

Elliptical Sentences Worksheet

Advanced C1-C2 · Side A

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Exercise A · Restore the missing words (Q1-5)

Rewrite each elliptical sentence in full.

1. She can swim and he can too.

-> _____

2. 'Are you coming?' 'I might.'

-> _____

3. He wanted to help but couldn't.

-> _____

4. 'Did you finish?' 'Not yet.'

-> _____

5. She left early and so did her sister.

-> _____

Exercise B · True or False (Q6-10)

Write T (true) or F (false).

6. Ellipsis omits words that are recoverable from context.

Answer: _____

7. 'I will if she does' is an example of ellipsis.

Answer: _____

8. Elliptical sentences are only found in formal writing.

Answer: _____

9. 'Not bad' is an elliptical response meaning 'It is not bad'.

Answer: _____

10. Ellipsis always omits the subject of a sentence.

Answer: _____

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Exercise C · Create elliptical versions (Q11-14)

Shorten each pair using ellipsis.

11. He wants to leave. She doesn't want to leave.

-> _____

12. 'Are you tired?' 'Yes, I am tired.'

-> _____

13. She will call you and he will call you too.

-> _____

14. I'd like to try, but I'm not sure I'm able to try.

-> _____

Exercise D · Multiple choice (Q15-17)

Choose the correct elliptical form.

15. 'Will you come?' '___.'

(a) I will come (b) I will (c) Come I will

16. She speaks French and ___ German.

(a) she speaks (b) so does she (c) so does her brother

17. I haven't finished yet, but I ___.

(a) will finish soon (b) will (c) will be soon

Exercise E · Write your own elliptical sentences (Q18-20)

Use ellipsis naturally in each example.

18. A short answer using ellipsis ->

-> _____

19. Two clauses joined with ellipsis in the second ->

-> _____

20. 'So + auxiliary' substitution/ellipsis ->

-> _____

Answer Sheet - Elliptical Sentences Worksheet

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Exercise A - Restore the missing words

Q1-5

1. She can swim and he can swim too.
2. 'I might come.'
3. He wanted to help but couldn't help.
4. 'I haven't finished yet.'
5. She left early and her sister left early too.

Exercise B - True or False

Q6-10

6. T
7. T
8. F
9. T
10. F

Exercise C - Create elliptical versions

Q11-14

11. He wants to leave; she doesn't.
12. 'Yes, I am.'
13. She will call you and so will he.
14. I'd like to try, but I'm not sure I'm able to.

Exercise D - Multiple choice

Q15-17

15. I will
16. so does her brother
17. will

Exercise E - Write your own elliptical sentences

Q18-20

18. (own answer)
19. (own answer)
20. (own answer)

Total: 20 points | Side A: Q1-10 | Side B: Q11-20