

Unit 2 Pretest

Name _____ Date _____

A Read each question and its accompanying sentence. Choose the noun that answers the question. Mark your answer.

1. Which is the common noun?

Alonzo Edwards is a wonderful mimic.
(a) (b) (c) (d)

2. Which is the proper noun?

Alonzo can imitate anything from a machine to an animal.
(a) (b) (c) (d)

3. Which is the collective noun?

He is one of the most talented members of our class.
(a) (b) (c) (d)

4. Which is the compound noun?

One day Alonzo entertained all his classmates by imitating a pelican.
(a) (b) (c) (d)

5. Which is the appositive phrase?

Alonzo, my friend, can bring any story to life.
(a) (b) (c) (d)

B Choose the correct form of the noun to complete each sentence. Mark your answer.

6. The seventh graders are reading _____ for their book reports.

(a) biographys (b) biographies (c) biographies (d) biographyes

7. Alan and Sandra have books about American Indian _____.

(a) chiefs (b) chieves (c) chiefes (d) chiefs'

B Choose the correct form of the noun to complete each sentence. Mark your answer.

8. Lisa, Matt, and Tran have chosen books about famous _____.
(a) woman (b) womans (c) womens (d) women
9. The best reports will be put up on the two _____ in the hall.
(a) bulletin boardes (b) bulletin boards (c) bulletin boards's (d) bulletin boards'
10. Members of other _____ will be able to read them.
(a) classes (b) class's (c) classies (d) class

C Read each sentence. Choose the correct possessive form of the noun to complete each sentence. Mark your answer.

11. Listening to stories is not just a _____ activity.
(a) childrens (b) children's (c) children (d) childrens'
12. My little brother, my parents, and I all enjoy _____ performances.
(a) storytellers' (b) storytellers (c) storytellers's (d) storyteller's
13. My youngest _____ favorite story is from a book by Beatrix Potter.
(a) brothers (b) brothers' (c) brother's (d) brotheres
14. It tells about two _____ amusing adventures.
(a) mice's (b) mices' (c) mices (d) mices's
15. My parents and I prefer accounts of _____ exploits.
(a) hero'es (b) heroes's (c) heroes (d) heroes'

D Read each sentence. Choose the word or the phrase that should be capitalized.

16. One of the most original and important painters of the late nineteenth century was vincent van Gogh.

(a) painters
(b) nineteenth

(c) century
(d) vincent

17. He began his artistic career by painting dark-colored scenes of dutch peasant life.

(a) artistic
(b) scenes

(c) dutch
(d) peasant

18. One of his important works from this early period in his career is *the potato eaters*.

(a) important works
(b) early period

(c) his career
(d) *the potato eaters*

Read the sentences. Choose the sentence in which apostrophes are used correctly.

19. (a) However, van Goghs best-known works are done in brilliant colors.
(b) However, van Gogh's best-known works are done in brilliant colors.
(c) However, van Goghs' best-known works are done in brilliant colors.
(d) However, van Gogh'es best-known works are done in brilliant colors.

20. (a) Many other artists' work shows the influence of van Gogh.
(b) Many other artists's work shows the influence of van Gogh.
(c) Many other artist's work shows the influence of van Gogh.
(d) Many other artist' work shows the influence of van Gogh.

E Read each question and its accompanying sentence. Mark your answer.

21. Which is a compound word?

On a spring afternoon a writer met a sculptor for a late brunch.

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

22. Which word is clipped?

The newspaper writer took a cab to the sculptor's cluttered studio.

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

23. Which word is blended?

The artist chortled as he showed the writer one motor-driven sculpture.

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

24. Which is a compound word?

The writer insisted that this work was a neglected masterpiece.

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)