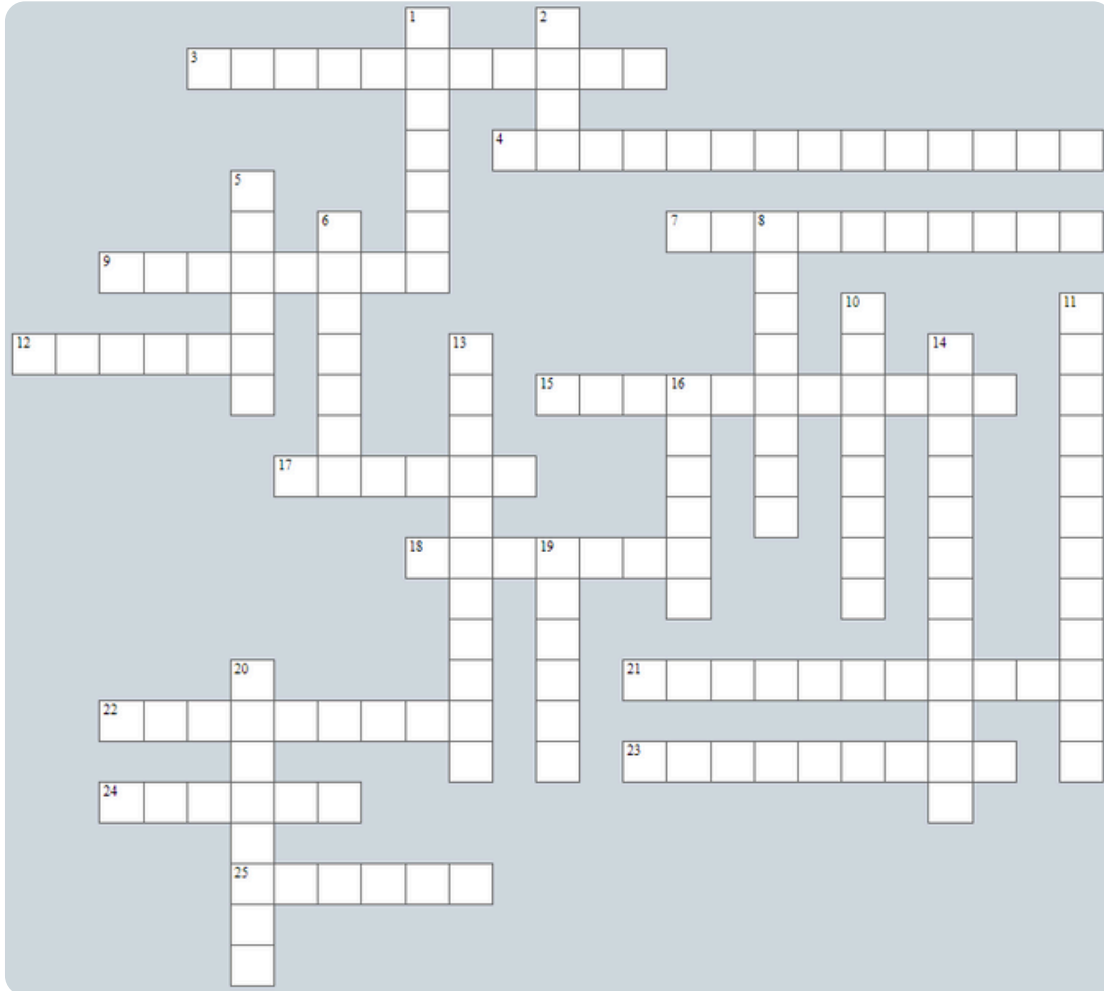


Punctuation and Grammar Basics for Students

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- 3) An apostrophe is used in this type of word, such as isn't and don't, to show omitted letter(s).
- 4) Separate multiple authorities in a textual sentence in a ___ with semicolons (two words, no space).
- 7) Different from "you're," the word "your" is a ___.
- 9) You add an "'s" to show a singular possessive for nouns like book but not for ___ like these.
- 12) In the phrase "the defendants' argument" there are multiple defendants, thus "defendants'" is a ___ possessive.
- 15) A run-on sentence joins independent clauses without the right ___.
- 17) With quotations, use a comma to introduce it unless the quote is ___ with your own sentence.
- 18) To join independent clauses, coordinating conjunctions take commas, but conjunctive adverbs take ___ or semicolons.

- 21) When starting a sentence with a ___ adverb, such as "thus" or "however," use a comma after the adverb.
- 22) Using a ___ instead of a comma creates a stronger connection between independent clauses.
- 23) A group of words that has a subject and a verb but can NOT stand alone as a sentence is known as ___.
- 24) This type of comma is placed before the conjunction in a series of three or more.
- 25) You can join two independent clauses by a comma and a coordinating conjunction ("but") but not with a comma and a conjunctive ___ ("however").

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- 1) Conjunctions can be remembered by using this acronym.
- 2) You can use either semicolons (more common) or commas (less common) to separate the items in a numbered or tabulated ___.
- 5) Only use ___ quotation marks when a quotation appears inside another quotation.
- 6) Quotation marks should be placed ___ commas and periods.
- 8) In the phrase "the defendant's argument" there is only one defendant, thus "defendant's" is a ___ possessive.
- 10) Use semicolons to separate phrases in a series when one or more of the phrases has ___ commas.
- 11) While there are two rules for creating possessives with words ending in s, absent a specific preference from your boss or a court, what is the most important choice you can make? (Two words, no space.)
- 13) A group of words that has a subject and a verb and COULD stand alone as a sentence is known as ___.
- 14) Place a comma between two independent clauses joined by a ___ conjunction.
- 16) This is a grouping of words that contain a subject and a verb.
- 19) Quotation marks should be placed ___ colons and semicolons.
- 20) While you should place a comma after a full date, if you use ___-style dates (17 March 2024) you do not need the comma.



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