

EN99 Basic English

Homework Set 1

Due Thursday, February 6, 2014

On a separate piece of paper, correctly titled and in neat cursive writing, give answers to the following exercises. Answers can be found in chapter four of the GSBC Basic English Handbook.

1. In three complete sentences, list three reasons why it is important to learn grammar.
2.
 - a. What is a sentence?
 - b. Give an example of a sentence.
 - c. Give an example of something that looks like a sentence but which really is not a sentence.
 - d. Why is what you wrote for 2c (above) not a sentence?
3. Would the following be sentences or not? (Yes or No)
 - a. Around the corner behind the big oak tree.
 - b. Because we wanted to get there early to find a good seat.
 - c. Since the waitress spilled my dinner on me, I had to go home and change.
 - d. I'm not sure who put the helium tank in the sports closet.
 - e. Hurry to class!
 - f. Melissa, enjoying shopping and being with her friends.
 - g. Lance bought a new laptop computer just before the start of college.
 - h. The purple notebook lying on my desk in my room.
4. What are the two main types of clauses?
5. What is the difference between a phrase and a clause?
6. What do we use the Parts of Speech to classify? a) sentences b) words c) texts
7. Give the name and a definition of the missing Parts of Speech.
Verb - A verb is a word that shows action, links another word to the subject, or helps another verb.
Noun – A noun is a word used to name a person, place, thing, or idea.
 - a. _____ - _____
Adjective – An adjective is a word used to modify or describe nouns and pronouns.
 - b. _____ - _____
 - c. _____ - _____
 - d. _____ - _____
Interjection – An interjection is an exclamatory word that is not related to the other words in a sentence.