

Diction Exercise 2

Following the examples from the EN102 diction list, make up original sentences for diction items 11-20. Write in your neatest penmanship, and make sure each sentence is written in Standard English.

11. ALREADY, ALL READY

The words *all ready* indicate that a group of persons is prepared for whatever event follows.

Correct: _____

The word *already* refers to time and indicates that an action was completed previously.

Correct: _____

12. ALRIGHT, ALL RIGHT

In formal writing, use the two words *all right* rather than the less accepted *alright*.

Correct: _____

13. AM, PM

When using time abbreviations, remember that you do not need to use AM or PM if you have already indicated somewhere in the sentence the hour of the day.

Correct: _____

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14. AMOUNT, NUMBER

Use the word *number* to indicate an amount that can be counted individually and *amount* to refer to an innumerable mass.

Correct: _____

Correct: _____

15. AMOUNTS UP TO

Do not use the incorrect, redundant phrase *amounts up to* in place of *amounts to*.

Correct: _____

Only use the phrase *amounts up to* to indicate a number of items up to but not including a given amount.

Correct: _____

16. ANXIOUS, EAGER

Do not use the word *anxious* for *eager*. To be *anxious* is to be uneasy or fearful; to be *eager* is to have an enthusiastic desire.

Example: _____

17. ANYONE, ANY ONE

The correct use of this set of words is based on how you form them. By forming *anyone* as one word, you indicate its usage as a pronoun. By separating the word into *any* and *one*, the set becomes a pronoun with a modifier.

Correct: _____

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18. ANYWHERE, NOWHERE, SOMEWHERE, EVERYWHERE, ANYWAYS

It is not necessary to add and -s to the words *anywhere*, *nowhere*, *somewhere*, *everywhere*, and *anyway*

Correct: _____

19. ARE, OUR, HOUR

These words are similar in sound but completely different in usage. The word *are* is a verb, *our* is an adjective, and *hour* is a noun and relates to time.

Example: _____

20. AREN'T I

Aren't is a contraction of *are* and *not*. You wouldn't say "I are not," so do not use *aren't I* for *am I not*.

Correct: _____