

## Chapter 1 • Nouns, Pronouns, and Adjectives

### Exercise 1

For grins and giggles, make a list of twenty nouns. Without looking at the sentence, fill in the blanks in the following sentences with nouns chosen at random from the list. See what kind of bizarre tale you can create.

“I really wanted to do my homework yesterday,” Swineburn explained to his English teacher, “but you’ll never believe what happened to me. I was walking down the street just minding my own business. As I passed the <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, I was shocked to see a <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ dressed in a <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ arguing with a <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ wearing a <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. They began to wrestle, so in a panic I went to get help. Not watching where I was going, I tripped over a <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of the street. I heard an object hit the pavement, so I felt in my pocket and discovered that I had lost the <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ had given me. While I desperately searched the ground on my hands and knees, thousands of tiny <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ began swarming up my legs. Then, to my horror, I saw a <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ coming my way. I scurried to the side of the road and accidentally tripped over a <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and broke my <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. As I lay helpless on the sidewalk, the biggest <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I have ever seen started running toward me. I cried for help and was rescued by a <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ riding a <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

“After I said ‘thank you,’ I made my way home and grabbed a huge serving of <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from the fridge to calm my nerves. I took my snack up to my room and finally began working on my homework. I had just finished writing my last sentence when I heard a deafening noise. The sound grew louder and louder until a huge <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ crashed through the ceiling and landed right on top of my homework. Upon hearing the noise, my whole family rushed upstairs, and we all stood gaping at the monstrosity hulking on top of my paper. Since none of us could budge the obstruction, we decided to leave it there and decorate it with <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

“And, oh, by the way, the <sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that you’re wearing today looks lovely on you, Miss Veiny. Uh, what did you say? No credit? Yes, ma’am, I understand your position. And, oh, by the way, you have a piece of <sup>20</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in your teeth.”

**The End**