

Diction Exercise 3

Following the examples from the EN102 diction list, make up original sentences for diction items 21-30. Write in your neatest penmanship, and make sure each sentence is written in Standard English.

21. BEING AS, BEING THAT

Do not use *being as* and *begin that* in formal writing or in place of *because* or *since*.

Correct: _____

22. BETWEEN YOU AND I, FOR YOU AND I

The subjective case pronoun *I* is used incorrectly within the prepositional phrases *between you and I* and *for you and I*. The pronoun *I* should be changed to the objective case *me*.

Correct: _____

23. BRING, TAKE

Bring implies movement towards.

Correct: _____

Take implies movement away from.

Correct: _____

24. BORROW, LEND

Borrow means to **receive** something with the intention of returning it.

Correct: _____

Lend means to **give** something with the intention of it being returned.

Correct: _____

25. CAN, MAY

Can indicates *capability*.

Correct: _____

May indicates *consent*.

Correct: _____

26. CAN'T HARDLY, CAN HARDLY

Can't hardly isn't Standard English.

Correct: _____

27. CHOOSE, CHOSE

Choose is a verb which means to pick or decide.

Correct: _____

Chose is the past tense of the verb *choose*.

Correct: _____

28. COUNSEL, COUNCIL

Counsel refers to *advice*.

Correct: _____

Council refers to a *committee*.

Correct: _____

29. DONE

Avoid using *done* in place of the helping verb *have*.

Correct: _____

30. DON'T

Avoid using *don't* (or do not) when its subject is singular; use *doesn't* (or does not) instead.

Correct: _____

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