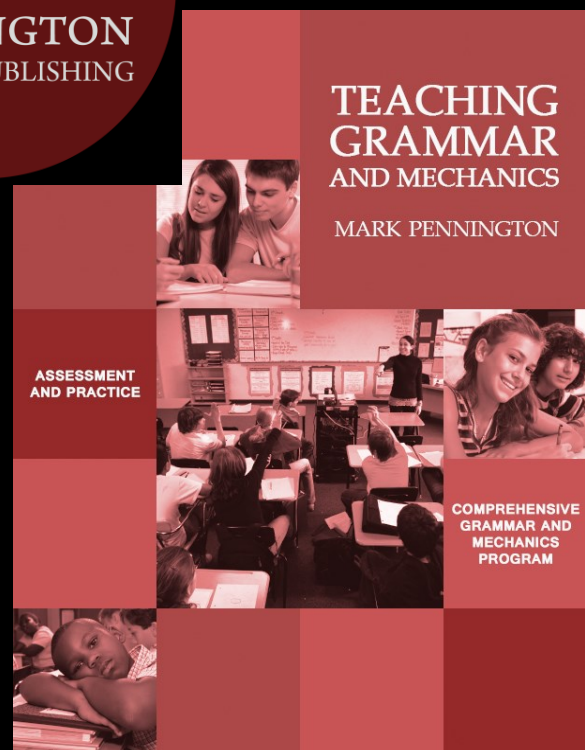
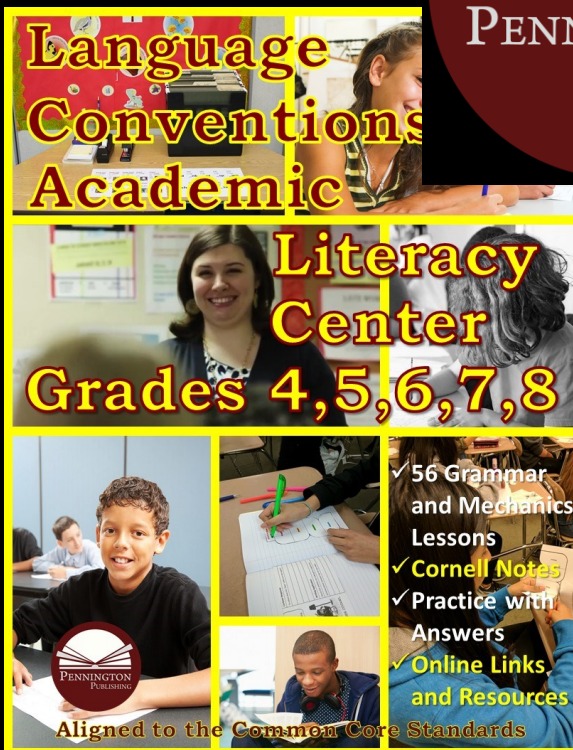
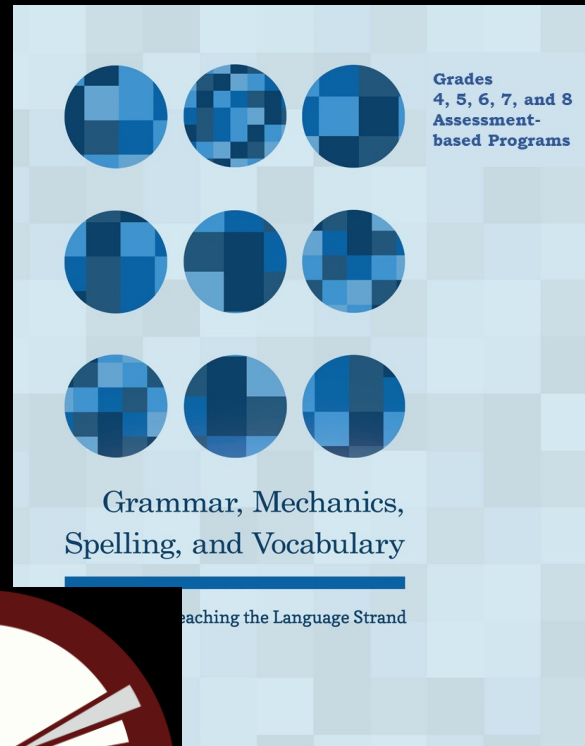


**Teaching Grammar and Mechanics Interactive Notebook**

**Grades 4-8**

**COMPOSITION BOOK**

**Aligned to the Common Core**



# **Diagnostic Grammar and Usage Assessment**

## **Directions for Preparation, Administration, Correction, and Recording the Data**

The purpose of this whole class assessment is to determine which of the previous grade-level Common Core grammar and usage Standards have and have not been mastered.

### **Preparation**

This four-page assessment should be copied back-to-back for each student. The test may be administered and corrected on Scantrons® or GradeCam.

### **Administration**

Inform students that this is a test on grammar and usage. Tell them to read each set of directions as they take the test. Read the first set of directions aloud to get them started. The assessment is given “whole class” and is un-timed. Most students finish in 20–25 minutes.

### **Correction**

Grade the assessment, marking errors.

### **Recording the Data**

Write the names of your students in alphabetical order on the recording matrix. Record the grammar and usage deficits for each student in numerical order on the Diagnostic Grammar and Usage Assessment Mastery Matrix. Mark a / for each error in the student’s row on the matrix and assign that Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet for remediation.

## Diagnostic Grammar and Usage Assessment

**Directions:** Place the letter in the space to the left of the number that identifies the parts of speech in the sentence below.

**Although they apologized, either Kim or Tom was always arriving late for their team practices and league games.**

- \_\_\_ 1. The proper nouns in the sentence are \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.  
A. practices, games                      B. always, late                      C. Kim, Tom  
D. they, their                              E. Tom, games
- \_\_\_ 2. The common nouns in the sentence are \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.  
A. team, practices                      B. practices, games                      C. Kim, Tom  
D. they, their                              E. Kim, games
- \_\_\_ 3. The pronouns in the sentence are \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.  
A. they, their                              B. Kim, Tom                              C. team, league  
D. apologized, arriving                      E. always, late
- \_\_\_ 4. The adjectives in the sentence are \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.  
A. apologized, arriving                      B. either, or                              C. practices, games  
D. always, late                              E. team, league
- \_\_\_ 5. The verbs in the sentence are \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.  
A. arriving, practices                      B. always, late                              C. apologized, was arriving  
D. practices, games                              E. apologized, practices
- \_\_\_ 6. The adverbs in the sentence are \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.  
A. Although, always                      B. always, late                              C. team, league  
D. arriving, practices                      E. either, late
- \_\_\_ 7. The preposition in the sentence is \_\_\_\_.  
A. for    B. and    C. or  
D. either    E. their
- \_\_\_ 8. The coordinating conjunction in the sentence is \_\_\_\_.  
A. late    B. or    C. either  
D. for    E. and
- \_\_\_ 9. The subordinating conjunction in the sentence is \_\_\_\_.  
A. either    B. for    C. Although  
D. or    E. and
- \_\_\_ 10. The correlative conjunctions in the sentence \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.  
A. Although, either                      B. either, for                              C. or, for  
D. either, or                              E. for, and

## Diagnostic Grammar and Usage Assessment

**Directions:** Place the letter in the space to the left of the number that best matches or completes each sentence.

- \_\_\_ 11. Identify the simple subject in this sentence: She watched the movie three times.  
A. She                                      B. watched                                      C. movie  
D. three                                      E. times
- \_\_\_ 12. Identify the compound subjects in this sentence: The train and ship arrived at noon.  
A. The train                                      B. ship                                      C. noon  
D. at noon                                      E. train and ship
- \_\_\_ 13. Identify the simple predicate in this sentence: The clown was smiling at the children.  
A. was                                      B. clown was                                      C. children  
D. smiling                                      E. was smiling
- \_\_\_ 14. Identify the compound predicates in this sentence: Mariel sat down and crossed her legs.  
A. sat down                                      B. crossed                                      C. sat, crossed  
D. sat, and                                      E. down and crossed
- \_\_\_ 15. Mr. Nelson looked at the photograph. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ sentence.  
A. simple declarative                                      B. compound interrogative                                      C. simple imperative  
D. complex imperative                                      E. compound-complex exclamatory
- \_\_\_ 16. She failed the test twice, but she passed it the third time. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ sentence.  
A. simple                                      B. complex                                      C. compound  
D. run-on                                      E. compound-complex
- \_\_\_ 17. Carla went to the store after she watched the television show. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ sentence.  
A. simple                                      B. complex                                      C. compound  
D. run-on                                      E. compound-complex
- \_\_\_ 18. Although it may be dated, *Tom Sawyer* is still an enjoyable book, and its humor stands the test of time. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ sentence.  
A. simple                                      B. compound                                      C. complex  
D. run-on                                      E. compound-complex
- \_\_\_ 19. Identify the best way to fix this sentence problem: While we waited in line for our lunch and the principal spoke to us.  
A. While we waited in line the principal spoke to us for our lunch.  
B. The principal speaking to us while we waited in line for our lunch.  
C. While the principal spoke to us and we waited in line for our lunch.  
D. The principal spoke to us while we waited in line for our lunch.  
E. While we waited for our lunch our principal spoke in line to us.
- \_\_\_ 20. Identify the best way to fix this sentence problem: That was a great movie, I really enjoyed the popcorn.  
A. That was a great movie I really enjoyed the popcorn.  
B. A great movie that was, I really enjoyed the popcorn.  
C. That was a great movie, and I really enjoyed the popcorn.  
D. That was a great movie, because I really enjoyed the popcorn.  
E. I really enjoyed the popcorn, that was a great movie.

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**Directions:** Place the letter in the space to the left of the number that best matches or completes each sentence.

21. The students who got into trouble are \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. them B. those C. I and he  
D. they E. me and she
22. The teacher yelled at two students, Rachel and \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. I B. me C. it  
D. he E. us
23. They \_\_\_\_\_ had never sailed a boat by \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. themself; them B. themselves; themselves C. theirselves; theirself  
D. them; theirself E. theirselves; theirselves
24. He stirred the sauce, and then let John taste \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. them B. this C. it  
D. these E. that
25. That movie \_\_\_\_\_ we watched was entertaining.  
A. who B. whose C. it  
D. which E. that
26. \_\_\_\_\_ who wants to try out for the team can do so, but not \_\_\_\_\_ is chosen.  
A. Anyone; everybody B. Everyone; both C. Someone; one  
D. Everyone; others E. Others; neither
27. \_\_\_\_\_ of the candy is on the counter, though \_\_\_\_\_ is free.  
A. Some; fewer B. Plenty; little C. Many; nothing  
D. All; none E. A large amount; few
28. She should \_\_\_\_\_ for her school pictures.  
A. have smiled B. is smiling C. had smiled  
D. smiled E. has smiled
29. Jamie \_\_\_\_\_ three miles around the track for the fundraiser.  
A. walk B. has walk C. is walking  
D. walking E. had walking
30. The cat played with its stuffed mouse, and \_\_\_\_\_ went outside to chase birds.  
A. it B. then it C. then they  
D. it then E. then the cat
31. Compared to her happy sister, she is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. happier B. most happy C. happiest  
D. more happier E. most happiest
32. Of all the happy people, he was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. happier B. most happy C. happiest  
D. more happier E. most happiest
33. Compared to last time, this work is definitely \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. most difficult B. more difficulter C. difficultest  
D. more difficult E. difficulter

## Diagnostic Grammar and Usage Assessment

**Directions:** Place the letter in the space to the left of the number that best matches or completes each sentence.

- \_\_\_ 34. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ student in his class.  
A. most intelligent      B. more intelligent      C. intelligentest  
D. more intelligent      E. intelligenter
- \_\_\_ 35. Dennis \_\_\_\_\_ ready and he \_\_\_\_\_ prepared well.  
A. seem; has      B. seems; have      C. seems; has  
D. seems; was      E. seem; is
- \_\_\_ 36. She \_\_\_\_\_ passed the test, but she didn't study.  
A. did have      B. could have      C. should of  
D. did might      E. would of
- \_\_\_ 37. She \_\_\_\_\_ hard for the test last night.  
A. studied      B. did studied      C. study  
D. had studying      E. have studied
- \_\_\_ 38. She \_\_\_\_\_ hard for the test last night when she fell asleep.  
A. studied      B. was studied      C. was studying  
D. studying      E. have studied
- \_\_\_ 39. She \_\_\_\_\_ for two hours when I called.  
A. will have been studying      B. will study      C. study  
D. had studied      E. studied
- \_\_\_ 40. She always \_\_\_\_\_ hard for tests.  
A. study      B. will studied      C. studies  
D. are studied      E. will be studied
- \_\_\_ 41. Today she \_\_\_\_\_ hard for the test  
A. will have been studying      B. had studied      C. study  
D. is studied      E. is studying
- \_\_\_ 42. This whole morning she \_\_\_\_\_ hard for the test  
A. will have studied      B. has studied      C. had studied  
D. is studied      E. have studying
- \_\_\_ 43. We \_\_\_\_\_ more later this afternoon.  
A. will have been studying      B. will study      C. study  
D. are studied      E. have studied
- \_\_\_ 44. She \_\_\_\_\_ for the test the whole night.  
A. will have studying      B. will be studying      C. have studied  
D. are studied      E. have studying
- \_\_\_ 45. By the time the clock strikes three, we \_\_\_\_\_ for four long hours.  
A. have studied      B. will study      C. study  
D. are studied      E. will have studied



## Diagnostic Grammar and Usage Assessment Answers

**Directions:** If the student misses an item, mark a / in the same number column on the Diagnostic Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Assessment Mastery Matrix.

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| 5. C  | 20. C | 35. C |
| 6. B  | 21. D | 36. B |
| 7. A  | 22. B | 37. A |
| 8. E  | 23. B | 38. C |
| 9. C  | 24. C | 39. D |
| 10. D | 25. D | 40. C |
| 11. A | 26. A | 41. E |
| 12. E | 27. D | 42. B |
| 13. E | 28. A | 43. B |
| 14. C | 29. C | 44. B |
| 15. A | 30. E | 45. E |

# Diagnostic Grammar and Usage Assessment Mastery Matrix

| Categories:   |              | Parts of Speech |          |            |       |         |                       |                           |                            |                          |                              | Sentence Structure |                                |                     |                                       |                    |                   |                            |                  | Pronouns       |                       |                      |                                  |
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| Teacher       | Proper Nouns | Common Nouns    | Pronouns | Adjectives | Verbs | Adverbs | Prepositional Phrases | Coordinating Conjunctions | Subordinating Conjunctions | Correlative Conjunctions | Simple and Complete Subjects | Compound Subjects  | Simple and Complete Predicates | Compound Predicates | Simple Sentences / Types of Sentences | Compound Sentences | Complex Sentences | Compound-Complex Sentences | Fixing Fragments | Fixing Run-Ons | Subject Case Pronouns | Object Case Pronouns | Intensive and Reflexive Pronouns |
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## Diagnostic Grammar and Usage Assessment Mastery Matrix

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