

Grammar Review Exercises English 0301

This set of assignments constitutes the “lab” requirement for our class. It should roughly constitute two hours of work per week. For every week’s review, you will READ and STUDY/REVIEW first, and then do some exercises. I will also look for you to APPLY what you are learning to your own writing as I review your essays.

Due Dates:

Grammar Review Exercises (GREs) are due every Wednesday (unless otherwise noted).

Step #1: Signing up for Exercise Central

Exercise Central is a free resource of online exercises. You will be able to set up an account and then do exercises which will be sent to me. Please follow the instructions below for setting up your account.

1. Go to Exercise Central 3.0’s Comprehensive Study Plan page:
<http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/exercisecentral/Exercises/QuizHome/8>
2. Next click the Register link as “Student”
3. Next, if you have a previous account, enter your email, or just click “Go.”
--if you do have an account, then just login by clicking the “Go to Log In” link.
4. By clicking “Go” when you don’t have an account, it opens a form for you to create your account.

Use your ACES email PLEASE (and write down your password (I recommend that you also use your ACES password)).

What is your ACES email: It is your ACES username followed by @student.alamo.edu (E.G. fjones45@student.alamo.edu)

Step #2: Logging In to Exercise Central and Doing Exercises

Once you have created an account, from here on in the course you can follow these instruction for doing these exercises.

1. Go to Exercise Central 3.0’s Comprehensive Study Plan page:
<http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/exercisecentral/Exercises/QuizHome/8>
2. Click the “Go to Log In” link and log in.
3. Once you are in, you find the particular exercise by typing in the number of the exercise in the SEARCH textbox in the top left.
The link to the exercise will appear in the middle bottom of the page.
4. ONCE YOUR COMPLETE AN EXERCISE, be sure to enter my email address so the results can be sent to me: lirvin@alamo.edu
(If you don’t enter my email, I will have no way of giving you credit for your work.)

WK2 GRE—Focus on Sentence Basics: Independent and Dependent Clauses

Due 9/7 (not due on Wed. because we are just starting these review exercises)

Read: The Scott, Foresman Handbook chapter 16 pp. 233-258 (16a-16e). This reading will be dense and fairly overwhelming. I want you to see the “guts” of sentences and how they are put together. I won’t expect you to remember a lot of the grammar language or differences say between an “appositive” and an “absolute phrase.” My goal from the reading is for you to review and learn two things:

1) What makes a “clause” and the difference between an “independent” and a “dependent clause.” (16d) You should be able to recognize independent and dependent clauses.

2) To learn the four types of sentence patterns in English (16e): simple, compound, complex, compound-complex.

Reinforcing Readings:

1) Powerpoint on Clauses:

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/ppt/clauses.pps> (be sure to hit your space bar to make the slide show work)

2) Irvin Writing Guide on Sentence Basics:

<http://www.lirvin.net/WGuides/sentbasics.htm>

Exercises: Do the following exercises inside Exercise Central 3.0

293: Identifying independent and dependent clauses

80: Subordinate clauses

81: Sentence clauses

REMINDER: As you complete your exercises, be sure to tell the program to email your results to me at lirvin@alamo.edu