

Change the word(s) in [square brackets] if necessary.

1. [Despite of] his [**foolish**], many people like him.

His + noun

2. They lightened the weight of the box by [**removing**] several things from it.

Preposition + ing

(in, on, at, to, for, about, before, after, up, down, away, back, until, of, from, with, without etc)

3. He told me [**not to**] sneak up behind him.

Not + infinitive

4. The farmer had to wear boots because the fields were wet and [**muddy**].

Wet - adjective

Muddy - adjective

5. Very [**few**] scientists come up with [complete] new answers to the world's problems.

Little - size

Few - quantity

6. He [must have] something serious,
as/because he has been in hospital for five
weeks.

For five weeks - unfinished
Have/has + v3

7. He was [pleased] to hear such a fine
musician [**playing**] his favorite piece of music.

Playing - at the same time

8. The leading runner was two miles
[**farther/further**] ahead than the runner behind
him.

Comparative adjective
Bigger than
More intelligent than
Better than
Further than

9. Before you [**sign**] anything important, pay
attention to the fine print.

Before + present simple

10. John [spread] the news about the
manager's dismissal.

Spread

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11. Will he succeed in [**passing**] the exam?

Preposition + ing

12. Complaining about faulty goods or bad service [**is**] never easy.

Service = uncountable = singular = is

13. He'll [**never**] get a promotion, however [**hard**] he tries.

Hard - adverb

Describes the verb 'tries'

14. I recommended that he [**came/comes**] on time for the interview.

Came - past interview

Comes - future interview

15. Our last two days in Florida were [**slightly**] spoiled [**by**] the weather.

Slightly - a little

I am slightly confused.

He is slightly older than me.

16. Misuse of the [world resources] [**is**] one of the boiling issues today.

One of the = is

17. Did you take my [**car key / car keys**] [**by**] mistake?

Car key - 1 key

Car keys - a group/bunch of keys

By mistake

18. He wanted to know if she [**had gone**] to the disco the night before.

Had + pp = past perfect

Before 'wanted'

Before another action in the past = past perfect (had + v3)

When I came to class, I had eaten my breakfast.

19. If I [**were**] you, I [wouldn't] interfere [**in/with**] his business.

If I were you - imaginary, end conditional

I, you, he, she, it, we, they + **were**

20. I'm looking forward to [**seeing**] you again.

Preposition + ing

21. That river [**has risen**] five feet since yesterday.

Since yesterday - unfinished time
have/has + v3

22. Payment of all accounts [**should be made**] [on] cash within ten days.

Passive with modals
Modal verb + be + V3

Seatbelts should be worn.

Rule should be followed.

Medication should be taken correctly.