









ANSWER KEY – GRAMMAR EVALUATION 1

1. The little girl spoke so quiet that I could hardly hear her. (adjective – adverb form) 
... so quietly that ...
2. Each driver should check the oil level in their car every three months. (pronoun-antecedent agreement) 
... in his or her car ...
3. I hated to ask Anita who is a very stingy person to lend me money. (commas nonessential interrupter) 
... Anita , who is a very stingy person , to ...
4. She decided to quit her high-pressured job, she didn't want to develop heart trouble. (comma splice) 
... job ; she ... / ... job , for she. . . / ... job . She ...
5. The flakes in this cereal tastes like sawdust. (subject-verb agreement) 
... flakes (in this cereal) taste.. .
6. Much of my boyhood was devoted to getting into rock fights, crossing railway trestles, and the hunt for rats in drainage tunnels. (parallelism) 
... and hunting for ...
7. Turning on the ignition, the car backfired. (dangling modifier) 
When I turned on the ignition, the car backfired.
Turning on the ignition, I made the car backfire.
8. I asked the clerk if the store had Stevie Wonders latest CD. (apostrophe) 
Wonder's
9. The decisions of the judge seems questionable. (subject-verb agreement) 
... decisions (of the judge) seem ...
10. Earlier in the day, she took a taxi to the airport. Knowing that her time was limited. (fragment) 
Earlier in the day, she took a taxi to the airport, knowing ...
11. Anybody who wants more dessert should give their order to the pastry chef. (pro.-antecedent agreement) 
... give his or her order ...
12. You must observe all the rules of the game, even if you do not always agree with it. (pronoun reference) 
... with them.
13. I first spotted the turtle playing tag on the back lawn. (misplaced modifier) 
Playing tag on the back lawn, I first ...
14. Because he never fully realized how important a college education could be. (fragment) 
He never fully realized ...
Because ... could be, he enlisted in the army.
15. Her and I have been good friends now for many years. (pronoun case) 
She and I ...
16. Lola looks more better than Gina in a leather coat. (comparative adjective) 
... looks better than ...

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17. When he asked for a raise his boss fired him. (comma needed – introductory clause) 


... raise, his ...

18. Ruth begins each day with warm-up exercises, a long run, and taking a hot shower. (parallelism) 


... and a hot shower.

19. When only three years old, my father taught me to play baseball. (dangling modifier) 

When I was only three ...

20. Trying to get outside quickly, the poor dog caught it's tail in the door. (apostrophe) 


... its ...

21. I bought a beautiful blouse in a local store with long sleeves and striped cuffs. (misplaced modifier) 

In a local store, I bought a beautiful blouse with long sleeves and ...

22. No one in the class is better at computer programming than him. (pronoun case) 

... than he.

23. Luckily someone offered me a ride to class, otherwise, I would have been late. (comma splice) 

... class; otherwise, ... / ... class. Otherwise, . . .

24. He started taking pictures in college, which led to commercial photography after he graduated. 

(pronoun reference)

... in college. This hobby led ...

ERROR ANALYSIS FOR GRAMMAR EVALUATION

Faulty adjective/adverb form – 1, 16

Faulty pronoun-antecedent agreement – 2, 11

Comma(s) needed – 3, 17

Comma splice – 4, 23

Faulty subject-verb agreement – 5, 9

Faulty parallelism – 6, 18

Dangling modifier – 7, 19

Apostrophe error – 8, 20

Sentence fragment – 10, 14

Faulty pronoun reference – 12, 24

Misplaced modifier – 13, 21

Faulty pronoun case – 15, 22