

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 in his many careers, Benjamin  
A B  
Franklin was well-known as a science.  
C 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 is called static electricity  
A B  
because it exerts a forceful when it is stationary.  
C D

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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