

Verb Forms and Sentence Structure

• 30 Questions

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Questions 1–30

Question 1

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Hummingbirds _____ their wings up to about 80 times per second when they hover in front of flowers.

- A. beat B. beating C. to beat
D. having beaten

Question 2

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

The African Games Co-production Market, one of over 180 annual international conferences supporting video game development, _____ the growth of the African gaming industry by helping start-up studios in Africa find partners.

- A. promote B. are promoting C. promotes
D. have promoted

Question 3

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Beavers cut down small trees with their strong front teeth _____ the branches to build dams across streams.

- A. , and use B. and use C. and using D. ; use

Question 4

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Scientists believe that homing pigeons can _____ Earth's magnetic field and use it to find their way home.

- A. sense B. senses C. sensing D. to sense

Question 5

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

In 2008, two years after the death of science fiction writer Octavia Butler, the Huntington Library in _____ received a collection of more than 8,000 items, including Butler's private notes, research materials, manuscripts, photos, and drawings. Today, the Octavia E. Butler Collection is one of the most researched archives at the library.

- A. California, B. California:
C. California— D. California

Question 6

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

When an oxygen tank exploded on Apollo 13 in April 1970, the three astronauts were _____ toward the Moon, about 200,000 miles from Earth.

- A. traveled B. traveling C. travel D. travels

Question 7

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

In 1903, Marie Curie shared the Nobel Prize in Physics with two other scientists _____ the first woman to win a Nobel Prize.

- A. and became B. , and became
C. and becoming D. and become

Question 8

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

In 1889, Swedish chemist Svante Arrhenius developed an equation to answer a long-standing question: why do chemical reactions speed up at higher temperatures? The Arrhenius equation, named for its creator, _____ an important concept in modern chemistry.

- A. have remained B. remain C. remains
D. are remaining

Question 9

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

In 1869, Russian chemist Dmitri Mendeleev _____ the known chemical elements into a table that left gaps for elements no one had discovered yet.

- A. arranging B. arranged C. to arrange
D. having arranged

Question 10

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Ostriches are the largest living birds. Their wings are much too small to lift their heavy _____ ostriches cannot fly.

- A. bodies, so B. bodies so C. bodies, D. bodies, so,

Question 11

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Thomas Edison did not _____ the first electric light, but he developed a practical light bulb that could glow for many hours.

- A. invented B. inventing C. invent D. to invent

Question 12

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

In 1953, a fellow performer tripped on legendary jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie's trumpet, bending its bell upward. When Gillespie tested the damaged instrument, he realized that he _____ sound of a bent bell over that of a straight one.

- A. preferred; the B. preferred the
C. preferred, the D. preferred. The

Question 13

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Each spring, monarch butterflies leave their winter homes in the mountains of central Mexico _____ north toward the United States and Canada.

- A. and fly B. , and fly C. and flying D. and flies

Question 14

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

The Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef system, has _____ several mass bleaching events since 1998.

- A. suffer B. suffering C. suffers D. suffered

Question 15

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Because a cycle of lunar phases _____ 29.5 days to complete, it's possible to observe two full moons in a single month, one at the beginning and one at the end.

- A. are taking B. have taken C. take D. takes

Question 16

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Since it opened in 1937, the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco has _____ one of the most photographed bridges in the world.

- A. became B. become C. becoming D. becomes

Question 17

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Winding through the ice atop Norway's Jotunheim Mountains is the Lendbreen pass, an ancient route that was used by hunters, farmers, traders, and travelers in the Middle Ages before eventually falling into disuse. Recently, archeologists have _____ knives, horseshoes, wool tunics, and thousands of other artifacts from the icy pass.

- A. unearthed: B. unearthed, C. unearthed—
D. unearthed

Question 18

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

A single large oak tree can produce thousands of acorns in one year _____ food for deer, squirrels, and many birds.

- A. and provide B. , and provide
C. and providing D. and to provide

Question 19

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

The Great Wall of China, built by several dynasties over many centuries, _____ thousands of kilometers across northern China.

- A. stretching B. to stretch
C. stretches D. having stretched

Question 20

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Most climbers on Mount Everest spend several weeks getting used to the altitude before they try to reach the _____ climb too quickly is dangerous because the body needs time to adjust to the thin air.

- A. summit to B. summit. To C. summit, to
D. summit. As to

Question 21

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Solarpunk is an art movement that imagines renewable energy-powered technology infused complementarily into nature. In Paolo Bacigalupi's solarpunk short story "Efficiency," an artificial intelligence that absorbs sustainable energies, redistributing them through intricate networks of weights and generators, _____ Chicago's energy grid.

- A. have been powering B. power C. powers
D. are powering

Question 22

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Before 2012, scientists had never _____ a living giant squid in its deep-sea habitat.

- A. filmed B. film C. filming D. films

Question 23

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

An adult human heart beats about 100,000 times a day and _____ blood through roughly 100,000 kilometers of blood vessels.

- A. pumping B. pump C. pumps D. to pump

Question 24

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

According to Naomi Nakayama of the University of Edinburgh, the reason seeds from a dying dandelion appear to float in the air while _____ is that their porous plumes enhance drag, allowing the seeds to stay airborne long enough for the wind to disperse them throughout the surrounding area.

- A. falling, B. falling: C. falling; D. falling

Question 25

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Engineers in the Netherlands, a country where about a quarter of the land lies below sea level, are _____ new ways to protect cities from rising water.

- A. testing B. tested C. test D. tests

Question 26

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Since its launch in 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope has made more than 1.5 million observations _____ scientists measure how fast the universe is expanding.

- A. and help B. , and has helped
C. and has helped D. and helping

Question 27

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

The artistic talents of Barbara Chase-Riboud, most known for her 1979 historical novel *Sally Hemings* and the conversation it inspired, _____ limited to the realm of prose: she first excelled in sculpture, where her affinity for bronze—a material she described as “timeless” due to its use across eras and cultures—became part of her artistic identity.

- A. hasn't been B. wasn't C. isn't D. aren't

Question 28

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Mercury is the planet closest to the Sun. Its surface can reach about 430°C (800°F) during the _____ hot enough to melt lead.

- A. day. A temperature
B. day; a temperature
C. day, it is a temperature
D. day, a temperature

Question 29

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

The James Webb Space Telescope, which observes space in infrared light, can _____ galaxies that formed only a few hundred million years after the big bang.

- A. detected B. detect C. detecting D. detects

Question 30

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

In the 1970s, Janaki Ammal, a prominent botanist, emerged as a powerful voice in India's environmental conservation movement. Her exhaustive chromosomal survey of plants in Silent Valley, a pristine tropical forest in Kerala, India, that is home to nearly 1,000 species of native flora (many of which are endangered), _____ instrumental in the government's decision to preserve the forest.

- A. are B. were C. have been D. was