

Writing Clearly: Grammar for Editing, 3E

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Answer Key

Unit 13

Pre-test: What Do You Already Know?

See page 354 of *Writing Clearly, Third Edition* for answers to the Pre-test.

Practice What You Have Learned (pages 276–278)

Exercise 1 (page 276)

1. Because she did not know anyone there, Leah felt very uncomfortable at the party.
2. Arturo called to say he would be late; in the meantime, I read a book. (OR Arturo called to say he would be late; meanwhile, I read a book.)
3. My parents, who immigrated from China two years ago, are illiterate in English.
4. I once was in a math class where everyone was motivated to obtain (OR attain; OR earn; OR get) the best test score.
5. When Samir cannot answer in class, he does not feel confident (OR intelligent).
6. Jennifer's bad grade on her final exam in French prevented (OR kept) her from passing the course.
7. I became so curious that I decided to investigate the noise.
8. Students are also doing their part to keep the school clean by not littering.
9. At first, I was speechless (OR silent) in class because of my English.
10. After she had been studying English for six weeks, Madeleine expected to know everything, but instead she found she had just begun to learn.

Exercise 2 (page 277)

When I was a senior in high school, I dreamed about being a college student, and often wondered what college would be like. I also wondered about how much difference there would be between college and high school, particularly in class size. I attended (OR went to) a big-city high school, which was crowded; each class had an enrollment of 40 students. Therefore, when I sent in my application for college, I hoped that classes in college would be small. However, here at college, especially in chemistry and economics classes, the lecture halls are overcrowded (OR crowded). For instance, my chemistry class has more than 300 students in it and some of them cannot get a seat when they come late. Some students stand in the back, and others sit in the aisles. Unfortunately, when a class is very crowded, I cannot focus on what the teacher is emphasizing. Therefore, I do not feel satisfied with what I am learning. Unfortunately, my wish that classes would be small in college has not come true (OR has not proven to be true).

Exercise 3 (page 278)

1. During the baseball game, the rain-damaged roof of the stadium collapsed, injuring several spectators.
2. When certain weather conditions occur, smog increases in the Los Angeles area.
3. The little Airedale puppy has matured into a prize-winning champion.
4. When the rain stops, the police are going to investigate the crime and take fingerprints.
5. At the next class meeting, the cancer specialist will summarize his research on preventing skin cancer.
6. I am in the process of talking to a number of professors to determine what research topic I might be interested in.
7. Mathematicians have found a new way to solve the equation.
8. We never expected to encounter these types of problems.

Post-test: What Do You Know Now? (pages 279–280)

A (page 279)

1. uncover
2. basis
3. unsettled
4. spirits
5. easy
6. assignments
7. watch
8. desert
9. talk
10. enriches

B (page 279)

1. The students can collect their graded papers today from the teaching assistant's office.
2. We are still trying to determine where to have the party.
3. Can we submit our papers next Thursday instead of Monday?
4. Many students do not want to dedicate time to doing meaningless homework.
5. My brother-in-law established himself as a lawyer 20 years ago and has been very successful as a defense attorney.

C (page 280)

Our happiness as children is related to the environment that is created for us by our parents. There are parents who do not let kids touch anything in the kitchen, for example; they have decided the surroundings are too dangerous for the children to explore. However, during my childhood, my mother let me play with anything I wanted to handle. I collected stones, caught frogs, chased rabbits, and fed turtles. A

couple of times I was injured (OR hurt), but I learned how to avoid getting hurt. I also helped my mother cook and do housework. Although I was a nuisance when I was helping, I gained knowledge and learned how to survive independently. I had a wonderful childhood, and today I can laugh with my mother for hours when we talk about some foolish mistakes I made. Young people who are not allowed or encouraged to explore their worlds freely are at a disadvantage; there is no freedom and no fun for these children.