

## Chapter 5 Pretest: Adjectives and Adverbs

### I. Adjectives

Underline the adjectives. Write *PA* over each predicate adjective. Draw an arrow from each other adjective to the noun or pronoun it modifies.

1. It is hard to believe that people lived without many of the household items that we enjoy today.   
 (PA over hard, arrow from hard to hard; arrow from the household to items)
2. A refrigerator, an electric stove, and a dishwasher are several items that a person may use daily.   
 (arrows from A, an, a to their respective nouns; arrow from several to items; arrow from a to person)
3. All of my kitchen appliances are Kenmore appliances.   
 (arrow from my to kitchen; arrow from Kenmore to appliances)
4. Which brand do you prefer?   
 (arrow from Which to brand)
5. Ours are General Electric appliances.   
 (arrow from General Electric to appliances)
6. That mixer is efficient because it has six different speeds.   
 (PA over efficient; arrow from That to mixer; arrow from six to different)
7. I like to use the blender to make ice-cream shakes.   
 (arrow from the to blender; arrow from ice-cream to shakes)
8. The toaster, handy and compact, toasts bagels and bread.   
 (arrow from The to toaster; arrow from handy to toaster; arrow from compact to toaster)
9. Microwaves are especially popular.   
 (PA over popular; arrow from popular to popular)
10. We still own the same microwave that we purchased in 1994.   
 (arrow from the same to microwave)

### II. Adverbs

Underline the adverbs. Draw an arrow from each adverb to the word it modifies.

11. The vacuum cleaner quickly removed the dirt on the floor.   
 (arrow from quickly to removed)
12. A vacuum cleaner (that has a rather long hose) is much simpler to use.   
 (arrow from rather to long; arrow from much to simpler)
13. Change the bag on your vacuum regularly.   
 (arrow from regularly to Change)
14. I can easily reach difficult places with the attachments on my vacuum.   
 (arrow from easily to reach)
15. I often use the vacuum to clean my car.   
 (arrow from often to use)

### III. Comparisons

Underline the correct adjective or adverb from the choices in parentheses.

16. Of all of the stoves we have owned, I think our electric stove is the (*better*, best).
17. Compared with our old refrigerator, our new one is (*wide*, wider).
18. The microwave heats food (*quickly*, more quickly) than the oven does.
19. The electric can opener is a (more efficient, *most efficient*) alternative to the hand-held variety.
20. The coffeemaker should be placed (closer, *closest*) to the sink than where it is now.

#### IV. Using Modifiers Correctly

Underline the correct word from the choices in parentheses.

21. I think it would be (difficult, difficultly) to wash all of one's clothes by hand.
22. Clothing that is stained (bad, badly) can easily be washed in a washing machine.
23. If you overload the washing machine, it will not work (good, well).
24. When the washing machine is overloaded, it often sounds very (strange, strangely).
25. Our washing machine may be old, but it still does a (good, well) job.
26. The dryer is a machine that dries clothing (quick, quickly).
27. One should not put (anything, nothing) in the dryer that is likely to shrink.
28. When I took my clothes out of the dryer, they felt (warm, warmly).
29. After you unload the dryer, look (careful, carefully) to make sure that you have not left any items inside.
30. Those who have had a (bad, badly) experience at a Laundromat are thankful if they own their own machines at home.

#### V. Problems with Modifier Positions

Rewrite the following sentences, correcting any problems with modifier positions. (Answers may vary.)

31. Our dishwasher only has two racks.

Our dishwasher has only two racks.

32. All dishwasher racks are not arranged the same way.

Not all dishwasher racks are arranged the same way.

33. People who wash their dishes thoroughly rinse them before placing them in the dishwasher.

People who thoroughly wash their dishes rinse them before placing them in the dishwasher.

34. Adrienne even washes her fine china in the dishwasher.

Adrienne washes even her fine china in the dishwasher.

35. A person who has washed dishes frequently realizes how helpful a dishwasher can be.

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