



Basic English

Practice Pack

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PRACTICE 1**Common Nouns and Proper Nouns**

In the sentences below, underline the common nouns once. Underline the proper nouns twice.

1. Mr. Juarez offered to drive his daughter Eva to school.
2. Before they left the house, Eva packed her lunch.
3. On the way, they stopped to buy gas for the car.
4. At the gas station, Eva also bought some chips.
5. Once at school, Eva put her books and lunch in her locker.
6. She stopped and talked with her friend Cindy before class.
7. Cindy reminded Eva that she needed her cleats for the soccer game.
8. Eva called her mother, but Mrs. Juarez had already left for work.
9. Eva's friend Jennifer offered Eva her extra pair of cleats.
10. Eva tried on Jennifer's cleats to make sure they fit.
11. Jennifer smiled when she saw that her cleats fit Eva perfectly.
12. Eva was relieved that she wouldn't have to miss the game against their archrival, Washington High School.



PRACTICE 2**Possessive Nouns**

Underline the possessive noun in each sentence below.

1. John and Kevin were planning to attend the girls' lacrosse game in the next town.
2. But John's truck wouldn't start.
3. He asked if he could ride in Kevin's car.
4. But the car's tire was flat so they couldn't leave.
5. The boys called the town's repair shop.
6. Mr. Paseo's shop was open for business.
7. The boys had the car towed to the shop's lot.
8. At the shop, the tire's rim was removed.
9. Then the tire's hole was patched.
10. The boys' plans would not be spoiled.
11. They paid the mechanic's bill.
12. The day's plans could now continue.



PRACTICE 34**Using the Perfect Tenses**

Read each sentence below. On the line, write the correct form of *to have* to form the verb tense in parentheses.

1. After Lydia _____ studied for weeks, she took the bar exam. (past perfect)
2. Mrs. Worthington _____ visited us many times. (present perfect)
3. By the time the baby is born, I will _____ knitted three blankets. (future perfect)
4. The dog _____ slept in that corner since we got her. (present perfect)
5. The boys _____ finished the ball game before dinner. (past perfect)
6. Zack will _____ completed the gardening by the end of the week.
(future perfect)
7. We _____ prepared the dinner before the guests arrived. (past perfect)
8. Matt _____ made fajitas. (present perfect)
9. By the time Pedro called, I _____ cooked the turkey. (past perfect)
10. By June, I will _____ completed my degree. (future perfect)
11. She _____ been my best friend for years. (present perfect)
12. We called you as soon as we _____ returned from the cottage. (past perfect)



PRACTICE 35**Past Participles of Irregular Vowel-Changing Verbs**

Circle the correct form of the verb in parentheses in the sentences below.

1. Lola's new sweater has (shrink, shrunk) because she washed it in hot water.
2. The bell had just (rang, rung), and students were already pouring out of class.
3. The patient hasn't (drank, drunk) all the cough medicine.
4. The firefighters had just (began, begun) to fight the fire in the old building.
5. I had (came, come) to this school because I knew several teachers.
6. Alycia has (sang, sung) the national anthem at every game this year.
7. I met a man who has (swam, swum) the English Channel twice.
8. Max had (ran, run) the race last year.
9. You haven't (drank, drunk) the water, have you?
10. I had just (began, begun) the video when I remembered I had seen the movie.
11. As a surprise, they had (sang, sung) a song in the talent show.
12. Honey, who has (shrank, shrunk) the kids?



PRACTICE 59**Finding the Simple Subject of Sentences Beginning with *Here* or *There***

Underline the simple subject in each sentence below. You may use the line to rewrite the sentence with *here* or *there* at the end.

1. Here is the latest fashion from Calvin Klein.

2. There goes the best surfer.

3. Here are the white sneakers that you lost.

4. There were two famous actors at the studio.

5. Here is your signed contract.

6. Here are the turkey sandwiches that you requested.

7. There is the best seat in the house.

8. There is the stain on my jacket.



PRACTICE 60**Compound Subjects**

Underline the compound subject in each sentence below. Circle the conjunction that joins the nouns or pronouns of the compound subject.

1. Alandra and Suhas are the best students.
2. Chicken or fish was served at the wedding.
3. There are heroes or heroines in all stories.
4. Will Blair and Frank be at work?
5. Jay or Rich told Mr. Kenyon about the plan.
6. Lasagna and pizza are my favorite foods.
7. Eagles and hawks both nest in this area.
8. Owen, Devon, and Pat all traveled together.
9. Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson are my heroes.
10. Here are Dave and Jeff now.
11. Emily or Cameron won the marathon.
12. Ken and Barbie were the best-selling dolls.

