

English 9B Semester Exam Study Guide

The questions for this quiz will be about the stories in English 9B.

To read or refer to your stories you can use the following link to the Pathways textbook: [Pathways PDF](#)

1. How is an [epic simile](#) different from a normal [simile](#)?
2. **Question 2 focuses on figurative language. You may need the story and some practice with [figurative language](#).** Examples of hyperbole and other types of figurative language are here. You can click on this link. <https://7esl.com/figurative-language/>

Read the following quote from Betty Bonham Lies's retelling of the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice.

When Orpheus made music, all the world stopped to listen. Wild beasts drew near him, so entranced they put aside their fierceness. Trees gathered around to hear his beautiful notes. Rivers stopped flowing along the banks so that they could hear Orpheus, whose music was more harmonious than theirs. The very rocks softened when he touched his lyre.

What does the use of hyperbole accomplish?

3. In *The Odyssey*, when does Penelope display loyalty?

Which event foreshadows the resolution of "The Cask of Amontillado" and creates mystery in the story?

4.

[Foreshadowing](#)

- a. Montresor tells Fortunato he has bought a large barrel of amontillado.
- b. Fortunato has a severe cold, which seems to concern Montresor
- c. Montresor drinks to Fortunato's health with a bottle of Medoc
- d. Fortunato asks Montresor if he is a Mason

5.

In "The Most Dangerous Game," Zaroff is defeated by Rainsford's hunting skills and also by his

- a. Own overconfidence
- b. Loss of Ivan
- c. Inattention to detail
- d. Inferior hunting skills

6. **Question 6 focuses on figurative language (poetic devices). You may need the story and some practice with [figurative language](#).** Examples of figurative language are here. You can click on this link.

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Read the following line from Poe's "The Raven":

"Doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before."

Which poetic device does Poe use in this line?

7.

Read the following quote from "The Morning of June 28, 1948":

It was not my first published story, nor my last, but I have been assured over and over that if it had been the only story I ever wrote or published, there would be people who would not forget my name.

What does this quote suggest about the public's feelings toward "The Lottery?"

8. For number 8 you will need to review the concept of tone. You can do that by clicking on this link: [Tone vs. Mood](#)

[Practice activity using Tone](#)-Answers are included

Which of the author's specific word choices in the following passage from "The Morning of June 28, 1948, and 'The Lottery'" best impacts the article's tone?

On the morning of June 28, 1948, I walked down to the post office in our little Vermont town to pick up the mail. I was quite casual about it, as I recall - I opened the box, took out a couple of bills and a letter or two, talked to the postmaster for a few minutes, and left, never supposing that it was the last time for months that I would pick up the mail without an active feeling of panic.

- A. In our little Vermont town
- B. Active feeling of panic
- C. Talked to the Postmaster for a few minutes
- D. I opened the box

9.

In "The Necklace," the struggle for something that proves to be useless is an example of

- A. [Metaphor](#)
- B. [Flashback](#)
- C. [Irony](#)
- D. [Point of view](#)

10.

For what reason does Shirley Jackson likely use stock characters in "The Lottery?"

[Stock character](#)

11.

From which of the following lines can readers infer that Marge Piercy, the poet who wrote "To Be of Use," views hard work as an activity that is worthwhile?

- A. "The black sleek heads of seals"
- B. "Bouncing like half-submerged balls"
- C. "Who do what has to be done again and again."
- D. "Who are not parlor generals and field deserters."

12. For number 12 you will need to review the concept of the theme. You can do that by clicking on this link: [Theme](#)

Which of the following lines from "I Hear America Singing" best expresses the poem's theme that many people contribute to America?

- A. "I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear"
- B. "The carpenter singing his as he measures his plank or beam,"
- C. "The mason singing as he makes ready for work. Or leaves off work,"
- D. "The day what belongs to the day-at night the party of young fellows, robust, friendly,"

13. For number 13 you will need to review the concept of tone. You can do that by clicking on this link: [Tone vs. Mood](#)

[Practice activity using Tone](#)-Answers are included

Read the following lines from Marge Piercy's "To Be of Use":

The people I love the best
jump into work head first
without dallying in the shallows
and swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight.
They seem to become natives of that element,
the black sleek heads of seals
bouncing like half-submerged balls.

Which language best contributes to the enthusiastic tone of the poem?

- A. "Jump into your work head first"
- B. "Without dallying in the shadows"
- C. "The black sleek heads of seals"
- D. "Bouncing like half submerged balls"

14. For number 13 you will need to review the concept of tone. You can do that by clicking on this link: [Tone vs. Mood](#)

[Practice activity using Tone](#)-Answers are included

Read the following lines from Edgar Allan Poe's "The Bells":

What a tale their terror tells
Of Despair!

How they *clang*, and *clash*, and *roar*!
What a horror they outpour
On the bosom of the palpitating air!

What tone do the italicized words help create?

- A. Anxious
- B. Frightful
- C. Amazed
- D. Regretful

15.

For what reason might an author use onomatopoeia in a story or poem?

[Onomatopoeia](#)

16. Question 16 focuses on MLA citations. You may need the story and some practice with [MLA citations](#). Examples Can be found here. You can click on this link.

[MLA parenthetical citation](#)

Which of the following shows the correct parenthetical citation for a quote from page 91 of an article in the October 2002 issue of *Travel America* magazine called "Backroads of Oklahoma," written by Mary R. Simpson?

- A. (Simpson 91)
- B. ("Backroads" 91)
- C. (*Travel America* 91)
- D. ("Backroads of Oklahoma," 91)

17. For number 17 you will need to review how to use personal pronouns. You can do that by clicking on this link: [Personal Pronouns](#)
[Personal Pronoun Practice](#)

Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

One of the female players left _____ hat in the locker room.

- A. Her
- B. Hers
- C. Its
- D. Their

18. For number 18 you will need to review how to use personal pronouns. You can do that by clicking on this link: [Personal Pronouns](#)
[Personal Pronoun Practice](#)

Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Sandra went to the movies with David and _____

- A. Me
- B. I
- C. We
- D. They

19. For number 19 you will need to review how to use personal pronouns. You can do that by clicking on this link: [Personal Pronouns](#)
[Personal Pronoun Practice](#)

Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Though they were hungry, both Mara Lee and Roman stayed for _____ meeting.

- A. Her
- B. His

- C. His or Her
- D. Their

20. For number 20 you will need to review how to use personal pronouns. You can do that by clicking on this link: [Personal Pronouns](#)
[Personal Pronoun Practice](#)

Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Karina and _____ are working together to build the model.

- A. Her
- B. Me
- C. She
- D. Us

21. For number 21 you will need to review how to use [subject- verb agreement](#). You can do that by clicking on this link: [Subject- verb agreement](#)

Identify the sentence in which the underlined verb does **not** agree with its subject.

- A. Both Sara and Eleana are playing this Saturday
- B. Either of the girls are a good choice for a leader
- C. Everyone in the room plans to sign up for drama
- D. One of the new computers in our lab has a virus

22. For number 22 you will need to review how to use [subject- verb agreement](#). You can do that by clicking on this link: [Subject- verb agreement](#)

Identify the sentence in which the underlined verb does **not** agree with its subject.

- A. Chance and Martina are listening to the radio.
- B. Most of the television shows are entertaining.
- C. There are no information to support those ratings.
- D. France and Italy are two places I would like to visit.

23. For number 23 you will need to identify and review the [degree of comparison](#) in grammar as they relate to adjectives and adverbs. You can do that by clicking on this link: [Degree of Comparison](#).

Identify the degree of comparison for the underlined word.

Mr. Martinez has a cat that is even bigger than yours!

- A. Positive
- B. Comparative
- C. Superlative
- D. None of thee above

24. For number 24 you will need to identify and review the [degree of comparison](#) in grammar as they relate to adjectives and adverbs. You can do that by clicking on this link: [Degree of Comparison](#).

Identify the degree of comparison for the underlined word.

The article on Web design is longer than the one on games.

- A. Positive
- B. Comparative
- C. Superlative
- D. None of the above

25. To review (and practice) punctuation including capitalization please review the following resource: [Punctuation](#)

Identify the word that has an error in capitalization.

Destini plans to study engineering at Stanford university.

- A. engineering
- B. Stanford
- C. university
- D. No error

26. To review (and practice) punctuation including capitalization please review the following resource: [Punctuation](#)

Identify the word that has an error in capitalization.

Did you know that the largest lake in North America is Lake Superior?

- A. North
- B. America
- C. Superior
- D. No error

27. To review (and practice) punctuation including how to use commas please review the following resource: [Punctuation](#)

Identify the **incorrectly** punctuated sentence.

- A. Fred slipped on the ice, spraining his finger, and his wrist.
- B. He can't take part in the bowling tournament, but he is going anyway.
- C. He can hand out tickets, organize teams, and keep scores.
- D. Fred will lend his bowling ball and his team shirt to Caitlin.

28. To review (and practice) punctuation including how to use commas please review the following resource: [Punctuation](#)

Identify the **incorrectly** punctuated sentence.

- A. Several new books, albums, and DVDs are on sale today.
- B. The door is hanging by its rusty iron hinge, and it may fall off at any moment.
- C. I had a busy, industrious day at work today.
- D. The lime, green walls have not been painted.

29. *Question 29 focuses on MLA citations. You may need the story and some practice with [MLA citations](#) (Slide 15 on italics in MLA). Examples Can be found here. You can click on this link.*

The last page in the document from this link:

[MLA works cited page](#)

On a Works Cited page, which of the following should be in italics?

- A. Title of a book
- B. Title of a webpage
- C. Title of a short story
- D. Title of a newspaper article

30. To review (and practice) punctuation including apostrophes please review the following resource: [Punctuation](#)

Identify the correctly punctuated sentence in each group.

- A. Do you know where Bailey shoes are?
- B. Do you know where Bailey's shoes are?
- C. Do you know where Baileys' shoes are?
- D. Do you know where Baileys's shoes are?

31. To review (and practice) punctuation including commas and quotations please review the following resource: [Punctuation](#)

Identify the correctly punctuated sentence in each group.

- A. Mrs. Blount replied Our party will be at 2:00.
- B. Mrs. Blount replied "Our party will be at 2:00."
- C. Mrs. Blount replied, "Our party will be at 2:00."
- D. Mrs, Blount replied, :Our party will be at 2:00".

32. For number 32 you will need to identify and review [thesis statements](#). You can do that by clicking on this link: [Thesis statements](#).

If you were writing a brief profile of Rosa Parks explaining why you admire her, which of the following sentences would make the best thesis statement?

- A. In 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus.
- B. Rosa Parks's refusal to give up her seat sparked the Montgomery bus boycott.

- C. Many people believe Rosa Parks was a great woman.
- D. Rosa Parks showed the country how one act of courage can make a difference.

33. *Question 33 focuses on figurative language. You may need some practice with [figurative language](#).* Examples of simile and other types of figurative language are here. You can click on this link.

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Which of the following best defines a simile?

- A. An apparent contradiction
- B. A type of literal speech
- C. A comparison using *like* or *as*
- D. An exaggeration

34. Why must a research paper always include a works cited page?

- A. To convince readers that common knowledge is valid
- B. To give proper credit to original source material
- C. To explain in detail why quotations are used in the paper
- D. To list all authors' names correctly

35. *Question 35 focuses on MLA citations. You may need the story and some practice with [MLA citations](#).* Examples Can be found here. You can click on this link.

[MLA parenthetical citation](#)

Which of the following parenthetical citations is placed and punctuated correctly?

- A. Edgar Allen Poe was born in Massachusetts in the early nineteenth century (Freeman 311).
- B. Edgar Allen Poe (Freeman 311) was born in Massachusetts in the early nineteenth century.
- C. Edgar Allen Poe (Freeman, 311) was born in Massachusetts in the early nineteenth century.
- D. Edgar Allen Poe was born in Massachusetts in the early nineteenth century (Freeman, 311).

36.

A _____ includes all the works a writer used in the actual report, including direct quotes.

- A. Footnote
- B. Bibliography
- C. Works cited page
- D. Parenthetical citation

Which of the following is a specific word as opposed to a general word?

37.

- A. Mammal
- B. Praying mantis
- C. Reptile
- D. Amphibian

Choose the topic that best limits the broad subject history.

38.

- A. History of money
- B. History of irish music
- C. History of the pirate Jean Lafitte
- D. History of smugglers in the United States

39. To find definitions as well as synonyms and antonyms. You will find examples and how they are used in a sentence. You can also use the Kids Definition feature which will help you better understand and define the words.

Please go to <https://www.merriam-webster.com/>

Use your knowledge of prefixes and suffixes to determine the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

Rice grows in *profusion* in some parts of the southern United States.

- A. Great quality
- B. Great quantity
- C. Poor quality
- D. Small quantity

40. To review (and practice) connotation and denotation please review the following resource: [Connotation and Denotation](#)

Which of the following is the most negative connotation of the word *inactive*?

- A. Lazy
- B. Unhurried
- C. Sedentary
- D. Unenergetic

41. To review (and practice) connotation and denotation please review the following resource: [Connotation and Denotation](#)

Which of the following is the denotation of the word *inexpensive*?

- A. Budget
- B. Discounted
- C. Low-priced
- D. Worthless

42. For context clues strategies and practice:

Make a copy so you can view the infographic-

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wEz041Sb36TMHVuhpgnuEMtu8-6-3iPexFGJepKFwHE/copy>

Practice and strategies-

<https://www.mdc.edu/kendall/collegeprep/documents2/context%20cluesrev8192.pdf>

Use context clues to determine the meaning of the italicized word in the sentence below.

An umpire should be *impartial*, showing no preference for either team.

- A. Biased
- B. Fair
- C. Focused
- D. Cold

43. To review (and practice) prefixes and suffixes please review the following resource: [Prefixes and Suffixes](#).

Which prefix would you add to the noun *Colonialism* to make the word meaning “after the period of Colonialism?”

- A. Post-
- B. Ante-
- C. Pre-
- D. Mid-

44.

Mazo wants to write an essay persuading people to walk more and drive less.

He has made the following table.

Reasons Why People Choose to Walk or to Drive

Walk	Drive
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inexpensive• Requires no license• Environmentally responsible• _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can travel more quickly• Can carry more cargo• Can travel long distances more easily

Which of the following reasons belongs on the blank line?

- A. Requires special training
- B. Provides good exercise
- C. Easy to find parking space
- D. Requires sturdy footwear