2. The name of a field of study is mistakenly used for the person who practices it, or a field of study is confused with an adjective describing it.

   Example: As well as being successful (A) in his many careers (B), Benjamin Franklin was well-known (C) as a science (D).

   The best answer is (D). *Science* is the name of the field. The correct answer is *scientist,* the name of the person who practices in the field.

3. Other word form errors include the use of incorrect forms for nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs.

   Example: Electricity produced by nature (A) is called static (B) electricity because it exerts a forceful (C) when it is stationary (D).

   The best answer is (C). The noun *force,* not the adjective *forceful,* is needed.

   Example: When lightning strikes an unprotected (A) building, the electric (B) charge can cause considering (C) damage (D).

   The correct answer is (C). The adjective *considerable* is needed instead of the gerund *considering.*

Exercises on Word Forms

From the four underlined words or phrases (A), (B), (C), or (D), identify the *one* that is not correct.

1. Diamonds (A) are graded according to weigh (B), color (C), and cut (D).
2. As an educator (A), John Dewey opposed the traditional (B) method of learning by memory (C) under the authorize (D) of teachers.
3. A substantial (A) proportional (B) of the printers (C) and newspaper publishers in colonial (D) America were women.

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4. Many seeds remain dormantly (A) in the ground until conditions involving (B) heat (C) and water are correct for germination (D).

5. Lavoisier was the first to recognize the importance (A) of accurately (B) measurements when studying chemical (C) changes (D).

6. Nails act as a hard (A) base for the sensitive (B) skin of the fingertips and toe tips to press against, so they may help our sensitively (C) to touch (D).

7. Lichens can survive extremes (A) of heat (B), cold (C), and dry (D).

8. Diamond is the hardest (A) known mineral, whereas (B) graphite is very soft (C) and flake (D).

9. Medicine (A) in the future will make increasing use of high technology (B) for the investigate (C) and diagnosis of illnesses, as well as for their treatment (D).

10. Herman Melville's work, which is complexity (A), philosophical (B), and humorous (C), is recognized as one of the most astonishing achievements (D) in all American literature.

11. Cells carry out the essentially (A) processes (B) that produce energy (C) and sustain (D) life.

12. Like their ancestors, most sharks are streamline (A), fast-swimming (B) hunters (C) living in the upper waters of warm (D) seas.

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