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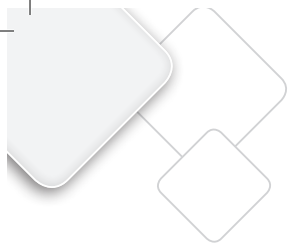
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# Book 1

## Grammar

### EXERCISE 1

1. The cackling of geese—Subject  
saved Rome—Predicate
2. The boy—Subject  
stood on the burning deck—Predicate
3. Tubal Cain—Subject  
was a man of might —Predicate
4. Stone walls—Subject  
do not a prison make—Predicate
5. The singing of the birds—Subject  
delights us—Predicate
6. Miss Kitty—Subject  
was rude at the table one day—Predicate
7. He—Subject  
has a good memory—Predicate
8. Bad habits—Subject  
grow unconsciously—Predicate
9. The earth—Subject  
revolves round the sun—Predicate
10. Nature—Subject  
is the best physician—Predicate
11. Edison—Subject  
invented the phonograph—Predicate
12. The sea—Subject  
has many thousand sands—Predicate
13. We—Subject  
cannot pump the ocean dry—Predicate
14. Borrowed garments—Subject  
never fit well—Predicate
15. The early bird—Subject  
catches the worm—Predicate
16. All matter—Subject  
is indestructible—Predicate
17. Islamabad—Subject  
is the capital of Pakistan—Predicate
18. We—Subject  
should profit by experience—Predicate
19. All roads—Subject  
lead to Rome—Predicate
20. A guilty conscience—Subject  
needs no excuse—Predicate
21. The beautiful rainbow—Subject  
soon faded away—Predicate
22. No man—Subject  
can serve two masters—Predicate
23. A sick room—Subject  
should be well aired—Predicate
24. The dewdrops—Subject  
glitter in the sunshine—Predicate
25. I—Subject  
shot an arrow into the air—Predicate
26. The shepherd—Subject  
a barking sound .... hears—Predicate
27. a hermit—Subject  
On the top of the hill lives—Predicate

### EXERCISE 2

1. Adjective—adds something to the meaning of the noun  
'waters'.
2. Adverb—adds something to the meaning of the verb  
'lives'.
3. Preposition—shows the relation between 'storm' and  
'comes'.
4. Adjective—adds something to the meaning of the noun  
'effects'.
5. Adjective—adds something to the meaning of the noun  
'train'.
6. Adverb—adds something to the meaning of the verb  
'weigh'.
7. Preposition—shows the relation between 'all' and  
'battle'.
8. Preposition—shows the relation between 'yard' and  
'me'.



9. Adverb—adds something to the meaning of the verb 'came'.
10. Verb—says something about 'Moham medans'.
11. Noun—the name of something.
12. Preposition—shows the relation between 'is' and 'committee'.
13. Adverb—adds something to the meaning of the verb 'moves'.
14. Noun—the name of something.
15. Conjunction—joins the two parts 'I will watch' and 'you sleep'.
16. Verb—says something about 'they'.

## EXERCISE 3

1. crowd—Collective
2. truth—Abstract
3. honesty—Abstract
4. class—Collective; pupils—Common
5. elephant—Common; strength—Abstract
6. Solomon—Proper; wisdom—Abstract
7. cleanliness—Abstract; godliness—Abstract
8. fleet—Collective; ships—Common; harbour—Common
9. class—Collective; grammar—Abstract
10. Nile—Proper; bank—Common; year—Common
11. committee—Collective
12. Nelson—Proper; victory—Abstract; Trafalgar—Proper
13. soldiers—Common; bravery—Abstract
14. health—Abstract; happiness—Abstract
15. bunch—Collective; grapes—Common
16. voice—Common
17. team—Collective
18. lie—Abstract
19. wisdom—Abstract; strength—Abstract
20. value—Abstract; time—Abstract
21. innocence—Abstract
22. room—Common; feet—Common; length—Abstract
23. days—Common; childhood—Abstract
24. streets—Common; cities—Common; crookedness—Abstract
25. verdict—Abstract; gentlemen—Common; jury—Collective

## EXERCISE 4

- A. (1) herd (2) army (3) crew
- B. (1) laziness (2) cruelty (3) bravery (4) foolishness

## EXERCISE 5

length	strength	width	breadth	height
youth	truth	wisdom	freedom	{ poorness
humility	shortness	goodness	pride	{ poverty
decency	prudence	vacancy	bravery	justice
cruelty	darkness	sweetness	novelty	vanity
bitterness	depth	humanity	quickness	sanity
laughter	belief	choice	defence	ignorance
obedience	service	movement	thought	freedom
life	hatred	concealment	protection	sight
{ expectation				judgement
{ expectancy	pleasure	seizure	advice	relief
excellence	action	flattery	punishment	pursuit
knowledge	starvation	departure	death	conversation

stealth	{ occupation occupancy	perseverance	success	discovery
kinghood		motherhood	priesthood	friendship
manhood	ownership	agency	boyhood	{ captainship captaincy
theft	roguery	heroism	bondage	rascality
Womanhood	regency	beggary	piracy	patriotism
bankruptcy	authorship	cowardice	pilgrimage	gluttony

## EXERCISE 6

- heavy—Adjective of Quality. (Descriptive Adjective)
- several—Indefinite Numeral Adjective
- Every—Distributive Numeral Adjective
- live—Adjective of Quality  
better—Adjective of Quality  
dead—Adjective of Quality
- Every—Distributive Numeral Adjective
- same—Demonstrative Adjective
- Several—Indefinite Numeral Adjective  
present—Descriptive Adjective
- few—Indefinite Numeral Adjective
- Neither—Distributive Numeral Adjective
- What—Interrogative Adjective
- Which—Interrogative Adjective
- long —Adjective of Quality  
cold—Adjective of Quality  
infirm—Adjective of Quality  
old—Adjective of Quality
- every—Distributive Numeral Adjective
- several—Indefinite Numeral Adjective
- much—Adjective of Quantity  
little—Adjective of Quantity
- second—Definite Numeral Adjective
- great—Descriptive Adjective
- absent—Descriptive Adjective
- glorious—Descriptive Adjective
- small—Descriptive Adjective great—Descriptive Adjective
- Good—Descriptive Adjective
- little—Adjective of Quantity  
crooked—Adjective of Quality
- hearty—Adjective of Quality  
royal—Adjective of Quality
- furrowed—Adjective of Quality  
toilsome—Adjective of Quality
- next—Descriptive Adjective
- Some—Indefinite Numeral Adjective
- cross—Descriptive Adjective
- ill—Descriptive Adjective  
any—Adjective of Quality

## EXERCISE 7

- fearful
- serious
- deliberate
- wide
- every
- constant
- five
- firm
- great
- first
- grand
- sad
- medical
- early
- several
- eternal
- plausible
- profound
- poor
- violent
- remaining
- both
- valid
- angry
- ready
- silver

## EXERCISE 8

easy book

healthy climate

needy people

painful experience

childish argument

picturesque scenery

artistic device

tempestuous mood

hopeful pupil

pitiful } sight  
piteous }

wealthy person

greedy fellow

doubtful case

princely behaviour

laborious task

progressive outlook

sensible suggestion

friendly terms

timely help

lovely garden

roomy building

wonderful weather

mountainous country

wooden leg

slavish mentality

quarrelsome neighbour

heavenly vision

hilly region

costly watch

peaceful reign

ridiculous position

pompous language

contemptuous looks

thoughtful speech

## EXERCISE 9

Their marriage has been a **happy** one.

It was a **sad** day for Padma when her mother died.

Mohan is an **industrious** boy.

A **lazy** man accomplishes little.

Gopal got a **big** prize at the flower show.

This coat is **too** small for me.

A **soft** reply turns away wrath.

A **harsh** judge may become unpopular.

He is a **hard** man to please.

A **polite** man commands the love of all.

It was **rude** of him to behave like that.

**Wise** men must be respected.

You were **foolish** to reject the offer.

He is a very **rich** man.

My father is in **poor** health.

My sister is too **young** to go to school.

**New** brooms sweep clean.

**Old** men are usually wise.

I have known her for a **long** time.

He is too **short** to reach the picture.

He walked at a **quick** pace.

He is **slow** to make up his mind.

He is as **strong** as a horse.

His argument has many **weak** points.

He gave her **handsome** presents.

He is staying in **ugly** surroundings.

It was **clever** of the driver to avert a terrible accident.

Even **dull** pupils can understand this lesson.

It has been **kind** of you to help us.

One should not be **cruel** to animals.

Though he is seventy, he looks quite **healthy**.

He proved to be a **dutiful** son.

We had a **distant** view of Mt. Everest.

I accepted the offer on **certain** conditions.

## EXERCISE 10

a fierce storm; a sudden siege; sound sleep; a glorious victory; valuable advice; a violent blow; dead silence; slender hands; hot water; a reliable servant; a beautiful flower; a big city; a popular artist; an honest dealer; a harsh voice; a loving husband; a loyal subject; a pretty child; an ideal king; a faithful dog

## EXERCISE 11

good fortune; bad fortune; ill fortune; great fortune; small fortune

a great man, a good man, a bad man, a famous man, a wicked man, a poor man, a rich man, a lucky man, an honest man.

good news; bad news; sad news; happy news; pleasant news; dreadful news; important news

a violent storm, a fierce storm, a terrible storm, a fearful storm

good health; bad health, ill health, poor health, indifferent health, delicate health

a good novel, a great novel, an interesting novel, a humorous novel, a historical novel, a romantic novel, a detective novel

good progress, rapid progress, slow progress, satisfactory progress, poor progress

a large room, a big room, a small room, a spacious room, a dark room, a crowded room

an unfortunate incident, an unhappy incident, an unexpected incident, a striking incident, an amusing incident

## EXERCISE 12

courageous—cowardly, timid; many—few; wild—tame; hot—cold; lean—fat; heavy—light; costly—cheap; barren—fertile; beautiful—ugly; patient—impatient; honest—dishonest; civilized—uncivilized, savage; careful—careless; strong—weak; experienced—inexperienced; slow—fast; friendly—unfriendly, hostile; cruel—kind; soft—hard

## EXERCISE 13

black, blacker, blackest; excellent, more excellent, most excellent; ill, worse, worst; gloomy, gloomier, gloomiest; mad; madder, maddest; safe, safer, safest; bad, worse, worst; unjust, more unjust, most unjust; gay, gayer, gayest; able, abler, ablest; dry, drier, driest; timid, more timid, most timid; ugly, uglier, ugliest; true, truer, truest; severe, more severe, most severe; exact, more exact, most exact; agreeable, more agreeable, most agreeable; difficult, more difficult, most difficult; little, less, least; few, fewer, fewest; numerous, more numerous, most numerous; merry, merrier, merriest

## EXERCISE 14

- |                |            |            |            |            |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| (a) 1. latter  | 2. latter  | 3. later   | 4. latter  | 5. later   |
| (b) 1. elder   | 2. lder    | 3. elder   | 4. elder   | 5. older   |
| (c) 1. eldest  | 2. oldest  | 3. eldest  | 4. oldest  | 5. oldest  |
| (d) 1. farther | 2. further | 3. further | 4. further | 5. further |
| (e) 1. latest  | 2. last    | 3. last    | 4. latest  | 5. last    |
| (f) 1. nearest | 2. next    | 3. nearest | 4. next    | 5. nearest |

## EXERCISE 15

(Note :—Adjectives marked\* have no degrees of comparison.)

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. poor—Positive; happier—Comparative; | 2. such*;            |
| 3. less—Comparative;                   | 4. slight—Positive;  |
| 5. live* stronger—Comparative; dead*;  | 6. same*;            |
| 7. wisest—Superlative;                 | 8. best—Superlative; |



9. simple—Positive; good—Positive;
11. sharper—Comparative;
13. less—Comparative;
15. no\*;
17. such\*;
19. Idlest—Superlative;
21. both\*;
23. wiser—Comparative;
25. largest—Superlative;
27. good—Positive;
29. longest— Superlative

10. slightest— Superlative;
12. small— Positive'; great—Positive;
14. some\*;
16. open\*; secret\*;
18. other\*;
20. fair—Positive;
22. much—Positive; wholesome— Positive;
24. No\*; good—Positive;
26. heavier— Comparative; any\*; other\*;
28. many—Positive; powerful—Positive;

## EXERCISE 16

### Positive

shameful  
clever  
pretty  
interesting  
hopeful  
honest  
important  
patient  
rude  
delightful  
stupid  
attractive  
heavy  
beautiful  
fortunate  
pleasant

### Comparative

more shameful  
cleverer  
prettier  
more interesting  
more hopeful  
more honest  
more important  
more patient  
ruder  
more delightful  
more stupid  
more attractive  
heavier  
more beautiful  
more fortunate  
pleasanter  
more pleasant }

### Superlative

most shameful  
cleverest  
prettiest  
most interesting  
most hopeful  
most honest  
most important  
most patient  
rudest  
most delightful  
most stupid  
most attractive  
heaviest  
most beautiful  
most fortunate  
pleasantest  
most pleasant }

## EXERCISE 17

1. better
3. prettier
5. sharper
7. richest
9. largest
11. worse
13. more ferocious

2. hotter
4. idlest
6. dearer
8. older
10. best
12. worse, worst
14. worse

15. tallest
17. more useful
19. greatest
21. proudest
23. least

16. driest
18. most useful
20. nutritious
22. best
24. lighter

## EXERCISE 18

1. better
3. best
5. loftiest
7. more beautiful
9. costlier
11. older
13. richest
15. best
17. cooler
19. highest
21. best
23. mightier
25. most interesting
27. thickest
29. easier
31. elder

2. longer
4. mightier
6. larger
8. dearer
10. cleverest
12. younger
14. greater
16. broader
18. highest
20. better
22. greatest
24. most popular
26. greater
28. lighter
30. better
32. utmost

## EXERCISE 19

1. The pineapple is less sweet than the mango.
2. Gold is less plentiful than silver.
3. This is the least useful of all my books.
4. Wolfram is one of the least common minerals.
5. All other fruits are less sour than the wild-apple.
6. Copper is less useful than iron.

## EXERCISE 20

1. No other town in Malaysia is so old as Malacca. (Positive)  
Malacca is older than any other town in Malaysia. (Comparative)
2. Meat is not more nutritious than soya beans.  
Soya beans are not less nutritious than meat. (Comparative)
3. Jupiter is bigger than any other planet. (Comparative)  
Jupiter is the biggest planet. (Superlative)
4. Latif is more industrious than most other boys. (Comparative)  
Latif is one of the most industrious boys. (Superlative)
15. You do not know him better than I do. (Comparative)
16. I do not know him as well as you do. (Positive)
17. Bhim was stronger than any other man. (Comparative)  
Bhim was the strongest of all men. (Superlative)
18. Suresh is not more industrious than some other boys. (Comparative)  
Suresh is not the most industrious boy. (Superlative)

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