



Language Conventions and Usage

Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- edit to ensure correct use of punctuation and capitalization
- edit to ensure correct sentence structure and formation
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Capitalization

In addition to capitalizing the first word of a sentence, you should also capitalize **proper nouns**—the names of specific people, places, things, or ideas.

Proper nouns: Amy Detroit, Michigan World Cup American Cancer Society

Common nouns: city tournament doctor's office

You should also capitalize **proper adjectives**—those formed from a proper noun.

Proper adjective: French Canadian Shakespearean play

Capitalization

Capitalize the **title before a person's name** or when the title appears as a direct address.

Title before name: *Dr. Lambowski* *Senator Wallace*

Direct address: *"It's an honor to meet you, Prime Minister."*

You should also capitalize **holidays, days of the week and months**.

Sentence Structure and Formation

A **complete sentence** has a subject and verb, and it expresses a complete thought.

An **independent clause** could stand alone as a complete sentence.

Elaine took notes during the meeting.

A **dependent clause** has a subject and a verb, but it does not express a complete thought.

While Elaine took notes during the meeting

A **run-on sentence** involves two or more independent clauses that lack proper punctuation or connections.

~~*Elaine took notes during the meeting, she used the main office computer to type them up.*~~

Elaine took notes during the meeting. She used the main-office computer to type them up.

Sentence Fragments

A **sentence fragment** is an incomplete sentence: a sentence that is missing either a subject, verb or complete thought.

~~Typed up her notes.~~

Elaine typed up her notes.

~~The computer in the main office.~~

The computer in the main office rebooted.

~~When she lost her work.~~

When she lost her work, Elaine was frustrated.

Combining Independent Clauses

To combine two independent clauses, you must use either a semi-colon or a coordinating conjunction with a comma.

Use a coordinating conjunction with a comma to express a relationship between the two independent clauses.

Sam saw a design flaw, so he wrote a memo.

A semi-colon (;) is used when the ideas expressed in the independent clauses are related and equal in terms of importance.

The designers responded to the memo quickly; the product shipped without issue.

Coordinate Conjunctions

Use the acronym FANBOYS to remember the coordinating conjunctions:

For

And

Nor

But

Or

Yet

So

~~Sam showed initiative, yet his boss praised him.~~

Sam showed initiative, so his boss praised him.

~~My coworker offered to drive me home, and I refused.~~

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Mixed Practice

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Comma Usage

Use commas to separate elements in a series or list.

Keith, Darnell, and Marisol are planning a party.

Use a comma with a coordinating conjunction to separate independent clauses within a sentence.

Some people are insecure about hosting a party, but others have years of experience.

Use a pair of commas to add parenthetical (nonessential) phrases and clauses.

Darnell, a veteran party planner, advises hosts to first decide on a party theme.

Use a comma to separate an independent clause from a dependent clause or an introductory or modifying phrase from an independent clause.

If you are a good cook, you may want to host a dinner party.

Parallelism

When you write a sentence that lists two or more words, phrases, or clauses, the elements must be in **parallel structure**, or have the same grammatical form.

~~Jim wants to eat less, exercise more, and be getting more sleep.~~

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If one phrase in a list begins with a preposition, the others should too.

~~Avoid exercising on busy streets, near traffic jams, and polluted areas.~~

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Apostrophes

Use an apostrophe to show possession by a noun or replace one or more letters in a contraction.

Possessive nouns: friend's car the dog's leash Chris's office

Plural possessive: workers' break room

Contractions: haven't don't they're there's it's

Do not use an apostrophe to show possession when dealing with pronouns.

Possessive pronouns: his hers theirs ours mine yours its

Pronouns

A **pronoun** is a word that replaces a noun. The **antecedent** is the word that is being replaced.

Steven lost his address book.

antecedent pronoun

The proper pronoun will match up with the antecedent in terms of person, type and number.

Steven lost his address book. It contained many important phone numbers.

antecedent pronoun

Pronouns

There are three types of pronouns:

Subject Pronoun: replaces subject	Object Pronoun: replaces object	Possessive Pronoun: shows ownership
I	me	my, mine
you	you	your, yours
he	him	his
she	her	her, hers
it	it	its
we	us	ours
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Subject-Verb Agreement

The **subject** and **verb** of a sentence must match up in person and number.

Subjects and verbs can use first, second or third person.

I am studying. You are studying. They are studying.

The subject and verb of a sentence must also match up in number. Subjects can be singular or plural and verbs must be adjusted to match.

She works really hard. They work really hard.

Subject-Verb Agreement

If a compound subject is joined by the word *and*, use a plural verb.

Tricia *and* her sister *are* caring for their mother.

If a compound subject is joined by *or*, *either . . . or*, or *neither . . . nor*, the verb should agree with the subject closest to it.

Either a health aide or *a nurse visits* each day.

Neither my sister nor *my brothers have* medical training.

Modifiers

Modifiers are words and phrases used to add descriptive details. A modifier may be an adjective, adverb or modifying phrase.

Adjectives modify nouns. **Adverbs** modify verbs, adjectives and other adverbs.

The blue car drove quickly down the road.

Modifiers describe the word or phrase closest to them. A **misplaced or dangling modifier** results when it is not clear what the word modifies or when it modifies the wrong word in the sentence.

~~*Parking in a tow zone, the police officer gave us a ticket.*~~

Because we parked in a tow zone, the police officer gave us a ticket.

Transitions

Transitions show how ideas are related. When editing a sentence that includes transitions, start by identifying the relationship between the two ideas.

Transitional Word or Phrase	Use it to . . .
for example, for instance	give an example
also, furthermore, in addition, in the same way, likewise, moreover, similarly	compare ideas or add to an idea
however, nevertheless, on the other hand, in contrast	contrast ideas
first, second, then, next, after that, later, at last, finally, in conclusion	show steps in a process or time order
because	show a cause
as a result, consequently	show a result
therefore, thus	draw a conclusion

Prepositions

A **preposition** is a word that connects a noun, a noun phrase, or a pronoun to another word (such as a verb, another noun, or an adjective).

*I am studying **with** my friends.*

*I am going **to** work.*

Using the incorrect preposition can alter the meaning of the sentence, or create an illogical thought.

*I will be competing **with** my roommate during the softball game.*

*I will be competing **against** my roommate during the softball game.*

Prepositions

Common prepositions include:

on

in

at

by

with

for

from

in addition to

of

against

to

over

between

outside

inside

after

upon

except

instead of

toward

through

since

near

off

Commonly Confused Words

Homonyms are words that sound alike but are spelled differently and have different meanings. Possessives, contractions and homonyms are the kinds of spelling items that appear on the GED Test.

accept/except

break/brake

led/lead

two/to/too

than/then

passed/past

are/our

there/their/they're

Wordiness

To avoid redundant writing, evaluate whether any part of the suggested revisions are repetitive and, therefore, unnecessary.

Repetitive: *In addition to also volunteering, Caleb is employed by the library where he gets paid.*

Concise: *In addition to volunteering, Caleb is employed by the library.*

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- B. For starters use cooking methods that require little or no oil or butter
- C. For starters use cooking methods that require little or no oil or butter,
- D. For starters use cooking methods that require little, or no oil or butter,

Answer Key

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18. ☒ A. dressing, and
B. dressing and,
C. dressing, or
D. dressing, for example

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- 19.
- A. low-fat version and though, not all of them may be pleasing
 - B. low-fat version, and though, not all of them may be pleasing,
 - C. low-fat version, and though, not all of them may be pleasing
 - D.

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20. A. he
 B. we
 C. one
 ☒ D. parents

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21. A. the child to play with them
B. them to play with them
☒ C. the child to play with the group
D. the child to plays with them