

Library, Room L204 English, Writing & ESL

The Learning Centre

Grammar Skills Sentence Structure Practice III

Instructions

Read the following sentences and:

- Identify whether each sentence is grammatically correct (C) or incorrect (I)
- ✤ Identify which of the following grammar errors is occurring:

dangling modifier misplaced modifier faulty predication

Correct the error

Ex. The man was walking with his dog on crutches.

Correct/Incorrect: I

Grammar error: misplaced modifier

Correction: The man on crutches was walking with his dog.

(The man is the one with the crutches, not the dog.)

Sentences

1. Jogging along the esplanade, the heavy rain soaked Natalia.

Correct/Incorrect:

Grammar error:

Correction:

2. Sociology 121 told me that I was a bad writer; however, after a lot of hard work, my writing got better.

Correct/Incorrect:

Grammar error:

Correction:

3.

Correct/Incorrect:

Grammar error:

Correction:

4. *Cars*, the movie, are my son's favourite thing to watch during our Friday night movie marathons.

Correct/Incorrect:

Grammar error:

Correction:

5. The man in the yellow jacket walked next to a woman in a green jacket.

Correct/Incorrect:

Grammar error:

Correction:

6. In *The Yellow Wallpaper*, the themes characterize the main character, Jane, as someone with a mental illness.

Correct/Incorrect:

Grammar error:

Correction:

7. Frances caught the flu last Wednesday and gets over it quickly – just in time to write her exam on Friday.

Correct/Incorrect:

Grammar error:

Correction:

8. The woman struggled as she was chased by a dog in heels.

Correct/Incorrect:

Grammar error:

Correction:

9. I think daycare workers should be required to have an Early Childhood Education certificate, it would prepare the workers to keep the children safe.

Correct/Incorrect:

Grammar error:

Correction:

10. Although Henry wanted to visit his hometown, he was afraid he might run into his high school girlfriend.

Correct/Incorrect:

Grammar error:

Correction:

11. Because Tracy is more interested in Nigel than she is in Trevor, she avoids his flirty glances in the hallways at school.

Correct/Incorrect:

Grammar error:

Correction: