

Title: 9th Grade Literacy Lab #1: Academic Vocabulary & Grammar Mechanics

SECTION A: ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

Instructions: Fill in the blank with the correct word from the box.

Box: palpable, futile, indolently, bizarre, naive, scruples, debacle, swanky, facade, congenial

1. The tension in the courtroom was so intense that it felt almost _____.
2. All efforts to revive the ancient generator proved _____ when the gears snapped.
3. He lounged _____ on the porch hammock, ignoring his stack of homework.
4. She had no _____ about cheating on the test, which shocked her classmates.
5. What was supposed to be a peaceful meeting turned into a complete political _____.

SECTION B: PHRASE VS. CLAUSE & FRAGMENT IDENTIFICATION

Instructions: Select whether each item is a Phrase [P], Fragment [F], or Complete Sentence [C].

1. Underneath the creaky wooden floorboards. (_____)
2. Before the guest arrived at the swanky hotel. (_____)
3. The facade of the old theater collapsed during the storm. (_____)
4. Whispering secrets in the corner of the room. (_____)
5. She hesitated at the threshold, but she stepped inside anyway. (_____)

SECTION C: FIXING RUN-ON SENTENCES

Instructions: Rewrite each run-on sentence using the method indicated in brackets.

1. The rain was pouring heavily we decided to stay inside. [Use a Semicolon]

Answer:

2. He wanted to buy the rare book he did not have enough money. [Use Comma + FANBOYS]

Answer:

3. The facade looked brand new the interior was rotting. [Use a Period]

Answer:

SECTION D: SENTENCE TYPOLOGY CLASSIFICATION

Instructions: Identify each sentence as Simple, Compound, Complex, or Compound-Complex.

1. The cat slept on the windowsill all afternoon. (_____)
2. I wanted to visit the museum, but Alex preferred the park. (_____)
3. Although the fog was thick, the ship reached the harbor safely. (_____)
4. When the bell rang, the students packed their bags, and the teacher dismissed the class. (_____)

SECTION E: PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE IDENTIFICATION

Instructions: Read each sentence and type the complete prepositional phrase in the space provided.

1. Light began to emanate from the mysterious cave.

Prepositional Phrase:

2. The traveler stood silently at the threshold of the room.

Prepositional Phrase:

3. Despite his lack of scruples, he hesitated during the high-stakes auction.

Prepositional Phrase:

4. A bizarre creature emerged from behind the heavy velvet curtain.

Prepositional Phrase:

SECTION F: INDEPENDENT VS. DEPENDENT CLAUSES

Instructions: Read each underlined clause and select whether it is an Independent Clause [I] or a Dependent Clause [D].

1. **Because the host was congenial and welcoming**, the guests felt at home. (_____)
2. **The swanky hotel lobby was decorated with gold**, yet nobody was sitting inside. (_____)
3. Although his attempt was futile, **he tried to turn the rusty key**. (_____)
4. **While she was dithering about the job offer**, another applicant was selected. (_____)