

Grammar and Usage Subtest

This Subtest has the type of grammar and usage items found on the ACT. If you don't know an answer, eliminate the choices you know are incorrect, then guess. Circle the number of any guessed answer. Check page 102 for answers and explanations.

INSTRUCTIONS: Each sentence is numbered in the passage that follows. There is a corresponding item for each numbered sentence. Each item offers three suggestions for changing the sentence to conform to standard written English or to make it understandable or consistent with the rest of the passage. If the numbered sentence is not improved by one of the three suggested changes, mark NO CHANGE.

Choose the best answer for each question based on the passage. Then fill in the appropriate circle on the answer grid.

1 A B C D	5 A B C D	9 A B C D
2 F G H J	6 F G H J	10 F G H J
3 A B C D	7 A B C D	11 A B C D
4 F G H J	8 F G H J	12 F G H J

1 All of the computer in the lab are being used today.

2 Teachers are using some, groups of students are using others, and a handful are being repaired by the lab technician.

3 Eric and Chelsea like to go there during lunch when he can.

1. A. NO CHANGE

B. All of the computers in the lab are being used today.

C. All of the computers in the lab were being used today.

D. All of the computer in the lab were being used today.

2. F. NO CHANGE

G. Teachers are using some, groups of students use others, and the lab technician repairs a handful.

H. Teachers are using some, groups of students are using others, and the lab technician is repairing a handful.

J. Teachers use some, groups of students are using others, and the lab technician is repairing a handful.

3. A. NO CHANGE

B. Eric and Chelsea like to go there during lunch when she can.

C. Eric and Chelsea like to go there during lunch when they can.

D. Eric and Chelsea like to go there during lunch when we can.

4. Chelsea likes them best to go outside.
5. Eric has the most homework, though, so he tries to finish some of it during lunch.
6. He especially likes the colorfully scanner in the corner.
7. He uses it to quick copy pictures for AP art class.
8. Each picture is used as part of his collage project.
9. Right now, it seems Eric and Chelsea are waiting on a free computer.
10. The students should be finished soon, and then they were going out to lunch.
4. F. NO CHANGE
G. Chelsea likes him most to go outside.
H. Chelsea likes to go outside more good.
J. Chelsea likes to go outside better.
5. A. NO CHANGE
B. Eric has most homework, though, so he tries to finish some of it during lunch.
C. Eric has the more homework, though, so he tries to finish some of it during lunch.
D. Eric has more homework, though, so he tries to finish some of it during lunch.
6. F. NO CHANGE
G. He especially likes the color scanner in the corner.
H. He especially like the colorful scanner in the corner.
J. He especially like the colorfully scanner in the corner.
7. A. NO CHANGE
B. He use it to quick copy pictures for AP art class.
C. He use it to quickly copy pictures for AP art class.
D. He uses it to quickly copy pictures for AP art class.
8. F. NO CHANGE
G. Each picture was used as part of his collage project.
H. Each of the pictures are used as part of his collage project.
J. Each picture is using as part of his collage project.
9. A. NO CHANGE
B. Right now, it seems Eric and Chelsea is waiting for a free computer.
C. Right now, it seems Eric and Chelsea was waiting on a free computer.
D. Right now, it seems Eric and Chelsea are waiting for a free computer.
10. F. NO CHANGE
G. The students should be finished soon, and then he was going out for lunch.
H. The students should be finished soon, and then they was going out for lunch.
J. The students should be finished soon, and then they will be going out for lunch.

11 After Eric gets on a computer, Chelsea will wait for another one to use.

12 When Chelsea gets a computer, they will just check her e-mail and play games.

11. A. NO CHANGE

B. After Eric gets on a computer, Chelsea waits for another one to use.

C. After getting on a computer, Chelsea will wait for another one to use.

D. After Eric get on a computer, Chelsea will wait for another one to use.

12. F. NO CHANGE

G. When Chelsea gets a computer, she will just check her e-mail and play games.

H. When Chelsea gets a computer, he will just check her e-mail and play games.

J. When Chelsea gets a computer, she will just check their e-mail and play games.

(Answers on page 102)

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1. B

Computers should be plural, and the verb should be present tense, as in sentence 2.

2. H

The list should contain parallel forms of the clauses.

3. C

The pronoun must be plural, third-person to match the subject, *Eric and Chelsea*.

4. J

Chelsea is comparing two items, going to the computer lab and going outside, so the comparative, not the superlative, should be used.

5. D

The comparative should be used since Eric's homework is compared to Chelsea's homework.

6. G

The word *color* should be used since it describes the type of scanner Eric uses.

7. D

The singular verb *uses* is correct, and the adverb *quickly* should modify the verb *copy*.

8. F

No change.

9. D

The present-tense, plural verb should be used, and the correct idiom is *waiting for*.

10. J

The future tense should be used because the students will go to lunch only after they finish. A plural pronoun should be used for the plural subject.

11. A

No change.

12. G

Singular, feminine pronouns and a singular verb should be used to match the noun *Chelsea*.