

SAT Grammar Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Choose the option that best fills each blank. Circle one answer for each question.

1. The collection of maps _____ stored in a climate-controlled room.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. are
- B. is
- C. were
- D. have been

2. The researchers _____ their findings yesterday.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. publish
- B. publishes
- C. published
- D. will publish

3. Each of the instruments _____ a separate protective case.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. have
- B. has
- C. were having
- D. are having

4. By the time the guests arrived, the chef _____ the meal.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. has prepared
- B. will prepare
- C. had prepared
- D. prepares

5. The artists displayed _____ newest paintings in the gallery.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. their
- B. there
- C. they're
- D. its

6. The samples from the river _____ traces of a mineral.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. contains
- B. contain
- C. has contained
- D. is containing

7. Walking through the archive, _____.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. the faded labels caught Lena's attention
- B. Lena noticed the faded labels
- C. the labels were noticed by Lena
- D. there were faded labels that Lena noticed

8. The workshop teaches students to measure accurately, to record observations, and _____.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. analyzing results
- B. the analysis of results
- C. to analyze results
- D. results are analyzed

9. Neither the director nor the assistants _____ available for interviews today.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. is
- B. was
- C. are
- D. has been

10. The bridge, along with the two nearby tunnels, _____ inspected every spring.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. are
- B. were
- C. have been
- D. is

11. The larger observatory's telescope is more powerful than _____.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. the smaller observatory
- B. that of the smaller observatory
- C. the smaller observatory does
- D. those of the smaller observatory

12. Because the reports were incomplete, the committee returned _____ for revision.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

- A. it
- B. them
- C. its
- D. theirs

Answer key

1 **B** · 2 **C** · 3 **B** · 4 **C** · 5 **A** · 6 **B** · 7 **B** · 8 **C** · 9 **C** · 10 **D** · 11 **B** · 12 **B**

1. B: is

The singular subject is collection, not maps. The singular verb is agrees with collection; the plural alternatives do not.

2. C: published

Yesterday places the completed action in the past. The past-tense verb published matches that explicit time reference.

3. B: has

Each is singular even when followed by of the instruments. The singular verb has agrees with that subject.

4. C: had prepared

The preparation was completed before another past action, the guests' arrival. Past perfect had prepared expresses that sequence.

5. A: their

Their is the possessive form referring to the plural artists. There marks a place, they're means they are, and its is singular.

6. B: contain

The plural subject samples requires the plural verb contain. The phrase from the river does not change the subject's number.

7. B: Lena noticed the faded labels

The introductory phrase describes the person walking, so Lena must be the subject that immediately follows it. The other choices make labels or there the subject.

8. C: to analyze results

The list uses parallel infinitives: to measure, to record, and to analyze. The other choices change grammatical form.

9. C: are

With neither/nor, the verb agrees with the nearer subject, assistants, which is plural. Are is the plural choice that fits today.

10. D: is

The main subject is the singular bridge. The parenthetical phrase does not make it plural, so is is required.

11. B: that of the smaller observatory

The comparison has to be between two telescopes. That of the smaller observatory means the smaller observatory's telescope. Choice A compares a telescope with an observatory, and those is plural.

12. B: them

Them is the plural object pronoun referring to reports. It and its are singular, while theirs is possessive rather than the needed object.