

Writing Clearly: Grammar for Editing, 3E

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Answer Key

SECTION 1

Unit 6

Pre-tests A, B, C, D: What Do You Already Know?

See pages 351–352 of *Writing Clearly, Third Edition* for answers to the Pre-test.

Practice What You Have Learned (pages 145–152)

Part A

Exercise 1 (page 145)

1. Mark thanked the tutor who (OR that) had worked with him for the whole semester.
2. Dr. Ruiz is the professor whose economics course I am planning to take next semester.
3. The person with whom I share a locker is over there.
4. The backpack that (OR which) is on the chair is mine.
5. New York is a city whose residents tend to be always in a rush.

Exercise 2 (page 146)

1. Phonetics is a branch of linguistics that (OR which) focuses on the sounds of languages.
2. Mark knows the artist whose painting received first prize in the art show.
3. The people whom we were waiting for (OR that we were waiting for; OR for whom we were waiting) were late.
4. She borrowed a bicycle whose tires were slightly flat. (OR She borrowed a bicycle the tires of which were slightly flat.)
5. Today, Michael plans to do the recording that (OR which) he was unable to do last week.
6. The student who (OR that) was asked to give a speech at the graduation ceremony got the highest grades in the class. (OR The student who /OR that got the highest grades in the class was asked to give a speech at the graduation ceremony.
7. Some bike riders who (OR that) do not stop at stop signs may be given either a warning or a ticket.

Exercise 3 (page 147)

- I*
1. The person with whom I went to the movies fell asleep during the film.
 2. A student who plagiarizes on a paper will get an F on the paper and possibly the

whole course for which he wrote the paper (OR which (that) he wrote the paper for).

C 3. *Correct*

I 4. I wrote a thank-you note to the people whose home I visited over the holidays.

I 5. The instructor who (OR that) teaches that course is very well organized.

Part B

Exercise 4 (page 147)

1. The day when / after I received my first midterm back in math, I decided that I had to improve my study habits so that I would not fail the class.
2. One of the reasons I feel I did poorly, even though / although I had studied, was that my roommates had a big, noisy party the night before the exam when / while I was in my room trying to prepare for it.
3. Unfortunately, I joined them. However, after / as soon as (OR when) the party was over, I tried to study but I really needed more time than I had.
4. The serious students did very well, whereas / although my friends and I, who had partied too much, placed way below the average on the exam.
5. Because / Whereas the final exam counts for 50 percent of the grade and I have only a C average so far, I think I will have to move into the library so that I can stay away from parties.

Exercise 5 (page 148)

1. When my parents buy me a car, I will not have to ask for rides from my friends.
2. Beverly did not ask her tutor for help, although she needed it.
3. Even though I like to watch television, ~~but~~ I only watch the news and my favorite game show during the week. (OR: I like to watch television, but I only watch the news and my favorite game show during the week.)
4. She cannot get good grades because / if / as long as she does not study (OR unless she studies).
5. Ever since / Since I have been attending college, I have become more independent.
6. My car often breaks down when I really need it.
7. After Roger has cleaned his apartment, he will go play tennis.

Part C

Exercise 6 (page 148)

Answers will vary. Possible answers follow.

1. The doctor suggested that the tired student take a vacation.
2. The instructor observed that many students were falling asleep.
3. I did not understand what the assignment was.
4. Peter's teacher recommended that he keep studying French.
5. It is obvious to everyone that the building needs handicapped access.
6. (The fact) that some students cannot afford to buy their textbooks bothers me.
7. The department requires that all students take a writing course.
8. The committee does not know whether it will vote on the issue tomorrow or not.

9. The researcher explained that the test had been properly carried out.
10. The news reporter stated that there was severe weather in several Midwestern states.

Exercise 7 (page 149)

- I 1. We were disappointed that the potluck dinner was already over. (OR The fact that the potluck dinner was already over disappointed us.)
- I 2. The school requires that every student take 15 credits each semester.
- C 3. *Correct*
- I 4. What you are doing is not my business.
- I 5. The fact that (OR That) the magicians did so many tricks amazed the audience. (OR The audience was amazed that the magicians did so many tricks.)
- I 6. Mr. Smith's manager knows he is one of the best workers. (OR Mr. Smith's manager knows him as one of the best workers.)
- I 7. The young mother worries that her child may / will get lost.
- C 8. *Correct*
- I 9. The students had no idea what the answer was (OR whether the answer was correct or not).
- I 10. The study group could not determine what the answer was.

Part D

Exercise 8 (page 150)

1. Some couples who / that are childless have made a decision not to have children.
2. However, I personally have a hard time understanding people who / that choose to live without children.
3. Other couples think they do not have enough time and money to raise children.
4. Because I have always wanted children, it would be hard for me to view a career as being more important than having a family.
5. Although I do not want many children, I certainly hope to have one or two of my own. (OR: I do not want many children, but I certainly hope to have one or two of my own.)
6. I recommend that everyone who wants to have (OR should have) children.

Exercise 9 (page 151)

Answers will vary. Possible answers follow.

1. Mark is currently taking chemistry, even though it is not a requirement for his major.
2. Because her grandfather is in a nursing care facility and often gets lonely, she tries to visit him at least once a week.
3. Her skis, which she just bought this season, are bright yellow with a purple design.
4. When he gets very stressed out at work, Jackson sometimes asks for a day off to calm down.
5. London is a very old city, and this fact attracts many visitors. (OR The fact that London is a very old city attracts many visitors.)

Post-Test: What Do You Know Now? (page 152-155)

A (page 152)

1. On our campus, the student recreation center is the place where students like to go to work out.
2. The reason that (OR why) I was late to class was that I missed the bus.
3. The group whom (OR that) I worked with on our project met for six hours straight.
4. The student whom (OR that) I borrowed the practice test from got an A on the midterm, and I only got a B.
5. The author whose novel we chose to read in our book club will be visiting our town next month.
6. Former President Bill Clinton, who served for two terms, became active in humanitarian issues.
7. There are certain majors that (OR which) are more popular than others.
8. The professor has set new office hours for the times when (OR at which) we can go to get help with assignments.

B (page 153)

1. When more Americans can speak Chinese, we will be more international.
2. Many high school students are studying foreign languages because they can see the benefit of doing so. (Note: no comma preceding *because*)
3. Although many immigrants would like to learn English, ~~but~~ it is difficult for them to do so if they are working seven days a week.
4. When we ~~will~~ have more adult classes, more parents will start learning English.
5. Because it is hard for older adults to learn a new language, they often prefer to speak their first language.
6. Because ~~of~~ he wants to get a better job, my neighbor, Mr. Chan, is going to adult school to learn English.

C (page 153)

1. I wonder what the instructor will cover in the next lecture.
2. The store manager said that she would give me a refund for my defective ink cartridge.
3. The pharmacist advises that Steven take the medicine with a glass of water.
4. The teacher could not find what he was looking for.
5. We cannot forget about the fact that we have to attend Sheila's going-away party.
OR: We cannot forget that we have to attend Sheila's going-away party.

D (page 154)

1. When my roommate called, my mother could not understand what she was saying because she talked so fast.
2. Where he lives in the mountains is a very beautiful, quiet place.
3. It is common knowledge that good students like to get good grades.

4. Even though he did so poorly on his presentation, the student did want to know what he could do to improve.
5. Carl never thinks about how (OR when) he will pay his bills.
6. Some teachers are convinced that students never study.
7. His roommate is uncertain about whether to go home or stay in town over the holidays.
8. It is necessary that we decide very soon when to work on our team project.
9. That Einstein was considered a genius has never been questioned.
10. My mechanic recommends that I change the oil in my car more often.

E (page 154)

1. that
2. What
3. For example
4. before
5. that / which
6. as
7. Because
8. when
9. even though
10. that
11. which