

Practice Worksheet on Word Combinations and Syntax

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Long Answer Questions

1. Explain the difference between the word pairings in the two columns of Exercise 306, specifying which set is correct and why.
2. Describe the difference in how words combine correctly and incorrectly in word combinations, providing examples.
3. Define a word combination, providing a clear example and explaining the relationship between the main and dependent words.
4. Distinguish between simple and complex word combinations, illustrating with examples from the provided text.
5. Analyze the two captions under the images in Exercise 306 and explain the grammatical difference and why one is incorrect.
6. Define syntax, explaining its importance in constructing sentences and its

meaning in the context of the text.

7. Explain what phraseological units (idioms) are, providing a definition and example, and explain why they are not considered word combinations.

8. Explain the overall significance of word combination rules for correct grammatical usage, focusing on communication and clarity.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is a word combination?

- a) A group of unrelated words
- b) A combination of words with a grammatical relationship
- c) A sentence with a subject and predicate
- d) A list of nouns

2. What characterizes a correct word combination?

- a) They have no grammatical function
- b) They follow grammatical rules for agreement and order
- c) They are always simple and have only two words
- d) They lack a main word

3. What are the main components of most word combinations?

- a) Main and dependent words
- b) Subject and predicate
- c) Verb and object
- d) Noun and adjective

4. What is the relationship between word combinations and sentences?

- a) A word combination is a type of sentence
- b) A sentence is formed using several word combinations
- c) Sentences and word combinations are the same
- d) Sentences do not use word combinations

5. How can you tell the difference between simple and complex word combinations?

- a) Simple word combinations always have three or more words
- b) Simple word combinations have only two words
- c) Complex word combinations have only one word
- d) Simple and complex word combinations cannot be distinguished

6. What distinguishes phraseological units (idioms) from typical word combinations?

- a) They can be combined freely without grammatical rules
- b) They have a fixed meaning not derivable from their constituent words
- c) They are simple combinations of two words
- d) They always follow the Subject-Verb-Object structure

7. Which branch of linguistics studies the rules for combining words to form sentences?

- a) Syntax
- b) Morphology
- c) Phonetics
- d) Semantics

8. What is true about word combinations with grammatical errors?

- a) They are always grammatically correct
- b) They can have grammatical errors
- c) They only consist of nouns
- d) They are never used in everyday speech

Answer Key

Long Answer Questions - Expected Responses

1. Explain the difference between the word pairings in the two columns of Exercise 306, specifying which set is correct and why.

Expected Answer: The first column shows correct word combinations, while the second column has nonsensical ones. Correct word pairings have logical meaning and grammatical accuracy.

2. Describe the difference in how words combine correctly and incorrectly in word combinations, providing examples.

Expected Answer: Word combinations follow grammatical rules of agreement. Incorrect pairings show mismatched grammatical forms or inappropriate word order.

3. Define a word combination, providing a clear example and explaining the relationship between the main and dependent words.

Expected Answer: A word combination has one main word and at least one dependent word. For instance, 'tall tree' is where 'tree' is the main word, and 'tall' describes it.

4. Distinguish between simple and complex word combinations, illustrating with examples from the provided text.

Expected Answer: Simple word combinations have two words. Complex ones have three or more words. 'Beautiful flower' is simple, while 'very beautiful red flower' is complex.

5. Analyze the two captions under the images in Exercise 306 and explain the grammatical difference and why one is incorrect.

Expected Answer: The first caption has an adjective agreeing with the noun,

showing correct grammar. The second lacks the adjective and creates a grammatical error.

6. Define syntax, explaining its importance in constructing sentences and its meaning in the context of the text.

Expected Answer: Syntax examines how words are combined for clear communication. It's the branch of linguistics that covers word order and sentence structure.

7. Explain what phraseological units (idioms) are, providing a definition and example, and explain why they are not considered word combinations.

Expected Answer: Phraseological units (idioms) are fixed expressions whose meaning isn't directly derived from their components; you cannot replace words in an idiom, e.g. 'to kill two birds with one stone'.

8. Explain the overall significance of word combination rules for correct grammatical usage, focusing on communication and clarity.

Expected Answer: Proper word combinations ensure correct sentence formation, clear expression, and effective communication. They help avoid ambiguity and maintain grammatical accuracy.

Multiple Choice Questions – Correct Answers

1. What is a word combination?

Correct Answer: A combination of words with a grammatical relationship

2. What characterizes a correct word combination?

Correct Answer: They follow grammatical rules for agreement and order

3. What are the main components of most word combinations?

Correct Answer: Main and dependent words

4. What is the relationship between word combinations and sentences?

Correct Answer: A sentence is formed using several word combinations

5. How can you tell the difference between simple and complex word combinations?

Correct Answer: Simple word combinations have only two words

6. What distinguishes phraseological units (idioms) from typical word combinations?

Correct Answer: They have a fixed meaning not derivable from their constituent words

7. Which branch of linguistics studies the rules for combining words to form sentences?

Correct Answer: Syntax

8. What is true about word combinations with grammatical errors?

Correct Answer: They can have grammatical errors