

Excelsior Online
Grammar and Vocabulary Exercise 1
Grades 7-8

Grammar Concepts: Direct Objects, Indirect Objects, Prepositional Phrases
Sentence Constructions: Simple, Compound, Complex, and Compound-Complex
Prerequisite: Knowledge of sentence types, prepositional phrases, direct and indirect objects, clauses, subordinating conjunctions

What you need: A set of 10 vocabulary words. Preferred but not required: Simple exercises already completed on sentence constructions and grammar concepts.

Exercise: Each sentence should use a vocabulary word; each vocabulary word must be used at least once. After constructing your sentence, identify its parts below it. Watch capitalization, spelling, and punctuation.

- **Example:** *Write a complex sentence using 2 vocabulary words and 2 direct objects, 1 prepositional phrase, 1 indirect object, and subordinating conjunction “since”.*
 - **Answer:** *Since John gave his tedious homework to his brother, John finished his laborious chores in one day.*
 - Vocabulary Words: tedious, laborious
 - Direct Objects = homework, chores
 - Prepositional phrase(s) = in one day
 - Indirect Object = brother
 - Subordinating conjunction = Since
1. Write a simple sentence with 1 vocabulary word, 1 direct object, 1 indirect object, 1 prepositional phrase.
 2. Write a compound sentence with 1 vocabulary word, 2 direct objects, 1 indirect object, and 1 prepositional phrase. Use the coordinating conjunction “for”
 3. Write a compound sentence with 2 vocabulary words, 1 direct object, 1 indirect object, and 2 prepositional phrases. Use the coordinating conjunction “and”
 4. Write a complex sentence with 2 vocabulary words, 1 direct object, 1 indirect object, and 2 prepositional phrases. Use the subordinating conjunction “until”
 5. Write a complex sentence with 1 vocabulary word, 2 direct objects, 1 indirect object and 3 prepositional phrases. Use the subordinating conjunction “wherever”.
 6. Write a compound-complex sentence with 2 vocabulary words, 2 direct objects, 1 indirect object, and 4 prepositional phrases. Use the subordinating conjunction “because”.
 7. Write a compound-complex sentence with 2 vocabulary words, 2 direct objects, 1 indirect object, and 4 prepositional phrases. Use the subordinating conjunction “although”.

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