Some words are irregular in their comparative and superlative forms. Complete the chart below.



Positive	Comparative	Superlative
1. bad		
2. good		
3. many		
4. little		
5. much		



Adjective/Adverb Usage

Comparisons IV

Recall that some comparatives and superlatives are formed by adding *-er* and *-est* to the adjective or adverb. Others are formed by putting the word *more* or *most* in front of the adjective or adverb. Other forms are irregular.

Read the following sentences. Circle the comparative or superlative that best completes each sentence.

1. This is the (more delicious, most delicious) apple pie I have ever tasted!
2. I am (better, best) at checkers than you are.
3. Today's sunset is (more beautiful, most beautiful) than yesterday's.
4. This dog is the (friendliest, most friendliest) dog in the neighborhood.
5. Angelo is the (taller, more taller) of the two brothers.
6. Your steak looks (tougher, more tough) than mine.

Adjective/Adverb Usage

Comparisons V

Recall that some comparatives and superlatives are formed by adding *-er* and *-est* to the adjective or adverb. Others are formed by putting the word *more* or *most* in front of the adjective or adverb. Other forms are irregular.

For each of the words below, write a sentence using its comparative or superlative form.

1. bad _____
2. many _____
3. tasty _____
4. different _____
5. intelligent _____





Adjective/Adverb Usage

Comparisons VI

Remember that some comparatives and superlatives are formed by adding *-er* and *-est* to the adjective or adverb. Others are formed by putting the word *more* or *most* in front of the adjective or adverb. Other forms are irregular.

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Advertisements often use comparisons to convince consumers that they should use the product or service. Use your knowledge of comparatives and superlatives to write an ad for a business of your choice. Your ad can be a visual ad found in a newspaper or magazine or on the Internet. Or you can write a script for a television or radio ad. Be sure to use at least five comparatives and superlatives.



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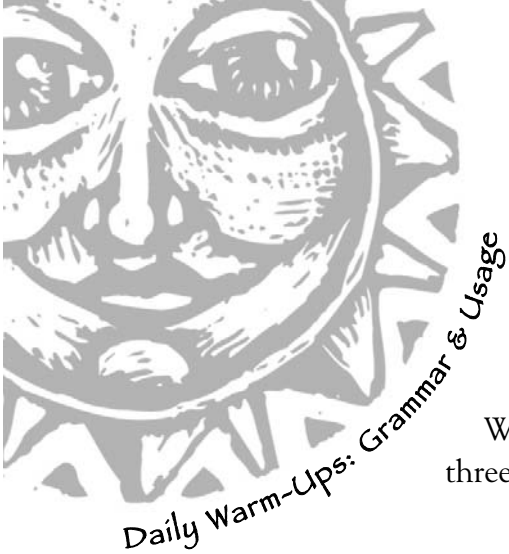
Good and Well 1

The words *good* and *well* are often used incorrectly. *Good* is always an adjective. *Well* is usually an adverb, but when it means “attractive” or “in good health,” it is an adjective.

Read the following sentences. Circle the word that best completes each sentence.

1. I was absent yesterday because I didn't feel (good, well).
2. You did a (good, well) job raking the lawn.
3. Eric, you don't look (good, well). Do you want to go see the nurse?
4. I didn't do very (good, well) on that quiz.
5. That's a (good, well) way to do it.
6. Melanie plays (good, well) after a (good, well) night's rest.





Adjective/Adverb Usage

Good and Well II

Remember that *good* is always an adjective. *Well* is usually an adverb, but when it means “attractive” or “in good health,” it is an adjective.

Write six sentences in the space below. Write three that use *good* and three that use *well*.



Double Negatives

A **negative** is a word that means “no.” Common negatives include *barely, hardly, never, no, nobody, none, not, nothing, and scarcely*.

Using a negative word can change the meaning of the sentence.

Using two negative words causes the negatives to cancel each other out, leaving the sentence with a positive meaning.

Read the following sentences. Rewrite those that contain double negatives so that they contain only one negative.

1. You don't need no shoes.
2. We never catch nothing when we go fishing.
3. Nobody ignored the fire alarm when it sounded.
4. We didn't have none of the new uniforms for our game.
5. There's hardly any time left for questions.





Adjective/Adverb Usage

Choosing Adjectives and Adverbs

Remember that adjectives modify nouns and pronouns. Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs.

Read the following sentences. Circle the adjective or adverb that best completes each sentence.

1. The procedure was (quick, quickly) and painless.
2. The crowd cheered (loud, loudly) for the home team.
3. I ran (slow, slowly) back to my car.
4. The students were (eager, eagerly) to get out of class.
5. Vincent (nervous, nervously) tapped his pencil on the desk.
6. Jonah was (proud, proudly) of his artwork.



Capitalization

First Words and *I*

The first word of a sentence or a line of poetry should be capitalized. The pronoun *I* should also be capitalized.

Example: That is the first thing **I** do when **I** wake up in the morning.

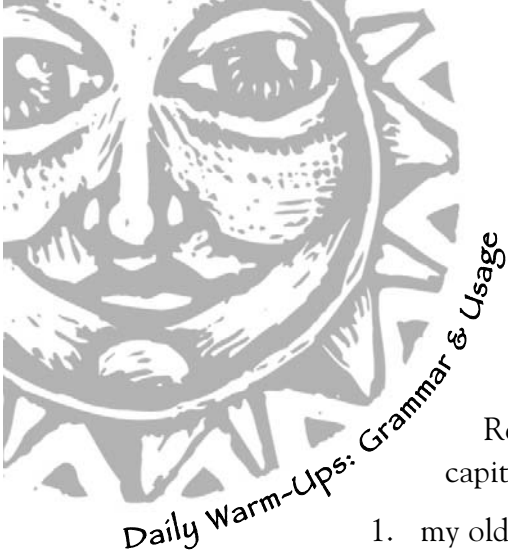
Salutations and closings in letters and e-mails should also be capitalized.

Example: Dear Zahara, Sincerely

Write an e-mail in the space below about what you did last night. Be sure to capitalize correctly.

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Capitalization

Proper Nouns

Proper nouns and their abbreviations should always be capitalized. This includes names of people and names of pets.

Examples: Aiden O'Connor, my dog **B**uster

Read the following sentences. Circle the letters that should be capitalized.

1. my older sister, amy, and i went out to dinner on my birthday.
2. my mother took our cat, bentley, to the veterinarian.
3. ashok used mom's car to pick up kenny.
4. should i go with the russells to soccer practice?
5. irina and i baked a cake for elizabeth's party.

Now write two sentences of your own about two of your friends. Be sure to use proper capitalization.



Capitalization

Geographical Names

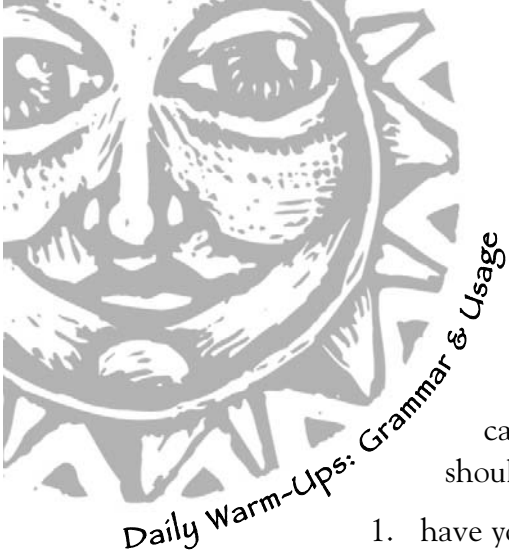
Geographical names should be capitalized. These include the following:

towns/cities	islands	continents
countries	streets	mountains
world regions	counties	bodies of water
stars/planets	states	

For each type of geographical name listed in the box above, write an example below. Be sure to capitalize correctly.

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Capitalization

Capitalizing Proper Nouns

Remember that proper nouns should always be capitalized. These include names of people and animals and geographical names.

Read the following sentences. Circle the letters that should be capitalized. Draw a line through any letters that are capitalized but should not be.

1. have you ever been to mount rushmore?
2. mount rushmore is in the black hills of south dakota.
3. we visited the amazing sight last Summer.
4. we drove through the midwest to get there.
5. we traveled there in a van with the garcias.
6. their children are the same age as we are.
7. on our way there and back, we crossed the mississippi river.
8. next summer we're going to the grand canyon.



Capitalization

Groups, Time Periods, and Events

Names of groups should be capitalized. These include organizations, businesses, institutions, government agencies, political parties, and teams.

Examples: United Nations, Harvard University,
Republican Party, Chicago Bears

Time periods and events are also capitalized. These include days, months, holidays, historical events, historical periods, important documents, and special events.

Examples: Sunday, January, Flag Day, World War II, the Bill of Rights,
the Olympics

Give an example of each type of group, time period, and event listed above.
Make sure to capitalize correctly.





Capitalization

Nationalities, Races, and Religions

Nationalities, races, religions, and languages should be capitalized.

Examples: China, Asian, Judaism, French

Write a paragraph about a foreign country. Include information about race, common religions, languages, and geographical names and features. Be sure to capitalize correctly.



Capitalization

Capitalizing Other Proper Nouns

Many other proper nouns should be capitalized. These include awards, brand names, bridges and buildings, memorials and monuments, vehicles such as ships and space shuttles, names of academic courses, and technological terms.

Examples: Nobel Prize, Kleenex, Sears Tower, Lincoln Memorial, *Challenger*, Algebra I, Internet

Read the list of nouns below. Write a check mark next to those that should be capitalized.

___ 1. first prize

___ 2. brooklyn bridge

___ 3. band-aid

___ 4. computer

___ 5. empire state building

___ 6. high school

___ 7. biology I

___ 8. world wide web

___ 9. callahan tunnel

___ 10. space shuttle





Capitalization

Proper Adjectives

Most proper adjectives and compound adjectives are capitalized.

Examples: French fries, African American

Read the following sentences. Circle the letters that should be capitalized. Draw a line through any letters that are capitalized but should not be.

1. my Mother is french canadian.
2. we had sweet italian sausage for dinner.
3. our dog is a german shepherd named hans.
4. the neighbors have an irish setter that plays with hans.
5. carlos brought swiss chocolates back from europe.
6. Dad bought alaskan king crab at the Seafood Market.
7. i am part american indian.
8. you have a strong british accent.



Capitalization

Titles of People

Titles of people should be capitalized in certain situations.

Examples: Governor Randolph, President Bush, Aunt Hilda, Mom

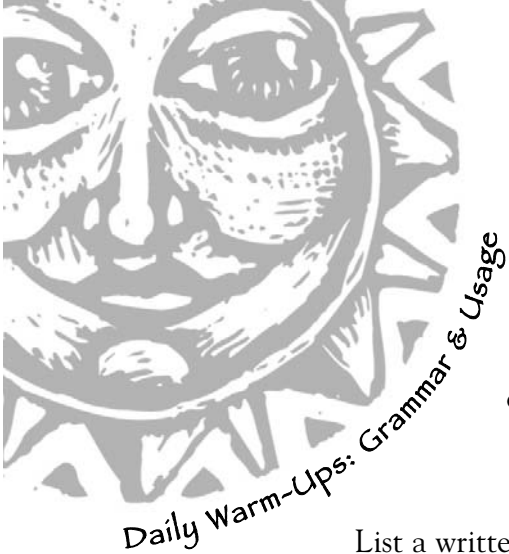
Titles can be confusing because they are not always capitalized.

Examples: the governor, my aunt, your mom

Read the following sentences. Circle the letters that should be capitalized. Draw a line through any letters that are capitalized but should not be.

1. have you seen coach hancock?
2. it was grandma who baked the cookies.
3. my mom will bring my uniform before the game.
4. the man on television is going to be our new Senator.
5. auntie, will you help me?
6. i didn't know you were Matthew's Father.





Capitalization

Titles of Written and Other Works

Titles of written works should be capitalized. These include books, chapters, short stories, poems, newspapers, articles, and magazines. Also capitalized are titles of plays, television programs, movies, and works of art. Prepositions and articles within the title should not be capitalized unless they are the first or last words.

Examples: *The Catcher in the Rye*, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," *American Idol*

List a written work for each of the following categories. Be sure to capitalize correctly.

1. favorite book _____
2. favorite short story _____
3. popular newspaper _____
4. favorite magazine _____
5. favorite play _____
6. favorite television series _____



Capitalization

Capitalization Review I

Read the following sentences. Correct any words that need to be capitalized. Some words may be capitalized that should not be. Draw a line through each letter that is incorrectly capitalized.

1. someday i want to climb Mount washington.
2. my Dad said he would help me buy the car that's for sale down the Street, but I don't want a volkswagen jetta.
3. on september 18, i will be eighteen years old.
4. my favorite teacher is mrs. kennedy. she teaches english.
5. on our trip to california, we went to the san diego Zoo.
6. our house is just down the street from yours at 349 wallingford way.
7. this Summer i want to go see the boston red sox at Fenway park.
8. my Grandmother is irish, and my Grandfather is italian.





Capitalization

Capitalization Review II

Write the following items on the lines. Correct any capitalization errors. Write *correct* on the line if there are no errors.

1. the civil war _____
2. my Dad _____
3. labor day in september _____
4. lake erie _____
5. the Governor of indiana _____
6. the boston globe _____
7. my brother martin _____
8. elementary school _____
9. algebra I and geometry _____
10. summer in maine _____
11. the democratic party _____
12. visit the Northeast _____



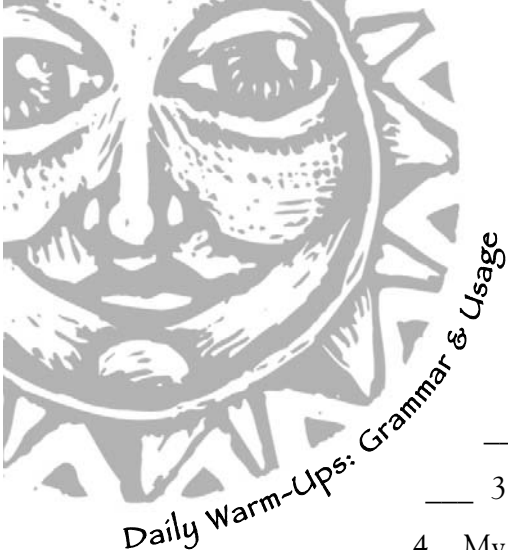
Capitalization

Capitalization Review III

Write a sentence for each of the following topics. Be sure to capitalize correctly.

1. football team _____
2. favorite place to visit _____
3. your heritage _____
4. your state's governor _____
5. a brand name _____
6. your favorite movie _____
7. a holiday memory _____
8. a region of the United States _____
9. a family member _____
10. the street your school is on _____





Capitalization

Capitalization Review IV

Write a check mark next to the sentences that are capitalized correctly.

- ☐ 1. My Mother said she would rent *Lord of the Rings* for us this weekend.
- ☐ 2. We found several artifacts from World War II at the museum.
- ☐ 3. I think you should take Elm street to the theater.
- ☐ 4. My favorite Shakespeare play is *Romeo And Juliet*.
- ☐ 5. I will attend Dickinson College in Pennsylvania next fall.
- ☐ 6. We will travel throughout the midwest this Summer.
- ☐ 7. Thanksgiving always falls on the third Thursday in November.
- ☐ 8. My Aunt Millie's apartment is just South of Boston.
- ☐ 9. Even though Dad is a Republican, he's voting for the Democratic Party candidate.
- ☐ 10. Grammy hayes will pick you up out front. She'll be in the Cadillac.



Capitalization

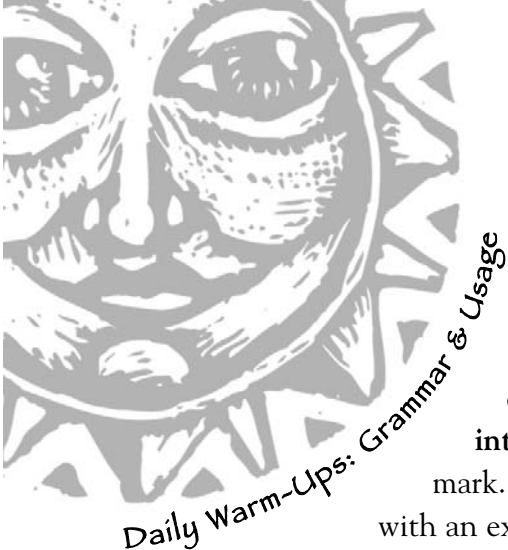
Capitalization Review V

List as many rules for capitalization as you can in the space below. You should be able to think of at least twenty. Review your list with a classmate to see what you are missing.



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Punctuation

End Marks

Sentences can end with periods, question marks, or exclamation points. This depends on the type of sentence. A **declarative sentence (DS)** makes a statement and ends with a period. An **imperative sentence (IM)** makes a request or gives a direction or command and ends with a period or an exclamation point. An **interrogative sentence (IN)** asks a question and ends with a question mark. An **exclamatory sentence (ES)** expresses strong emotion and ends with an exclamation point.

Read the following sentences and add the correct end punctuation. Using the letters in parentheses above, write the type of sentence on the line.

- ___ 1. Where have you been
- ___ 2. Ouch That hurts
- ___ 3. My neighbor gave me a ride to school
- ___ 4. Take the cat off the counter
- ___ 5. Please bring your books to class on Monday



Periods in Abbreviations

Periods are used at the ends of sentences. Periods are also used at the end of abbreviations.

Examples: Mrs., Dr., Ulysses S. Grant, A.M., P.M., Ave.,
Rd., Inc.

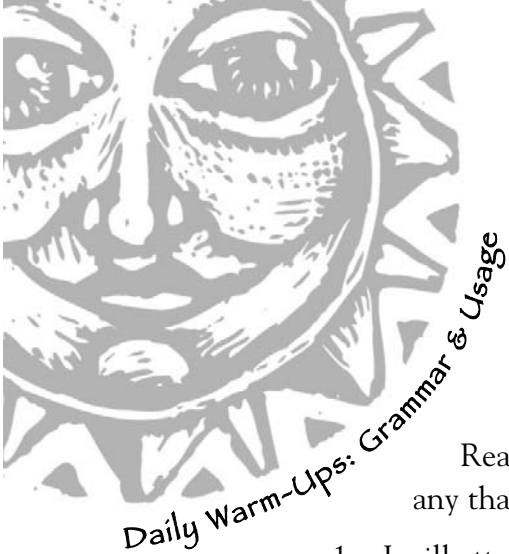
List as many abbreviations that use periods as you can in the space below.

Now use five of the abbreviations you listed above in sentences.

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Bonus: What abbreviations do not use periods?





Punctuation

Commas in a Series

Commas are used to help avoid confusion in sentences. They separate items, and they enclose items. Commas are often used to separate items in a series.

Example: The fruit salad has cantaloupe, grapes, pineapple, honeydew, and watermelon in it.

Read the following sentences. Add any necessary commas, and cross out any that are unnecessary.

1. I will attend, Boston College, the University of Massachusetts, or Harvard.
2. My mother my father and my sister all went to Boston College.
3. My friends are attending colleges in California, Colorado and Florida.
4. What college I attend depends on what I get for financial aid what scholarships I am awarded and how much money my parents can contribute.
5. I am excited about college, but first I have to, be accepted, complete my senior project, and graduate from high school.



Commas Between Two Adjectives

Sometimes commas should separate two adjectives that precede a noun. You can tell if the comma is necessary by putting the word *and* between the adjectives. If the sentence still makes sense, a comma is necessary. If the sentence does not make sense, the comma should be omitted. Usually commas are unnecessary after numbers or adjectives that refer to size, shape, or age.

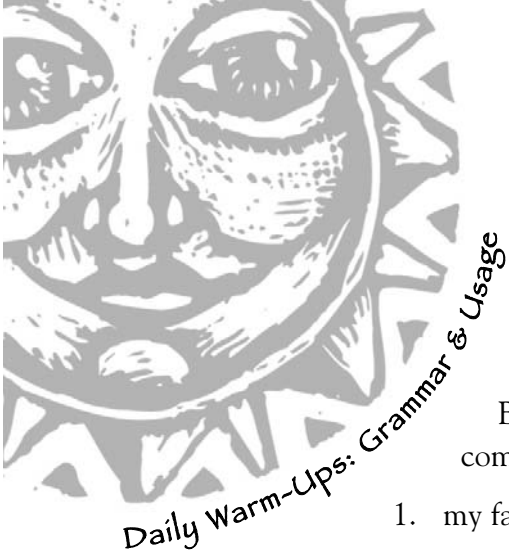
Examples: Make sure you bring that big yellow umbrella. (“Big *and* yellow umbrella” doesn’t make sense.)

Make sure you bring that old, worn-out umbrella. (“Old *and* worn-out umbrella” makes sense.)

Read the following sentences. If a comma should be inserted between the adjectives, write **C** on the line. Write **N** if no comma is necessary.

- ___ 1. Emily left three short messages on our voice mail at home.
- ___ 2. The hot humid weather should be here by the end of the month.
- ___ 3. You’ve had those old dirty sneakers since middle school.
- ___ 4. That baby has the most beautiful bright blue eyes.





Punctuation

Commas in Compound Sentences

A comma is necessary to separate two independent clauses in a sentence if the clauses are joined by a conjunction.

Example: My family went to Florida, and Sayeed's family went to California.

Below are pairs of independent clauses. Put each pair together using commas and conjunctions.

1. my favorite fruit is watermelon my sister's favorite is kiwi

2. I am on the baseball team

Kendra is on the track team

3. Billy rode his bike

his mother walked the dog

4. Tawana put up the tent

Jacob built a fire



Commas and Introductory Elements

A comma is necessary after introductory elements such as prepositional phrases, participial phrases, and adverb clauses.

Prepositional phrase: After we went to dinner, we saw a movie.

Participial phrase: Walking by the classroom, I noticed we had a substitute.

Adverb clause: Because I was running late, I needed a ride to school.

Read the following sentences. Add a comma when necessary.

1. If you want to go to the concert you have to get tickets immediately.
2. In 2001 terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center.
3. Listening to the lecture I realized I left my notes at home.
4. Under several stacks of paper I found my application.
5. Since you weren't here yesterday we decided to do the presentation without you.





Punctuation

Commas in Dates, Addresses, and Letters

Commas are used to separate parts of dates and addresses.

Examples: On June 3, 2006, my sister graduated from high school.

We live at 442 Camden Lane, Chestnut Hill,
Connecticut 06226.

Commas are also used in letters and e-mails after salutations and closings.

Examples: Dear Mrs. Rodriguez, Love, Sincerely,

Imagine you are setting up an interview for a scholarship. E-mail the person who will be interviewing you. Tell him or her where you live and when you will be available for an interview. Be sure to use commas correctly.



Commas in Direct Address and Parenthetical Expressions

Commas are used in direct address.

Example: Jade, have you heard about the game?

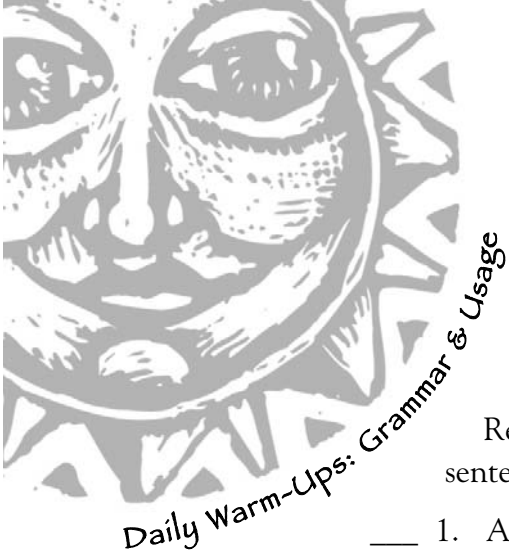
Commas are also used in parenthetical expressions. This is information in the sentence that can be taken out without changing the meaning.

Example: By the way, do you have any extra gym clothes?

Read the following sentences and add commas when necessary.

1. The teachers I believe are all in a meeting.
2. Where Mr. Beckett do you suggest I write my reply?
3. To tell you the truth Leah I've never heard of anything like that.
4. This car on the other hand seems as though it will suit your needs.
5. Kristy please hand me the remote.
6. I do however think I can finish my essay by tomorrow.





Punctuation

Setting Off Appositives

Commas are used to set off appositives. Remember that an appositive identifies or explains a noun or pronoun in a sentence.

Example: Henry, the boy I babysit, takes a long nap in the afternoon.

Read the following sentences. Write a check mark next to the sentences that have commas in the correct places.

- ___ 1. Amanda my best friend is leaving for college next week.
- ___ 2. After dinner we had dessert, something we haven't had in a long time.
- ___ 3. Kelisha, our team's leading scorer, will be out for the rest of the season.
- ___ 4. Mrs. Simmons my favorite teacher never gives homework over the weekend.
- ___ 5. John, my cousin, writes a column for the school newspaper.
- ___ 6. Belle the best dancer in the class has won many competitions.
- ___ 7. Mr. Menendez the lab assistant helped us write our reports.
- ___ 8. Sydney, typically a loner, ate her lunch with a classmate today.



Punctuation

Put In the Punctuation

In the space below, write a paragraph about your morning, but do not include any end marks or commas. Exchange paragraphs with a classmate. Insert any punctuation necessary in your classmate's paragraph. Then return the paragraphs. Check to see if your classmate inserted the proper punctuation in your paragraph.





Punctuation

Comma Rules

You have just spent some time reviewing commas. Think of all the rules for when commas are needed. List as many as you can below. You should be able to think of at least ten.



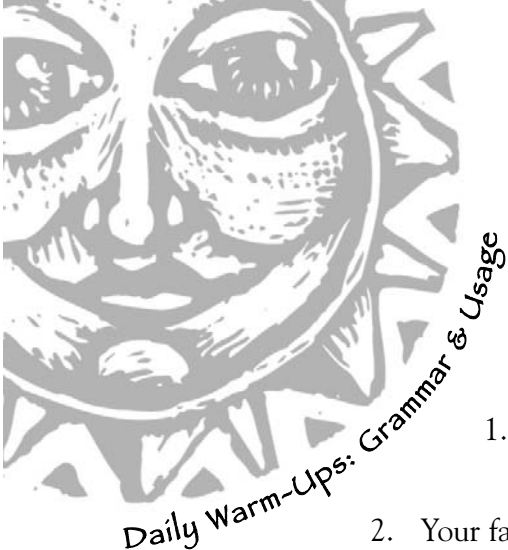
Italics and Quotation Marks

Italics are used for most titles. These include books, magazines, newspapers, plays, movies, television programs, long musical compositions, works of art, and names of vehicles such as ships and space shuttles. Quotation marks are also used for titles. These include chapters in books, poems in books, articles in magazines or newspapers, episodes of television series, and songs.

Read the following sentences. Underline anything that should be in italics, and insert quotation marks where appropriate.

1. We have to recite Frost's *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*.
2. When I was younger, my favorite book was *Tuck Everlasting*.
3. I love almost all Disney movies, but my favorite is *The Little Mermaid*.
4. That was a wonderful rendition of *America the Beautiful*.
5. My father reads the *Wall Street Journal* every morning.
6. One of my favorite episodes of *Friends* was *The One Where Everybody Finds Out*.





Punctuation

Inserting Quotation Marks

Read the following sentences. You will notice that the quotation marks have been omitted. Insert the quotation marks when needed.

1. Hannah, have you read Maya Angelou's poem Phenomenal Woman? Mr. Harrison asked.
2. Your father said that he will drop you off at school on his way to work.
3. That building over there, he said, is the tallest building in the city.
4. Did you hear your grandmother say happy birthday?
5. I think the chapter titled The Ghost Returns is the scariest part of this novel.
6. Our history teacher told us that he wouldn't give us homework this weekend.



Apostrophes

Apostrophes are most commonly used to show possession and in contractions.

Examples: Is that **Dad's** car? (possession)

No, that **isn't** his car. (contraction for *is not*)

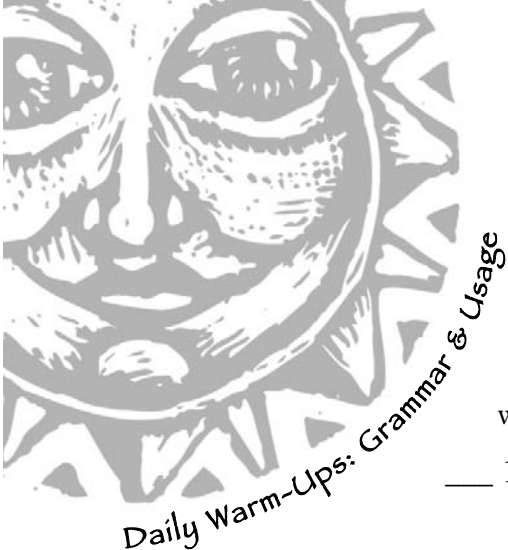
Use apostrophes to turn the following words into possessives.

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| 1. Simon _____ | 4. players _____ |
| 2. women _____ | 5. Travis _____ |
| 3. everyone _____ | 6. sister-in-law _____ |

Turn the following pairs of words into contractions and use each in a sentence.

- cannot
- he is
- they are
- you would





Punctuation

Semicolons

Semicolons are used between clauses of a compound sentence that are not joined by a conjunction. Semicolons also help avoid confusion.

Read the following sentences. If the semicolons are used correctly, write **C** on the line. If they are used incorrectly, write **I** on the line.

- ___ 1. I have never been to Boise, Idaho; Sacramento, California; or Tallahassee, Florida.
- ___ 2. Antonio is tall, Stacy is short.
- ___ 3. We are having chicken, rice, and salad for dinner; so don't spoil your appetite.
- ___ 4. Esther plays in a band; Kayla plays solo.
- ___ 5. I brought the graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate; you go in the woods and get sticks.
- ___ 6. Running inside with scissors; Bill could have hurt himself.



Colons

Colons are used before most lists. Often the colon is preceded by the words *the following*. Colons are also used to introduce long quotations. They are used between hours and minutes in time, between titles and subtitles, and after salutations in business letters.

Write five sentences about how you spend your weekends. You must use at least one colon in each sentence.

