

EXERCISE 1 DISCOVER THE GRAMMAR

GRAMMAR NOTES 1-6 Read the sentences based on the reading. Circle all head nouns that have noun or adjective modifiers before them. Underline adjective modifiers once and noun modifiers twice.

1. It's the 22nd Winter Olympics.
2. Maze is a favorite to medal in the women's downhill.
3. Few if any are expecting Maze to take a gold medal.
4. Maze ends up tied with a Swiss skier.
5. Your friend has recommended the Academy Award-nominated *Her*.
6. The website raves about its awesome commentary on our technological addiction.
7. The movie is full of preposterous, unconvincing events.
8. Children sometimes do not meet their parents' career expectations for them.
9. I stand at the top of a steep, icy slope.
10. We sometimes have an excessive focus on goals.

HEAD NOUNS

ADJ. MOD

NOUN MOD

EXERCISE 2 MULTIPLE MODIFIERS

GRAMMAR NOTES 3-5 Bill and Nancy are dressing for a party being thrown by Nancy's new boss. Nancy isn't sure what is expected and is worried about making a bad impression. Complete their conversation. Unscramble the modifiers in parentheses. Place commas where they are needed.

BILL: This is a formal office party, isn't it? What if I wear my
1. (office / formal)
_____ tie?
2. (silk / new)

NANCY: That's fine, but don't wear that _____ shirt with it.
3. (purple / denim / ugly)
People will think you don't have any _____ clothes.
4. (formal / suitable)

BILL: So what? Why should I pretend I like to dress up when I don't?

NANCY: Because there are going to be a lot of _____
5. (interesting / important)
people there, and I want to make a _____
6. (memorable / good)
impression. It's my job, remember? I don't want people to think my husband is a
_____ dresser. Humor me just this once, OK?
7. (unstylish / sloppy)
Hmm. ... I wonder if I should wear my _____
8. (round / sapphire)
earrings or the _____ ones.
9. (green / oval / emerald)

(Later, at the party.)

NANCY: Hi, Paul. This is Bill, my husband.

PAUL: Welcome. Bill, I'm glad to meet you. Help yourselves to snacks. There are some
_____ sandwiches.
10. (tomato-and-cheese / excellent)

NANCY: Thanks!

PAUL: Nancy, I guess you expected this to be a _____ party.
11. (formal / fancy)
Sorry I didn't make it clear that it's casual. I hope you won't feel out of place.

BILL: Thanks. We'll be fine. By the way, Paul, that _____ shirt
12. (beautiful / denim / purple)
you're wearing is great. Where did you get it?