

Grammar Practice

English Composition

Fragments

- *Where the mosquitoes made him miserable.*

Subject-Verb Agreement

- *The participation of the players were welcomed.*

Collective Noun

- *The jury was/were unanimous in its decision.*
- *The jury was/were divided among themselves, even after deliberating for two days.*

Indefinite Pronoun

- *Everyone must buy her/their own ticket.*

Confusing Pronoun

- *The President informed the Speaker of the House that all of his opponents should be meeting with him.*
- *Watching the chef make the dessert made it seem easy.*

Problem with “it”

- *It is unfortunate that children in some countries do not have good medical care*
- *available to them.*

Possessive (Which is Better?)

- *the dogs owned by our neighbors*
- *our neighbor's dogs*

The

- 我要修的課包括life drawing和sculpture。
Sculpture課是由一個世界級的sculptor教。

- *Courses that I want to take include life drawing and sculpture. The sculpture class is taught by a world-class sculptor.*

What Goes Wrong?

- *He has always given me valuable advices.*

What Goes Wrong?

- *This fall in stock prices could be a foreshadow of a weakening economy is what my uncle says.*

What Goes Wrong?

- *I want to work with disable children.*

Run-on

- *Students doing research these days have so many options and they are often confused by their choices.*

Try to Improve it

- *Think about this situation. A **student** interviewed another **student** and many **students***
- *about what it is like to be an only child. If the teachers in charge of the **student** paper*
- *did not edit names of **students** from the paper or facts that would give that particular*
- ***student** away to other **students**, then serious problems could be caused with the*
- ***students** who gave their information.*

Try to Improve it

- ***Dogs** are my favorite kind of pet because **dogs** are the best animals on earth. No matter*
- *what kind you get, **dogs** are affectionate, obedient, and playful. Most **dogs** know when*
- *their owners are happy and sad, and **dogs** are always glad to see you return home from*
- *a hard day. Cats are aloof and selfish whereas dogs are friendly and dependable. When*
- *you have a **dog** you have a friend for life.*

Try to Improve it

- *Of the two sisters, Grace is confident and at ease with everyone. Lily is shy and cautious.*
- *Grace always gets what she wants. Lily waits patiently for whatever comes her way.*
- *Grace never misses a chance to show off her many talents. Lily never says "boo" unless*
- *someone asks her a question.*

What is Wrong?

- *My favorite place to visit is my grandparents' house near the lake we love to fish and*
- *swim there and we like to take the canoe out on the lake. Last summer my brother and I*
- *built a raft it was so much fun it took us three weeks it was hard work my grandfather*
- *helped us. My grandmother packed us picnics so we could eat while we were building*
- *the raft. The best part was when we took the raft on the lake that summer we had quite*
- *an adventure.*

Try to Improve it

- *It was my birthday. I knew there would be a party. There was something in the air. I was nervous, but excited. They didn't disappoint me. I walked in my house. All my friends yelled, "Surprise."*

Try to Improve it

- *America has many important people. Benjamin Franklin was a “founding father.” He helped write the Declaration of Independence. He also invented many things. He invented bifocals. He invented the Franklin stove. He discovered electricity.*

Try to Improve it

- *Baseball is the great American sport. And, it's thought of as a summer pastime. So as*
- *soon as the weather turns warm, all the neighborhood kids find a field to toss a ball*
- *around. And soon they form teams and play each other. But all summer, they always find time to listen to pro games on the radio. And they watch them on TV.*

Which is Better?

- *Thomas Jefferson was an interesting man.*
- *Thomas Jefferson was a person of contradictions.*

Which is Better?

- *Boston is the capital of Massachusetts*
- *Boston is an ideal city to travel to if a tourist is interested in American history.*

Which one is the Better Thesis Statement?

- *Should something be done about bad drivers?*
- *Bad drivers should have to attend a driving course before being allowed to drive again.*

Which one is the Better Thesis Statement?

- *In my paper, I will write about whether schools should require uniforms.*
- *Public schools should not require uniforms.*

Which one is the Better Thesis Statement?

- *The subject of this essay is drug testing.*
- *Drug testing is needed for all professional sports.*