

# Daily Grammar Drills 1-50

A **SPLENDID WARM-UP ACTIVITY** TO  
TEACH AND REVIEW BASIC GRAMMAR  
PRINCIPLES and APPLICATIONS IN  
STUDENT-FRIENDLY LANGUAGE.

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This is a **Daily Grammar Drill (DGD)** – **A WARM-UP ACTIVITY**.

It features the following:

- A grammatically incorrect sentence written **in red**.
- A grammatically correct version of the sentence written **in blue**.
- A student-friendly, step-by-step explanation of each correction **in black**.
- A storyline formed by the combining of the consecutive sentences.
- A **Quiz Review & Key** after each fifth sentence has been completed.

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## Recommended Teaching Strategy

1. Project the incorrect sentence and have students correct it.
2. Project the corrected version and have students verify their corrections.
3. Project the reasons and have students discuss & verify their reasoning.
4. After every fifth sentence, have students complete the Quiz Review!
5. Trade and grade using the Quiz Review Answer Key.

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## Daily Grammar Drill - 1

~ (As easy as **1 2 3!**) ~

## (DGD-1) WHAT'S WRONG?

1. with a sly smile on his face larry  
just sat quiescently by and waited

## (DGD-1) WHAT'S RIGHT!

2. **With a sly smile on his face, Larry just sat quiescently by and waited.**

# (DGD-1) THIS IS WHY.

- 3a.** Every sentence should start with a capital letter; thus, the “**w**” in **With** is capitalized.
- 3b.** An introductory phrase that creates a natural pause should be set off with a comma; thus, there’s a **comma** after the word, ***face***.
- 3c.** Every proper noun begins with a capital letter; thus, the name, ***Larry***, begins with a capital “**L**”.
- 3d.** Every common statement should end with a **period**; thus, there is a period at the end of this statement.

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## Daily Grammar Drill - 2

~ (As easy as **1 2 3!**) ~

## **(DGD-2) WHAT'S WRONG?**

1. he knew three things was true he had to be patient and he had to stay alert



## (DGD-2) WHAT'S RIGHT!

2. He knew **two** things **were** true: he had to be patient, and he had to stay alert.

# (DGD-2) THIS IS WHY.

- 3a. Every sentence should start with a capital letter; therefore, the “**H**” in “**He**” is capitalized.
- 3b. Every sentence must contain only consistent information; thus, when only two things were cited, the word “**three**” had to be changed to the word “**two**”.
- 3c. The subject of every sentence must match its verb in number; consequently, “**things**” is a plural subject and must coordinate with the verb form, “**were.**”
- 3d. **Colons** are used to punctuate **introductory statements**; thus, a colon is needed after the word, “true.”
- 3e. Compound sentences can be combined with a comma; therefore, a **comma** is used after “**patient.**”
- 3f. Every complete statement ends with a period; therefore, a period is used after the word, “**alert.**”

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## Daily Grammar Drill - 3

~ (As easy as **1 2 3!**) ~

## **(DGD-3) WHAT'S WRONG?**

1. if i nod off for even a minute he thought I might miss my big chance

## **(DGD-3) WHAT'S RIGHT!**

2. “If I nod off for even a minute,” he thought, “I might miss my big chance.”

# (DGD-3) THIS IS WHY.

- 3a.** Opening **quotes** signify that the speaker is citing the **exact words** (in this case, thoughts) of a speaker (in this case, himself).
- 3b.** Every sentence begins with a **capital letter**.
- 3c.** The pronoun, “**I**”, is always capitalized!
- 3d.** Punctuation must separate the **quoted content** of a sentence from the **non-quoted**; thus, a comma is used.
- 3e.** The quote is interrupted after the word, minute, so it’s temporarily closed.
- 3f.** The quoted content resumes with the word, I; so, the quotes are re-opened.
- 3g.** The period at the end means this is the end of a statement.
- 3h.** Quotes must be closed when a speaker stops speaking.

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## Daily Grammar Drill - 4

~ (As easy as **1 2 3!**) ~

# **(DGD-4) WHAT'S WRONG?**

1. Larry's big chance had to do with getting a little revenge on his evil sister Miss Perfect



# (DGD-4) WHAT'S RIGHT!

2. Larry's big chance had to do with getting a little revenge on his evil sister, **Miss Perfect**.

# (DGD-4) THIS IS WHY.

**3a.** An **apostrophe** is necessary to show Larry's **possession** of his *big chance*.

**3b.** **Commas** are used to signify **appositives** – words that come in succession with the second one renaming the first.

**3c.** **Titles** connected to names are always **capitalized**; therefore, the word, **Miss**, is capitalized.

**3d.** The word, **Perfect**, is used as a proper name; consequently, it is capitalized.

**3e.** Every common sentence / statement ends with a period.

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## Daily Grammar Drill - 5

~ (As easy as **1 2 3!**) ~

## **(DGD-5) WHAT'S WRONG?**

- 1. Larry Fitzgerald Coleman wasn't a very forgiving person despite his dad's new occupation**

## (DGD-5) WHAT'S RIGHT!

2. Larry Fitzgerald Coleman wasn't a very forgiving person, despite his dad's new occupation.

# (DGD-5) THIS IS WHY.

- 3a. All **proper nouns** start with capital letters; consequently, Larry's full name must be capitalized.
- 3b. The word ***wasn't*** is a contraction for the words *was not*. The apostrophe must take the place of the missing letter, the "o".
- 3c. There's a **natural pause** before the suffixed phrase at the end of the sentence. That pause requires a comma.
- 3d. The word, ***dad's***, is a possessive, showing his ownership of his occupation.
- 3e. Every common statement ends with a period; thus, there's a period after the word, ***occupation***.

# Quiz Review - 1

with a sly smile on his face larry just sat quiescently by and waited he knew three things was true he had to be patient and he had to stay alert if i nod off for even a minute he thought I might miss my big chance Larrys big chance had to do with getting a little revenge on his evil sister miss perfect

larry fitzgerald coleman wasnt a very forgiving person despite his dads new occupation

# Quiz Review – 1 (Key)

**W**ith a sly smile on his face, **L**arry just sat quiescently by and waited. **H**e knew **two** things **were** true: he had to be patient, and he had to stay alert. “**I**f I nod off for even a minute,” he thought, “I might miss my big chance.” Larry’s big chance had to do with getting a little revenge on his evil sister, **Miss Perfect**.

**L**arry **Fitzgerald Coleman** wasn’t a very forgiving person, despite his dad’s new occupation.