**AP LANG GRAMMAR REVIEW**

* **CAPITALIZATION: *Directions***: Correct the capitalization errors in the following sentences. Circle the letters that need to be capitalized.

1. “when are we going to the grand canyon?” said mindy.
2. in the spring we need to visit my grandma in new mexico.
3. when the students arrive in washington, d.c., they will visit senator brown.
4. next friday jenn is bringing her brother to volleyball practice.
5. you need to go south on popular street until you come to a brick restaurant.

* **COMMAS**: **Directions:** Choose the option that will fix the comma error.

1. During **lunch**, at the campus cafeteria, Mildred noticed the dirty tables, the overworked **cashiers**, and the exorbitant

price for a watery soda.

A. Should you remove the comma after ***lunch***? B. Or should you remove the comma after ***cashiers***?

2. The **slimy smelly** lettuce on my **burrito made** me ask the manager to return my 99 cents.

A. Should you add a comma after ***slimy***? B. Or should you add a comma after ***burrito***?

3. Sitting in the **atrium**, Marcus chatted pleasantly with a pretty student from his chemistry class, but then he had

to leave **suddenly**, because he noticed that he had only thirty seconds to get to Professor Spottke’s English class on

time.

A. Should you remove the comma after ***atrium***? B. Or should you remove the comma after ***suddenly***?

4. "Don't eat that **pizza," warned** Lisa. "It's over two weeks **old ", she** then explained.

A. Should the comma after **pizza *follow*** the quotation marks?

B. Or should the comma after **old *precede*** the quotation marks?

5. **Fifteen uncooked** popcorn **kernels**, and a few grains of salt littered the front of Robert's shirt as he slouched in the

theater seat.

A. Should you add a comma after ***fifteen***? B. Or should you remove the comma after ***kernels***?

* **MISPLACED and DANGLING MODIFIERS: Directions:** Determine whether the sentences below contain a mistake with a modifier. Fix any problems that you find.

1. Emma Sue was delighted when Mr. Nguyen returned her perfect calculus test with an ear-to-ear grin.

2. Scrubbing the tile grout with bleach and an old toothbrush, the mildew stains began to fade.

3. To finish by the 3 p.m. deadline, the computer keyboard sang with Sylvia's flying fingers.

4. Perched on the curtain rod, the parakeet watched Rocky the cat slink behind the living room sofa.

5. Rapping the pencil on the edge of the desk, the fourth cause of the French Revolution would not come to mind.

* **PARALLEL STRUCTURE: Directions:** Determine whether the sentences below contain errors in parallel structure. Fix any problems that you find.

1. Monica brewed espresso, steamed milk, and told jokes as she prepared Mike’s latte.

2. Natasha tried holding her breath, chewing a piece of gum, and poking her belly, but she could not quiet her empty stomach, which rumbled during the chemistry exam.

3. In the restroom, Taryn was brushing her hair, freshened her lip-gloss, and took deep breaths, trying to work up the courage to walk to her first speech class.

4. Celine looked behind the toilet, in the laundry basket, and checked under the bed, but she could not find Squeeze, her nine-foot albino python.

5. Not only did Malinda squeal at the sight of the beautiful bouquet, but she also was tearing open the box and eating chocolates all the way to the restaurant.

* **PRONOUN/ANTECEDENT**: **Directions:** In each sentence highlight the antecedent. Make necessary corrections to the pronoun, not the antecedent.

1. Nobody knows that eating chocolate-broccoli muffins is a good way to provide **their** bodieswith vitamin C.

2. The troupe of knife jugglers shocked **their** audience when a butcher knife accidentally decapitated the head of an old woman's poodle.

3. Either the grill crew or the manager must give **their** permission for you to return that half-eaten double cheeseburger.

4. Both the computer monitor and the refrigerator door have **its** shiny surface smeared with dog snot from our curious puppy Oreo.

5. After feeding several quarters into the gumball machine, a person learns that **they** havelittle chance of receiving the miniature camera in the display.

* **SUBJECT/VERB AGREEMENT**: Directions: Choose the correct verb form for the sentences below.

1. The dead trees and peeling paint, along with the broken windows and flapping shutters, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everyone believe that evil spirits haunt the deserted Sinclair house.

A. makes B. make

2. Those sharks circling your boogie board \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hungry enough to bite.

A. looks B. look

3. Agnes never loses a single possession. Everyone knows what belongs to her, for each pen, pencil, and paperclip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a tiny flag attached with Agnes' full name on it.

A. has B. have.

4. Asteroids and comets slamming into Earth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Marge; she tries to remain under the protective cover of her roof as much as possible.

A. worries B. worry

5. Someone—perhaps Emmanuel or Paul—\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the right soda to serve with earthworm lasagna.

A. knows B. know

* **THERE/THEIR/THEY’RE**: **Directions:** Fill in the blanks with the appropriate choice—***their***, ***there***, or ***they're***.

1. Unable to tolerate the dust one moment longer, Elizabeth spent the afternoon cleaning the living room tables and shelves. Now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ slippery with furniture polish, glowing in the sunlight that spills through the open window.

2. "Oh, no! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are lima beans on my plate!" screamed Noel before he fainted with a thud on the dining room floor.

3. Nothing makes Diane’s cat Big Toe Joe happier than a laundry basket full of fresh warm towels. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he will sleep, purring in contentment and shedding long white hair on the clean terry cloth.

4. Mrs. O'Shea spent the day steam cleaning the living room floor. Now her children can hardly find the kitchen without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trail of dirty footprints leading the way.

5. Dolly hates dogs more than snakes or cockroaches. She believes that canines are loathsome creatures because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ only goal in life is to kill her front lawn with urine.

* **QUOTES/CITATIONS:** Fix errors related either to quote integration or to citations (MLA format).

1. When Macbeth delivers his “Tomorrow” soliloquy he is resigned “It is a tale/Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury/Signifying nothing (Shakespeare V.v.26-28).”

2. In *Fahrenheit 451* Clarisse asks Montag, “ ‘Are you happy?’” (Bradbury, 7)

3. In *Of Mice and Men* Lennie said “I done another bad thing” after he killed Curley’s wife. (Steinbeck).

4. After the death of his dog, Candy is distraught “ ‘I ought to have shot that dog myself, George.’” (Steinbeck 61).

5. In Act I of *Macbeth*, the witches present a paradox “Fair is foul, and foul is fair.” (Shakespeare I.i.10).