

Stylistic Grammar Choices Worksheet

Advanced C1-C2 · Side A

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: / 20

Exercise A · Active vs passive - choose and justify (Q1-5)

Rewrite if passive is more appropriate, or explain why active is better.

1. Someone spilled coffee on the report. (passive - agent unknown)
-> _____
2. The committee approved the budget. (keep active - agent important)
-> _____
3. People believe that the policy will fail. (impersonal passive)
-> _____
4. A famous architect designed the building. (passive - focus on building)
-> _____
5. They are investigating the incident. (passive - agent unnecessary)
-> _____

Exercise B · True or False (Q6-10)

Write T (true) or F (false).

6. The passive is often preferred when the agent is unknown or unimportant.
Answer: _____
7. Short sentences are always inferior to complex ones in formal writing.
Answer: _____
8. Using a variety of sentence lengths improves readability.
Answer: _____
9. Fragments (incomplete sentences) are always errors.
Answer: _____
10. Stylistic choices depend on audience, purpose, and register.
Answer: _____

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Exercise C · Improve the style (Q11-14)

Rewrite each passage for clarity and impact.

11. The meeting. It was long. And boring. Nobody learned anything useful.

-> _____

12. She was very, very tired and also she was hungry and she couldn't sleep.

-> _____

13. The report is important. The report has new data. The data is significant.

-> _____

14. He did not want to go. He did not want to stay.

-> _____

Exercise D · Multiple choice (Q15-17)

Choose the most stylistically effective sentence.

15. ____

(a) She was tired. She was hungry. She was cold. (b) Tired, hungry, and cold, she pressed on. (c) She felt tired and hungry and cold.

16. ____

(a) The results were good and the team was happy about this. (b) The results exceeded expectations, delighting the team. (c) The results were good. The team was happy.

17. ____

(a) He said nothing. He left. (b) He said nothing and then he left. (c) Without a word, he left.

Exercise E · Rewrite for style (Q18-20)

Improve each sentence for a C1-C2 context.

18. The problem is big and hard to fix. ->

-> _____

19. They worked hard and in the end things got better. ->

-> _____

20. Write an original sentence using passive, nominalisation, and hedging together. ->

-> _____

Answer Sheet - Stylistic Grammar Choices Worksheet

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Exercise A - Active vs passive - choose and justify

Q1-5

1. Coffee was spilled on the report.
2. Correct - active is better: the committee is the important agent.
3. It is believed that the policy will fail.
4. The building was designed by a famous architect.
5. The incident is being investigated.

Exercise B - True or False

Q6-10

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

Exercise C - Improve the style

Q11-14

11. The meeting was long and boring, and nothing useful was learned.
12. Exhausted and hungry, she couldn't sleep.
13. The report is important because it contains significant new data.
14. He neither wanted to go nor to stay.

Exercise D - Multiple choice

Q15-17

15. Tired, hungry, and cold, she pressed on.
16. The results exceeded expectations, delighting the team.
17. Without a word, he left.

Exercise E - Rewrite for style

Q18-20

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

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