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Manual**





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Notes for the Teacher

Why Diagnostic Testing?

Diagnostic tests are specifically designed to determine where a student should begin in the curriculum. Results from these tests give better direction for placement than a student's age or grade level since the course of study varies so much between schools and curricula.

What Portion of This Booklet Should a Student Complete?

This book covers four levels: 500, 600, 700, and 800. Use this chart to decide which ones to work through.

Grade level of student	Work through levels
2-5	Use test booklet 100-400
6	500*
7	500-600
8	600-700
9	700-800

*Grade 6 students should also work through test level 400.

How Should the Test Be Administered?

Time. This is not a timed test. Students may take as much time as needed. Give periodic breaks, at least five to ten minutes every hour, and more often for younger students. Ideally, testing should be spread over a two-day period. Test-weariness gives unreliable test results.

Guidance. You may help students understand instructions; however, do not hint at answers.

Environment. Inform students that the test is important, but avoid a tense atmosphere. Help them to feel that the best they can do is good enough. Check comfort factors such as lighting and ventilation. Keep noise and other disturbances to a minimum.

Progress. The student may need to skip particularly difficult activities. He should continue through the levels assigned by the above chart unless he reaches frustration level, which is 50% or more not understood.

How Do I Score the Test?

Using the answers in the *Teacher's Manual*, put a mark through the number of each question the student answered incorrectly.

Determine the number of activities done correctly in each level.

How Do I Determine Placement?

1. Fill in the **Diagnostic Test Summary** on page vii. If you are enrolled with Homeschool Plus at Christian Light Education, also fill in the second summary sheet on page ix. Tear out this perforated sheet and send it to Homeschool Plus and retain a copy for yourself. If you are not enrolled with Homeschool Plus, ignore the extra summary sheet.

2. **For Level 500.** If the student has 63 or more correct answers he should be ready for Level 600. If he has less than 63 correct, he is probably not ready for Level 600 but should begin with Level 500. If the number correct is near 63, you may want to check to see if his errors are mainly in one or two concept groups. If the student does well except for one or two groups, you may want to give him remedial work to prepare him for Level 600. But be careful, it is much better for a student to work more quickly through material that he can handle than for him to become frustrated with work that he is not ready for.

For Level 600. If the student has 70 or more correct answers he should be ready for Level 700. If he has less than 70 correct, he is probably not ready for Level 700 but should begin with Level 600.

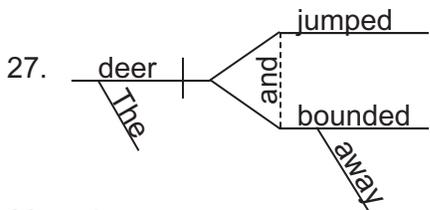
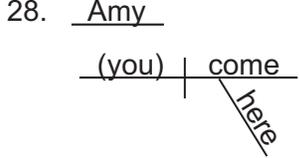
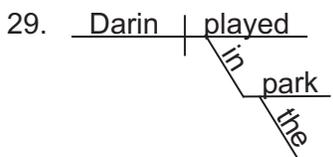
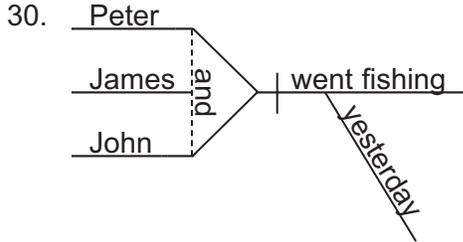
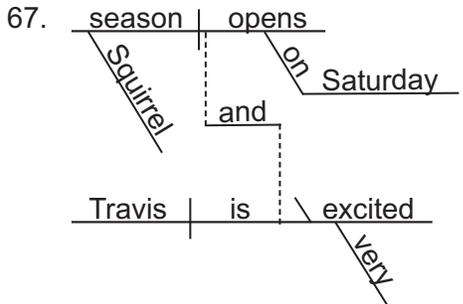
For Level 700. If the student has 63 or more correct answers he should be ready for Level 800. If he has less than 63 correct, he is probably not ready for Level 800 but should begin with Level 700.

For Level 800. If the student has 70 or more correct answers he should be ready for Level 900. If he has less than 70 correct, he is probably not ready for Level 900 but should begin with Level 800.

If you have questions or need further assistance, feel free to contact CLE by phone (540-434-0750), Fax (540-433-8896), E-mail (homeschool@clp.org), or write us at P. O. Box 1212, Harrisonburg, VA 22803-1212.

Answers for Level 500 *Sunrise Edition*

Level 500

1. taller; b
2. largest; c
3. Mother worked very hard today.
4. Carl was too embarrassed to say that he did not know the answer.
5. the potomac river begins in the alleggheny mountains.
6. the inner planets are mercury, venus, earth, and mars.
7. mary's mother bought cookies at foodland for the grace christian school picnic.
8. The Man in Bearskin
9. our first song on the christmas program was "joy to the world."
10. Jared, please close the door.
11. While eating, Dan read a book.
12. b
13. business
14. twenty-five
15. "It is snowing outside," said Mother, "so there is no school today. You may go back to bed."
16. Well, it's time to do the chores.
17. can't
18. Dad is kind (and) thoughtful, (but) he is...
19. preposition; object
20. Dad went (to the store) (for a gallon) (of paint).
21. adverb phrase
22. Shawn watched (his) dog chase a rabbit...
23. I, they, you, it, she, he
24. Robert put on his coat before he brought mine to me.
25. stringy
26. We stopped for Bill, but he was not ready for church.
27. 
28. 
29. 
30. 
67. 
32. There goes the mailman.
33. The man with the red cap is my Uncle Ray.
34. Shari, Marlene, and Sue cooked and cleaned house for Mrs. Smith.
35. simple
36. compound
37. predicate nominative

Level 500

38. predicate adjective

39. man | is | uncle
 ~~That~~ ~~tall~~ ~~my~~

40. singular

41. split

42. was

43. shrank

44. is

45. need

46. are

47. blew; past

48. Example: Bob will come home tomorrow.

49. Example: He is flying on a Boeing 747.

50. compound verb; washed, swept

51. verb phrase; has gone

52. action; Ronald is running...

53. linking; Riley is captain...

54. b

55. c

56. a

57. preposition

58. conjunction

59. proper adjective

60. adjective

61. pronoun

62. noun

63. c

64. Whose

65. yours

66. anything

67. anywhere

68. themselves

69. drowned

70. leave

71. fewer

72. attacked

73. except

74. Raise

75. well

76. among

77. bad

78. a

79. b

80. a

81. In the spring, it seems that life is just waking up after a long winter sleep.

82. Example: shouting at

83. Examples: chatter, mumble

84. Title

I. Main Topic

A. Subtopic

1. Detail

2. Detail

B. Subtopic

II. Main Topic

85. a personal

86. b

87. a

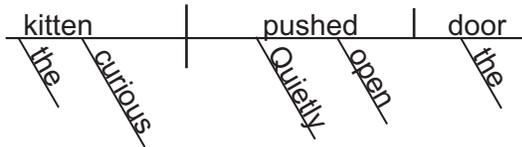
88. c

89. a

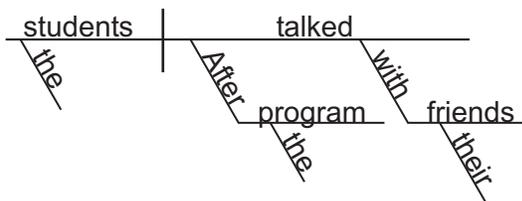
90. c

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- smaller
- comparative; b
- Those; faster; _____ ; comparative
- The cheerful owner (of the store) was very pleased.
- The beautiful dish shattered into tiny shards (of glass.)
- The child seemed (calm), but her anxious mother was crying tears (of joy.)
- Virginia was too sleepy to read her book.
- Quietly the curious kitten pushed the door open.



- adverb; ...very happily...
- Yesterday the extremely fast students finished their work very quickly.
- (After the program,) the students talked (with their friends.)

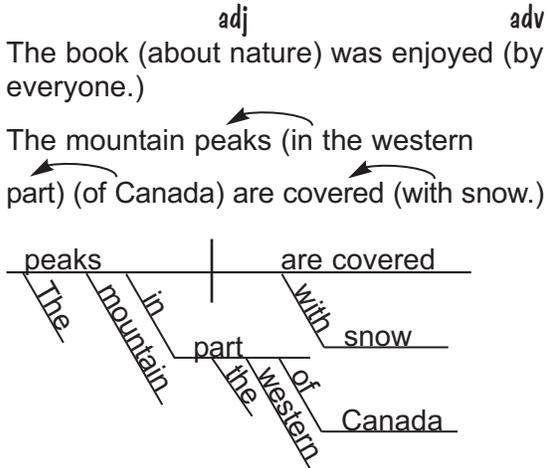


- The alaska highway was built by the united states during world war II.
- uncle mark teaches french and algebra at our local high school.
- The students of victory baptist academy toured the national air and space museum at the smithsonian institution.
- b
- whis-tle, well-done

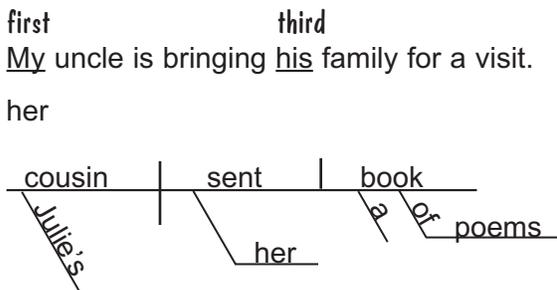
- three-fifths, seven-eighths
- For the next class you will need the following supplies: sketch pad, two pencils, and an art gum eraser.
- Mr. Kline read the chapter "Off to North Camp" from the book Whistle up the Bay.
- Raleigh said that he had finally memorized the table of elements.
- Oops! You forgot to dot your i's and cross your t's.
- A voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
- a
- After painting, Greg cleaned all the brushes.
- A rainbow appeared in the sky; it reminded us of God's promise.
- The campers carried a waterproof, two-man tent, a compact gas stove, warm, lightweight sleeping bags, and a small knapsack of food into the forest.
- Gerald and Matthew were ready, but it wasn't time to go.
- Neither Ben nor Phil is interested, (but) Shirley (and) Norwood are going.
- Marty came early, and I was glad for her help.
- a
- b
- M B**
- miss bergey is taking our class to the **S I**
smithsonian institution for a field trip on **P D**
presidents' day.
- The Louvre, a huge art museum in...
- Washington, D.C., the nation's capital,...
- monkeys, foxes, mice
- goose's, lady's, children's

Level 600

37. b
38. summary sentence
39. (After supper) Susan and I went (to the store) (for milk.)
40. The book (about nature) was enjoyed (by everyone.)
41. The mountain peaks (in the western part) (of Canada) are covered (with snow.)

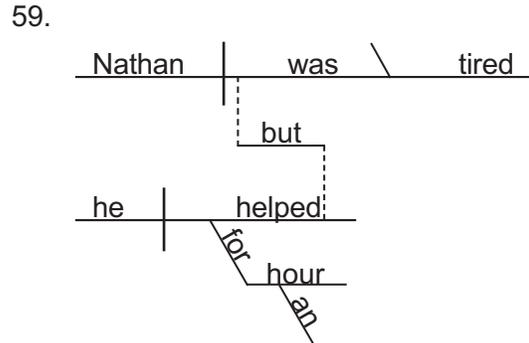


42. into
43. The lady with a white cane sat down on the bench.
44. her; it
45. She; I
46. he
47. Yesterday I hiked...; first person
48. My uncle is bringing his family for a visit.
49. her

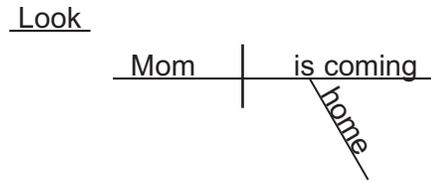


50. nom; obj; pos
51. io; We gave many of the...
52. p; Several of our...
53. e; All of the...
54. e; None of the...
55. s; Neither of the...
56. The gleeful children raced across the lawn.
57. simple: Sondra and Kaye mowed our neighbor's lawn.

58. compound: Cori is reading a book, and Karla is doing homework.

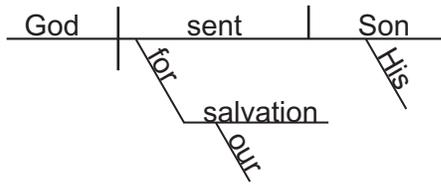


60. comma splice; It started snowing heavily, so we closed early. *or* ...heavily. We...
61. run-on; The snow continued all night. It amounted to fifteen inches.
- 62.



63. Either Brandon or the girls help dad...
64. The Netherlands exports fresh...
65. Thirty minutes is hardly...
66. Hometown Memories is one of...
67. Megan and Jill are coming, but Lynn doesn't feel well.
68. is
69. is
70. () seeing; saw; () seen
71. We were (happy) about the good news.
72. Doris has been my (friend) for many years.
73. linking; taste
74. linking; stayed
75. being; have been
76. pleased-pa; teacher-io; smile-do
77. area-pn; city-do

78. God sent His (Son) for our salvation.

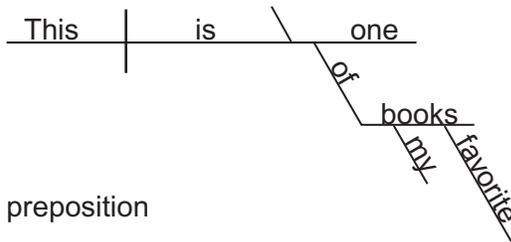


79. Ashley loaned (me) a (book), and it is a

wonderful (story)!

80. Huge–adj; golden–adj; gently–adv

81. pronoun



82. preposition

83. adverb

84. a. adjective

c. pronoun

b. verb

d. adjective

85. verb

86. noun

87. Look–int; You–pro; easily–adv; see–v;
Venus–n; Mars–n; in–prep; eastern–adj;
sky–n

88. adjective

89. The broken vase...

90. ...into the smiling face...

91. have; to; inside

92. sat

93. well

94. surely

95. lies

96. fewer

97. really

98. its

99. Why

100. What or Which

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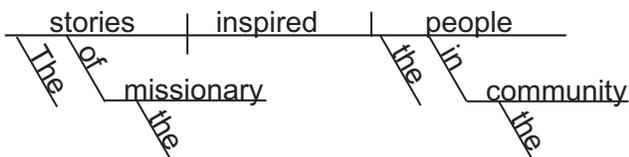
1. Beethoven's acute musical senses enabled him to capture the delightful sounds of nature in his various symphonies.

2. The music, soft and comforting, soothed our weary spirits after the grueling day.

3. b

4. The songs (of the birds) delighted him on his walks (through the forest.)

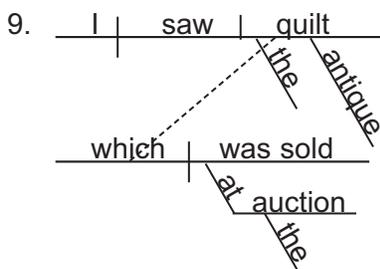
5. The stories (of the missionary) inspired the people (in the community.)



6. The person [who reported the accident] was...

7. The song [that we sang for devotions] had...

8. This crystal water pitcher, which my grandparents received as a wedding gift, is an heirloom.



10. Rarely do you hear the song of the water ouzel, because he very seldom sings.

11. adjective

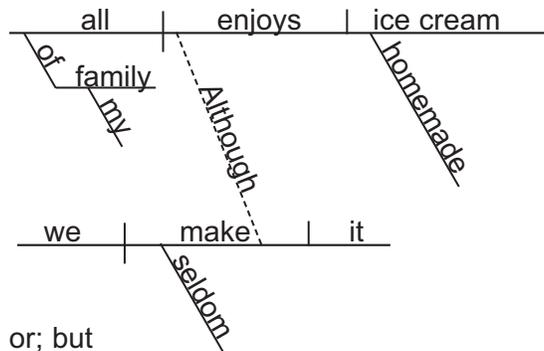
12. (After the storm,) bright sunlight shone (through the clouds) (on a glistening world.)

13. Karla was anxious (about her unpredictable schedule.)

14. (In 1989,) the Exxon Valdez, an ocean liner, hit a reef and spilled nearly 11 million gallons of oil (into Prince Edward Sound.)

15. [Although Brenda doesn't enjoy classical music,] she went to the program anyway.

16. [Although we seldom make it,] all of my family enjoys homemade ice cream.



17. or; but

18. Neither the doe nor her fawns were...

19. [Although it has been cold for weeks,] the ice...

20. Although Beethoven became totally deaf, this did not keep him from composing music.

21. The people of (Mexico) built the (Sun Pyramid) before (Moses) led the (Hebrews) out of bondage in (Egypt).

22. The class cheered as the flock of...

23. knife's; knives'

24. indirect object

25. Karen, our nearest neighbor, brought...

26. Mr. Hartman, our school's music instructor, was...

27. As we lingered (on the mountaintop), soft hues (of the fading sunset) spread (across a darkening sky)

28. According to one source, cataract . . .

29. p; they; third person

30. them; me

31. we; her

32. they; me

33. pronoun; yours

34. a. subject

b. object of the preposition

35. indirect object
36. The doctor [who performed the surgery]...
37. a
38. “False teeth were invented seven hundred years before Christ was born,” read Dad. “And Homer wrote his epic poems well before that. History is fascinating!”
39. The cold, weary rescuers collapsed onto their bunks after four long, grueling hours in the raging blizzard.
40. ...buy the following items: cream...
41. ...on furlough; many churches...
42. On our tour we did volunteer work at Dryden, Ontario Anchorage, Alaska and Winona, Washington.
43. b
44. ...we will study ‘Hope in War-Torn Europe’ and then...
45. imperative; ...tomorrow.
46. Rome’s first paved road, the “Appian Way,” stretched from Rome to Capua.
 a. road
 b. stretched
47. Strength, determination, and faith sustained the travelers and kept them alive.
48. simple; The men and women of the orchestra came out and tuned their instruments.
49. phrase
50. a. phrase
 b. clause
51. compound
52. one; dependent
53. b
54. b
55. [Because the book was so interesting, Bethany read until eleven o’clock.
56. [When Beethoven went for a walk,] he carried his music notation book along.
57. Our neighbor [who had lived in Canada for years] misses its vast spaces and rugged beauty.
58. We were safely home [before the snow
^{do} ^{adv}
had covered the roads completely.]
59. adjective; We invited Lynette, (who moved here from Belize,) to Beth’s birthday supper tomorrow night.
60. were–being; erupted–action
61. History is God’s story, and His love
^{pn}
^{pa}
remains unchanging throughout it.
62. linking; seemed
63. ...of all ages ~~will~~ enjoy it... Our neighbors
^{keep} ^{see}
~~kept~~ lists of birds they ~~have seen~~ . . .
64. passive; will be printed
65. was
66. were
67. were
68. was
69. help
70. a. participle
 b. verb
71. (Grinning) from ear to ear, the class cheered as the flock of geese, (honking) loudly, took to the air.
72. Drumming softly on the tin roof, the...
73. Chuckling (softly) (to herself,) Lisa slipped...
74. The natives were startled to come upon the kneeling missionary, praying for courage.
75. Grandpa watched the little girls, walking on tiptoes, sneak across the room.
76. a. gerund
 b. participle

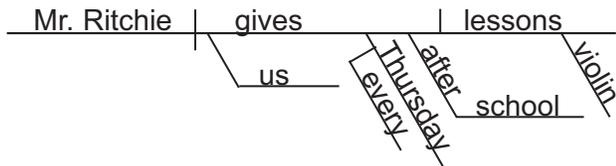
Level 700

77. Eric really enjoys (hiking) in the mountains.

78. Marla gave (Carolyn) her old (computer).

79. ...of music were ^{pa} (restful) as we...

80. Mr. Ritchie gives us violin lessons...



81. b

82. adverb

83. Jewish—adj; severely—adv; brutal—adj; utterly—adv

84. Well, I really enjoyed our early supper
because I had not eaten at lunchtime.

85. lying; ~~laying~~

86. a. whose; ~~who's~~

b. there; ~~their~~

87. to; ~~and~~

88. Gerald used to ~~could~~ play...
be able to

89. bad; surely

90. into

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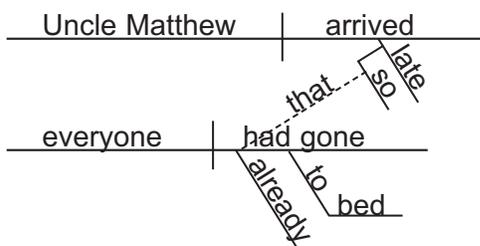
1. In the vast, apparent emptiness of the Arctic, a sudden, sharp noise, beginning in the dimness far to the left of a few scattered, small hills, ran past them and died off abruptly in the distance. It was the ice, thickened under that terrific cold, breaking in order to readjust itself to the new pressure. There was a moment of strange muttering and grinding; then all was silent once more.

—C.G.D. Roberts, from *Thirteen Bears*

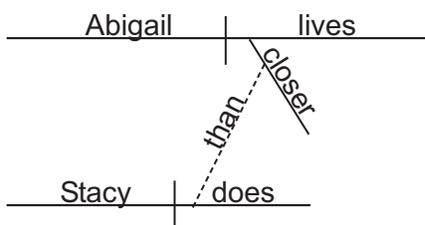
2. that; Clearly and loudly Regina recited the poem [she had memorized.]

3. ...started a week ago.

4. adv; Uncle Matthew arrived so late [that everyone had already gone to bed.]



5. adj; Abigail lives closer [than Stacy does.]



6. more than it injured me

7. Thirty-nine of the 55 delegates at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed the U.S. Constitution.

8. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m.; the three men who were in India will share some of their experiences. (or 7:30 in the evening;)

9. Since my original flight was canceled, I was given a first-class seat on the next flight.

10. History has shown us that a society that abandons God's principles will be punished.

11. Grandpa and Grandma have gone to Phoenix every winter since 1993.

12. c

13. ...with Grandma; therefore, either...

14. "Whatcha got there?" Jack asked loudly.

"This is my spelling book. I'm learning my school words," Willie answered.

"What's a spelling book for?"

"Helps you learn to read," Willie replied.

"How do you learn to read?" Jack wondered.

"First we learn the ABCs," Willie explained. "Each word is made with the ABCs, so we have to learn those first. Then we learn to read."

"Could I learn the ABCs too?" Jack asked.

"Yep. Sure. I don't see why not," Willie answered.

15. ...poem "Alaska's Native Son"?

16. ...favorite books, Gentle Ben, tells...

17. Father asked, "Who made this statement: 'Man is never satisfied with the weather'?"

18. All four children—Kendall, Ryan, Glenda, Audrey—attend Hillside Christian Academy.

19. The boys set up seventy-five chairs, but only about three-fourths...

20. ...therefore, either the Martins or the Yoders will take you to and from...

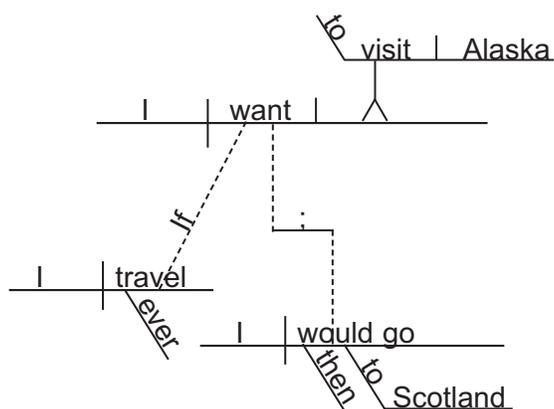
21. Aunt Margaret...either this Friday or next Monday.

22. because

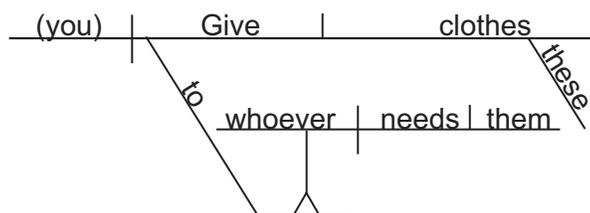
23. Eric and Nathan's mother

24. Anita's and your science projects

59. cd-cx; [If I ever travel] I want to...



60. cx; Give these clothes [to whoever needs them.]



61. c

62. is

63. attracts

64. works

65. goes

66. are

67. know

68. is

69. being

70. linking

71. active; swept

72. passive; were rescued

73. Prisoners from England originally settled Australia, a southern continent.

74. vt; gave; (headache)

75. vi; headed

76. vi; travels

77. vt; propped; (ladder)

78. present perfect

79. present

80. walks

81. will have read

82. a. n; p

b. adj; adj

83. a. v f. n

b. prep g. v

c. adv h. adv

d. n i. adj

e. adj j. adj

84. to become a doctor-inf; returning to Mexico-ger

85. ...enjoy ^{do} sitting by a fire, ^{do} drinking a cup of tea, and ^{do} reading a good book.

86. ...by the ^{op} (ringing) of the phone.

87. ...the ^{op} (changing) of the guard...

88. The tree, ^{op} (blown) over during the storm, revealed a battered tin box.

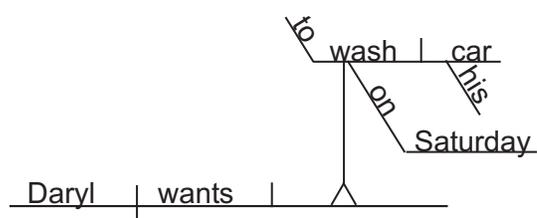
89. ^{op} (Walking) into the kitchen, Stacy asked...

90. ...too much ^{adv} to pay for that book.

91. ...too dense ^{adv} to see very far.

92. ...is ⁿ to start a lawn-care business.

93. do; ...to wash his car on Saturday.





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