Unit 5

Word Usage and Expression

Lesson 6a  Usage

Directions: Fill in the space for the answer that has a mistake in usage. Fill in the last answer space if there is no mistake.

Sample A
A  Stan can come
B  to the game if he
C  finishes his homework.
D  (No mistakes)

Sample B
J  Work carefully so
K  you don't get no paint
L  on the floor or furniture.
M  (No mistakes)

TIPS

- Read each answer choice carefully. Use the meaning of the sentence to help you find the mistake.
- If an item is too difficult, skip it and go back to it later.

1  A  Tonya and Ahmed will
   B  be here soon. Them was
   C  stuck in traffic for an hour.
   D  (No mistakes)

2  J  It's a beautiful day.
   K  Let's walk over to the
   L  park and play ball.
   M  (No mistakes)

3  A  My mother can't
   B  go to the meeting, but
   C  me and my sister can.
   D  (No mistakes)

4  J  The team hsta play
   K  better if they are going
   L  to win the championship.
   M  (No mistakes)

5  A  The books we
   B  buyed were on sale
   C  for half price.
   D  (No mistakes)

6  J  My bestest friend will
   K  come this Friday. She
   L  will stay for three days.
   M  (No mistakes)
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7 A Last summer, all Joey did
   B was read every day. In three
   C months he readed fifty books.
   D (No mistakes)

8 J Nan borrowed me her bike.
   K Mine was broken, and I wanted
   L to ride with some of my friends.
   M (No mistakes)

9 A Them plants are banana trees.
   B My mother planted them last
   C year, and they are doing well.
   D (No mistakes)

10 J Mom and Dad gave each of us
    K money for our day at the fair, but
    L Stu spended it all in the first hour.
    M (No mistakes)

11 A Troy hasn't been to no other
    B state except Arizona. He said
    C he wants to travel more.
    D (No mistakes)

12 J Ann Bancroft made history when
    K she became the first woman to
    L cross the ice to the North Pole.
    M (No mistakes)

13 A My mother singed in a choir
    B when she was younger. She thinks
    C singing in one might be fun now.
    D (No mistakes)

14 J I just met a preschooler who
    K already knows how to speak
    L two languages and doing math.
    M (No mistakes)
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Lesson 6b Usage

Directions: Fill in the space for the answer that has a mistake in usage. Fill in the last answer space if there is no mistake.

Sample A

A box of old books
B were in the attic. Gail
C took them to the library.
D (No mistakes)

Sample B

J Collecting coins is a
K hobby that is enjoyed by
L many people.
M (No mistakes)

TIPS

• Look carefully to see if the answer choices make up one or two sentences. This will help you find the usage error.

1 A There isn’t nothing
B good on television. Let's
C play a board game.
D (No mistakes)

2 J My uncle is building
K a deck in the backyard.
L I and Wendy will help.
M (No mistakes)

3 A If we had practiced more,
B we mighta won the game.
C We’ll play again next week.
D (No mistakes)

4 J My sister and I
K taught my little brother
L how to build a snowman.
M (No mistakes)

5 A Miller Lake is
B nowheres near as
C big as Lake Jarvis.
D (No mistakes)

6 J This juice cost lesser
K than the one we usually
L buy. We should try some.
M (No mistakes)

7 A Let’s go to the mall today.
B Call Ben and Jerry and ask
C if them wants to go.
D (No mistakes)

8 J The weather has been
K good all week. I hope the
L weekend is just as nice.
M (No mistakes)