English Language & Grammar



The Hilltop **ANSWERS**

I. RECOGNIZING SENTENCE PARTS

Please find the simple subject and underline it once; underline only the significant subject word or words. Also, find the simple verb and underline it twice; underline only the main verb and its helping verbs.

1) The young couple teetered on a spongy tuft of ground encircling an old hoary cedar.

2) The man and woman, friends for quite a long time, contemplated their next steps.

Below find the complete subject and underline it once; underline the subject plus any modifiers. Find the complete predicate and underline it twice; underline the main verb plus helpers plus objects or complements plus any associated modifiers. Every part of the sentence should be underlined one way or another (unless there is an interjection). If a word or phrase washes adverbially across the entire sentence, underline that phrase twice.

3) The two had been hiking in the area since the time of the last derecho.

4) The big, dank, humid, cedar bog, vaguely oppressive in nature, had always blocked

their path in one direction.

5) Today, they were making the effort to cross to the other side.



II. FOCUSING ON VERBS

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Tell whether the verbs in the following sentences are <u>transitive</u> or <u>intransitive</u>. If a <i>sentence has a dependent clause (marked in square brackets) tell whether the verb of that clause is transitive or intransitive.

6) This particular spot was tricky.
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7) Jerry held Addison's hand and, together, they jumped toward the next fairly solid ground.

8) The murky, reddish channel at their feet had been carved into a sinuous Pine Barrens creek bed of indeterminate depth. Tricky $f_{\alpha} = f_{\alpha} = f_{\alpha} = f_{\alpha} = f_{\alpha}$

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Identify whether the main verb in the following sentences is in the active or passive voice. Rewrite the sentence using the opposite voice. You do not have to use all of the words in the original sentence, but the meaning must remain substantially unchanged.

9) At one point, the two chose differing paths across the swampy bog. Voice: Active English Language & Grammar



Differing paths across the swampy bog were chosen by the two.

10) Jerry held slender cedar saplings along the way; Addison's path was more free style.

Voice of first clause: Active Voice of second clause: LV, no voice

Slender cedar saplings were held by Jerry along the way.

III. PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

Place parentheses around the prepositional phrases in the following sentences.

11) A slight stirring in the tree tops was caused by a breeze from the opposite side of the bog.

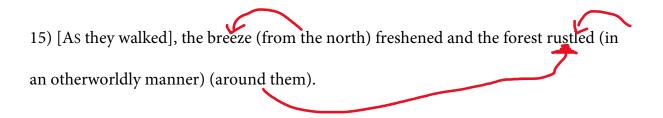
12) Nearly at the far side, the two simultaneously slipped and sank to the knees in the warm, slick water.

Please draw arrows that show what other word(s) in each sentence are modified by the identified prepositional phrases.

13) Clambering (onto the shore), they laughed (at their predicament) and began to walk soggily (into an unfamiliar forest).

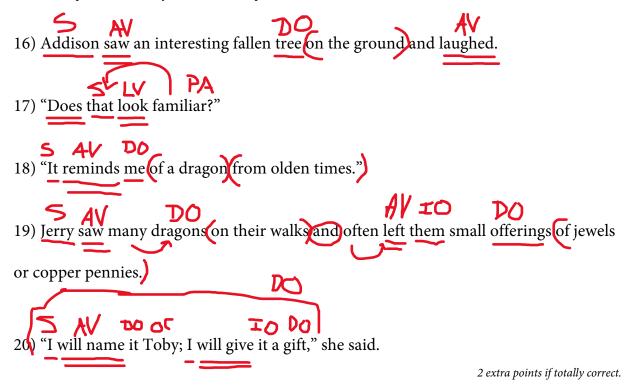


14) An old sugar sand road led (from the bog's edge) (up a gentle slope) (toward the crest) (of a hill).



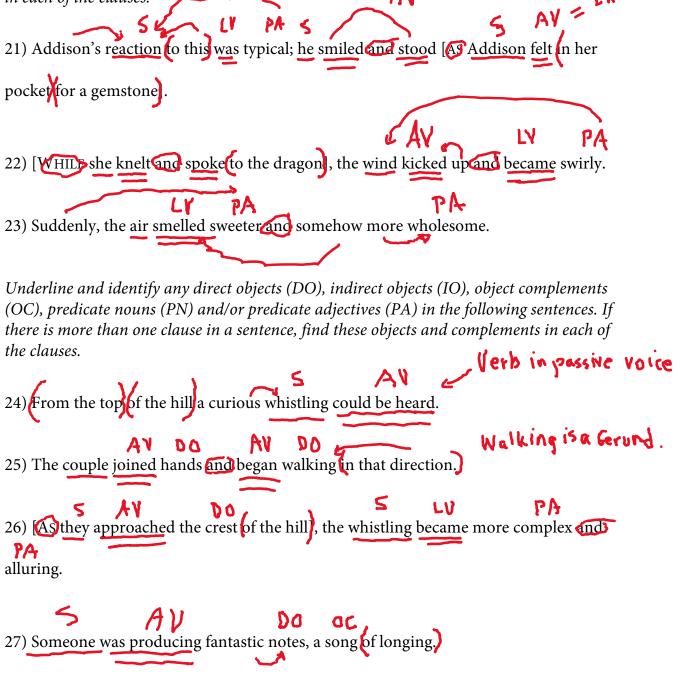
IV. VERB OBJECTS AND COMPLEMENTS

Underline and identify any direct objects (DO), indirect objects (IO) or object complements (OC) in the following sentences. If there is more than one clause in a sentence, find these objects in each of the clauses.





Underline and identify any predicate nouns (PN) and/or predicate adjectives (PA) in the following sentences. If there is more than one clause in a sentence, find these complements in each of the clauses. Av



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