

Answer Key

Style Quiz A

1. One hundred seventy-two students received National Honor Society invitations.
OR National Honor Society sent 172 students invitations.
2. Election Day is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
OR Election Day is Nov. 2.
3. When she was 8, the family moved to Chicago.
4. C
5. The American placed first in the race.
6. The school planned a lockdown drill for second period.
7. Senior ads are due Oct. 15.
8. The school's phone number is 775-333-5050.
9. The new recipe contains 2 eggs, 2 cups of sugar and 3 cups of flour. (AP style requires numerals be used with measurements, although it's kind of awkward.)
10. C

Style Quiz B

1. The 2-year-old died after he was left in a day-care van in August.
2. C
3. C
4. The U.S. unemployment rate was 9.6 percent in August 2010.
5. C
6. C
7. C
8. C
9. The freshman volleyball stand out is 6 feet 2 inches tall.
10. C

Style Quiz C

1. Delete Mrs.
2. C (When in quoted material, the courtesy title stands)
3. Change the last name reference in the quoted material from Jones to Janet. When two people with the same name are included in the copy, it is best to use first names for clarity.
4. lowercase president. Only capitalize when the title immediately precedes the name.
5. C (The US government and American English styles require the title of President of the United States to be capitalized always, but AP indicates capitalization only when immediately preceding a name.)
6. C (Dr., Gov., Lt. Gov., Rep., Sen., and certain military ranks are abbreviated in all situations in which they precede a name.)
7. C (Sports Guidelines- coach is lowercase unless preceding the name or substituted as a form of address.)
8. C (see #7)
9. Capitalize King and Queen because they are titles of nobility immediately preceding the names of their owners.
10. C (see #6)

Style Quiz D

1. C
2. Quill and Scroll has an office in Iowa City, Iowa.
3. The last day to buy a yearbook for \$65 is Oct. 8.
4. The couple vacationed in Honolulu.
5. Dr. Chris Lawrence relocated his offices to Craig Ranch.
6. The play begins at 7 p.m.
7. Tiffany & Co. makes fine silver jewelry.
8. The contaminated letter was mailed to 4598 Limerick Drive.
9. C
10. The parade begins at 200 Main St. and ends at 1400 Wilson Creek Parkway.

Style Quiz E

1. C
2. Buffalo roam Custer State Park near Rapid City, S.D.
3. Parent-ad payments are due Oct. 15.
4. C
5. Homer, Ms. Armentrout's dog, is named after Homer, Alaska.
6. C
7. Her birthday is April 17.
8. Whole Foods will open in Allen, Texas, November 2010.
9. John F. Kennedy Jr. (unless he was a junior at the school)
10. Should have a first name with it. The Rev. Fred Jones. Use Jones on second reference.

Style Quiz F

1. Correct. **Syllabuses** is the correct form for plural of the singular syllabus.
2. Incorrect. Like syllabuses, AP style uses **cactuses**.
3. Incorrect. **Dialogue** is the preferred spelling.
4. Incorrect. **Alumna** is the singular word for a former female student.
5. Correct. Though it's not found in the AP Stylebook, **KEY** stands for Kiwanis Educating Youth, so it is an acronym, not a key that opens a lock.
6. Incorrect. **Principal** (remembered as "The prince is my pal" by many) is the word for the person who runs the school building. Principle is the noun that means a fundamental truth.
7. Incorrect. See above explanation.
8. Incorrect. **Sophomores** is the correct spelling.
9. Correct. **Freshman** is singular when used as an adjective. This doesn't show up in the AP style manual, but it's a rule in many collegiate stylebooks and in most English classrooms, so we've adopted it.
10. Incorrect. **Faze** is the word that means embarrass or disturb. Phase is an aspect or stage.

Grammar Quiz 1

1

- A) None of the students was on time for class.
- B) None of the students were on time for class.**

2

- A) According to news editors, there is not enough experienced reporters to cover the news.
- B) According to news editors, there are not enough experienced reporters to cover the news.**

3

- A) Both of us intend to play tennis before going to the party on Saturday night.**
- B) Both of us intends to play tennis before going to the party on Saturday night.

4

- A) Alexa, along with her two best friends, is going to study in Rome next semester.**
- B) Alexa, along with her two best friends, are going to study in Rome next semester.

5

- A) All of the steps in the registration process take time.**
- B) All of the steps in the registration process takes time.

6

- A) First, there is the obvious problems to consider.
- B) First, there are the obvious problems to consider.**

7

- A) Either the puppy or the kitten is to blame for the broken vase.**
- B) Either the puppy or the kitten are to blame for the broken vase.

8

- A) Everyone in the audience was enthralled by the performance.**
- B) Everyone in the audience were enthralled by the performance.

9

- A) When he was a child, Tom's best friend and most loyal companion was his dog.**
- B) When he was a child, Tom's best friend and most loyal companion were his dog.

10

- A) Once the plans are approved, there is four more steps to complete before we can get started.
- B) Once the plans are approved, there are four more steps to complete before we can get started.**

Grammar Quiz 2

1

- A) The English teacher returned the exams to Tamara and me.**
B) The English teacher returned the exams to Tamara and I.

2

- A) Henry's brother is much taller than he.
B) Henry's brother is much taller than him.

3

- A) Us workaholics hope to relax and have fun when we finally take a vacation.
B) We workaholics hope to relax and have fun when we finally take a vacation.

4

- A) Mark told me that the two players who won the most sets on Friday were Tucker and he.**
B) Mark told me that the two players who won the most sets on Friday were Tucker and him.

5

- A) Her beating the odds and recovering completely was nothing short of a miracle.**
B) She beating the odds and recovering completely was nothing short of a miracle.

6

- A) By the end of the term, our command of the subject matter seemed pretty good to we students, even if the teacher didn't think so.
B) By the end of the term, our command of the subject matter seemed pretty good to us students, even if the teacher didn't think so.

7

- A) Because of them winning the raffle, Sam and Angelina had dinner in a restaurant which they otherwise could not have afforded.
B) Because of their winning the raffle, Sam and Angelina had dinner in a restaurant which they otherwise could not have afforded.

8

- A) We expected George and he to assist us as we took the hockey equipment out to the car.
B) We expected George and him to assist us as we took the hockey equipment out to the car.

9

- A) Before setting off on our bicycle trip, Manny and I made sure that we had enough pressure in our tires.**
B) Before setting off on our bicycle trip, Manny and me made sure that we had enough pressure in our tires.

- 10 **A) My mother gave her firstborn, me, a locket that had belonged to her grandmother.**
B) My mother gave her firstborn, I, a locket that had belonged to her grandmother.

Grammar Quiz 3

1

- A) Neither of the amateur actors had learned their lines.
- B) Neither of the amateur actors had learned his lines.**

2

- A) The budget committee passed its controversial amendment shortly before adjourning for the spring recess.**
- B) The budget committee passed their controversial amendment shortly before adjourning for the spring recess.

3

- A) Both brothers planned to do his homework before going to the party on Friday night.
- B) Both brothers planned to do their homework before going to the party on Friday night.**

4

- A) George cleaned his room and put everything in their place.
- B) George cleaned his room and put everything in its place.**

5

- A) Looking for her scissors, Maryanne found them in her dresser drawer.**
- B) Looking for her scissors, Maryanne found it in her dresser drawer.

6

- A) On the first day of school, each of the little girls stood in the hall clutching their backpack.
- B) On the first day of school, each of the little girls stood in the hall clutching her backpack.**

7

- A) After high school, Jeremy joined the Marine Corps because it offered him a chance to earn money and to experience some action.**
- B) After high school, Jeremy joined the Marine Corps because they offered him a chance to earn money and to experience some action.

8

- A) At the library Helena found the compendium she needed for her research and checked it out.**
- B) At the library Helena found the compendium she needed for her research and checked them out.

9

- A) The boy was bedridden with the measles, but the doctor assured him that he would recover from them soon.**
- B) The boy was bedridden with the measles, but the doctor assured him that he would recover from it soon.

Grammar Quiz 4

1

- A) **The overall effect of the hurricane was to destroy the heart of the city.**
- B) The overall affect of the hurricane was to destroy the heart of the city.

2

- A) Winter this year brought us some of the mildest whether we have had in years.
- B) **Winter this year brought us some of the mildest weather we have had in years.**

3

- A) Be careful not to loose your place, or you may have to go to the end of the line.
- B) **Be careful not to lose your place, or you may have to go to the end of the line.**

4

- A) **The new governor attempted to counsel members of the legislature.**
- B) The new governor attempted to council members of the legislature.

5

- A) I hope that you have recovered from the flu and that you are feeling good today!
- B) **I hope that you have recovered from the flu and that you are feeling well today!**

6

- A) On my way home, I need to stop at the stationary store to buy some office and writing supplies.
- B) **On my way home, I need to stop at the stationery store to buy some office and writing supplies.**

7

- A) **Feeling lazy, I plan to lie on the couch all day and read.**
- B) Feeling lazy, I plan to lay on the couch all day and read.

8

- A) **Students often have fewer good grades in their first year or two in college.**
- B) Students often have less good grades in their first year or two in college.

9

- A) **My old high school principal was tall, dark and stern.**
- B) My old high school principle was tall, dark and stern.