

WRITER'S DIAGNOSTIC TEST
Choosing the Correct Word

1. We have hired a person (who, whom) we know will succeed.
2. He is the man (who, whom) we know they will choose.
3. She talked to (whoever, whomever) would listen.
4. The chief engineer, as well as his supervisor, (was, were) late for work.
5. The equipment was returned to (its, it's) storage compartment.
6. There (is, are) two factors to consider.
7. Each of the women brought (her, their) own car.
8. The materials for the experiment are (all ready, already), and the students are (all together, altogether) prepared too.
9. She blew up the lab (due to, because of) carelessness. (IS due to)
10. What did that pompous pedant (imply, infer) by his last remark?
11. He compared his dune buggy (to, with) a bucking bronco. (compare to unlike things)
12. The study compared small streams in Washington (to, with) small streams in Ohio.
(compare with like things)
13. Her opinion is (different from, different than) mine.
14. The book (that, which) he needs for his report has been lost. (critical info)
15. The computer lab, (that, which) happens to be closed now, is just down the hall.
(always preceded by a comma; adds nonessential info)
16. A small (percent, percentage) of the employees refused to take the test.
17. The (principle, principal) problem is mismanagement. (adjective)

18. Logging (affects, effects) flooding in a watershed. Environmentalists want the legislature to (affect, effect) policies to help the situation because the (affects, effects) of floods are devastating.
19. The new tax cut has wide (economic, economical) implications.
20. Many interruptions caused a (continuous, continual) delay in production.
21. (Who, Whom) did what to (who, whom)?
22. A zoo (comprises, is comprised of) animals. (is comprised of is always wrong)
23. .
24. She was very (discreet, discrete) when she put the noisy marbles into (discreet, discrete) jars.
25. To do (further, farther) research, you need to drive (further, farther) away. (further: additional; farther: distance)
26. Health care costs are (impacted by, affected by) increasing technology.
27. She gave him an extraordinary (compliment, complement) after his talk.
28. There were (a lot of, lots of) candidates for the position.