

PSAT Writing and Language Practice Test 4: Parts of Speech

1. Which of the following nouns can be made plural by simply adding -s?

- A. Fox
- B. Frog
- C. Cherry
- D. Potato

2. How many nouns in the following sentence have incorrect capitalization?

The Patel Family moved to the United States, and now they live in the Boston Area.

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3

3. Select the correct nouns for the blanks in the following sentence.

We can use these _____ to cut these fillets of _____.

- A. knives, salmon
- B. knifes, salmon
- C. knifes, salmons
- D. knives, salmons

4. Which word in the following sentence is a pronoun?



The driver checked her side mirror.

- A. The
- B. her
- C. side
- D. driver

5. Select the pronoun that could be used in the following sentence.

Mrs. Sato, ____ lives down the street, is 99 years old.

- A. she
- B. who
- C. which
- D. whom

6. How many pronouns are in the following sentence?

Suri and Marc asked about you.

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3

7. Which word in the following sentence is an adjective?

After they signed the mortgage on their first house, they went out to celebrate.

- A. they
- B. signed
- C. mortgage
- D. first

8. How many adjectives are in the following sentence?

The new building is tall and modern.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

9. Select the correct word to complete the following sentence.

I don't think I did very ____ at the tryouts.

- A. best
- B. well
- C. good
- D. better

10. Which word in the following sentence is a conjunction?

Margot can speak English, Russian, and Polish fluently.

- A. can
- B. speak
- C. and
- D. fluently

11. Identify the preposition in the following sentence.

It's really hot in that room.

- A. It
- B. hot
- C. in
- D. that

12. Which word in the following sentence is a preposition?

Our flight will leave at 10:20 a.m.

- A. Our
- B. will
- C. at
- D. a.m.

13. Which word cannot be used to complete the following sentence?

___ Stephanie and her brother take classes at the university?

- A. Do
- B. Will
- C. Can
- D. Are

14. What is the main verb in the following sentence?

Can I ask you another question?

- A. Can
- B. ask
- C. another
- D. question

15. How many verbs are in the following sentence?

Emile and Olga traveled up the coast from San Diego to San Francisco.

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2

ANSWER KEY

1. **B.** To make the word *frog* plural, simply add *-s*. **See Lesson: Nouns.**
2. **C.** *Family* and *area* are common nouns and should not be capitalized. **See Lesson: Nouns.**
3. **A.** *Knives* is the plural form of knife. *Salmon* is a non-count noun, so it does not have a plural form. **See Lesson: Nouns.**
4. **B.** *Her* is a possessive pronoun. **See Lesson: Pronouns.**
5. **B.** The relative pronoun *who* introduces a clause that gives more information about the noun *Mrs. Sato*. **See Lesson: Pronouns.**
6. **B.** *You* is the only pronoun listed. **See Lesson: Pronouns.**
7. **D.** *First* is an adjective that describes the noun *house*. **See Lesson: Adjectives and Adverbs.**
8. **C.** The adjectives *new*, *tall*, and *modern* describe the noun *building*. **See Lesson: Adjectives and Adverbs.**
9. **B.** The adverb *well* describes the verb *did*. **See Lesson: Adjectives and Adverbs.**
10. **C.** *And* is a conjunction. **See Lesson: Conjunctions and Prepositions.**
11. **C.** *In* is a preposition. **See Lesson: Conjunctions and Prepositions.**
12. **C.** *At* is a preposition. **See Lesson: Conjunctions and Prepositions.**

13. D. *Are* is not the correct helping verb to form a question with *take*. *Do* is the correct helping verb, and *will* and *can* can also be used because they are modals. **See Lesson: Verbs and Verb Tenses.**

14. B. *Ask* is the main verb. **See Lesson: Verbs and Verb Tenses.**

15. B. *Traveled* is the only verb in the sentence. **See Lesson: Verbs and Verb Tenses.**

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