

AP STYLE & EDITING INTRODUCTION

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1. Practice will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m.
2. Mr. Quandt spoke for 3 minutes during the morning announcements this morning.
3. Josie ordered hamburgers, fries, chicken fingers and tacos.
4. Students in Ft. Wayne, IN have longer class periods than students in Chicago, Ill.
5. The meeting will be held in the auditorium.
6. Children 12 and under may attend for free.
7. "I thought the concert was outstanding," stated Aaron Kasper.
8. Hannah Pratt felt the show was amazing.
9. "The bands were outstanding," Allison Clark said when asked about the bands at the concert.
10. "I am mad I wasn't invited," Chris Swarbrick, newspaper editor-in-chief and band fan, said.
11. Our advisor wore a grey jacket to the theatre.
12. The total bill was \$75.00.
13. Ashley stayed home because she had a temperature.
14. The tennis team won the first annual Indianapolis Tennis All-Star Super Tournament yesterday.
15. To pass the class, students will need an 80%.
16. The class can't hardly wait for the semester to be over.
17. Chris Keller and Claire Boeglin are two of the editors in chief of the yearbook.
18. CD's became popular in the 1980's.

19. All English students will read *Of Mice and Men*.
20. Students can earn extra credit for bringing kleenex to class.
21. Ben checked out in the 12 items or less line, even though he had 13 things.
22. Her car can reach a speed of 100 m.p.h.
23. The class should have 8-12 people in it.
24. Each year, the yearbook editors travel to Kansas City to visit the yearbook plant.
25. As she ran towards her child she fell on the ice.
26. Most of the information can be found on the Web site.
27. Mel made sure Daniel was alright after he bumped his head.
28. The women's basketball team is coached by DeAnn Ramey.
29. Will Boeglin is a former graduate.
30. Everyone looked for Tony after he went missing.
31. She walked further than she needed to.
32. "I'm okay," Noelle said.
33. The internet was down last night.
34. The team practiced several times over the break.
35. Over 50 fifty people came to the meeting.
36. My appointment is scheduled for next Tuesday.
37. Michael refused to read Great Expectations.
38. The coupon expires on Apr. 12.
39. Drew ate 47 donuts.
40. Students were happy to be served Spicy Chicken Patties.

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1. **Practice will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m.**
Suggestion: Practice will be from 10 a.m. to noon. (No need for 0s. For 12 a.m. and p.m. we use noon or midnight.)
2. **Mr. Quandt spoke for 3 minutes during the morning announcements this morning.**
Suggestion: Principal C E Quandt spoke for three minutes during the morning announcements. (No courtesy titles. The principal does not have periods in his name. There is redundancy at the end.)
3. **Josie ordered hamburgers, fries, chicken fingers and tacos.**
Suggestion: Josie ordered hamburgers, fires, chicken fingers and tacos.
4. **Students in Ft. Wayne, IN have longer class periods than students in Chicago, Ill.**
Suggestion: Fort Wayne, Ind. students have longer class periods than students in Chicago.
5. **The meeting will be held in the auditorium.**
Suggestion: The meeting will be in the auditorium.
6. **Children 12 and under may attend for free.**
Suggestion: Children 12 and younger may attend for free.
7. **"I thought the concert was outstanding," stated Aaron Kasper.**
Suggestion: "I thought the concert was outstanding," Aaron Kasper said.
8. **Hannah Pratt felt the show was amazing.**
Suggestion: Hannah Pratt thought the show was amazing.
9. **"The bands were outstanding," Allison Clark said when asked about the bands at the concert.**
Suggestion: "The bands were outstanding," Allison Clark said.
10. **"I am mad I wasn't invited," Chris Swarbrick, newspaper editor-in-chief and band fan, said.**
Suggestion: "I am mad I wasn't invited," said newspaper editor-in-chief and band fan Chris Swarbrick. If the fact he is editor-in-chief is not pertinent, one can use: "I am mad I wasn't invited," fan Chris Swarbrick said. (Attribution should follow subject/verb agreement. However, when someone has a lengthy title the said should come first.)
11. **Our advisor wore a grey jacket to the theatre.**
Suggestion: Our adviser wore a gray jacket to the theater. (Following AP Style, we go with the first spelling alphabetically of a word.)
12. **The total bill was \$75.00.**
Suggestion: The total bill was \$75. OR The bill totalled \$75.
13. **Ashley stayed home because she had a temperature.**
Suggestion: Ashley stayed home because she had a fever. (We all have a temperature.)
14. **The tennis team won the first annual Indianapolis Tennis All-Star Super Tournament yesterday.**
Suggestion: The tennis team won the inaugural Indianapolis Tennis All-Star Super Tournament yesterday. OR The tennis team won the first-ever Indianapolis Tennis All-Star Super Tournament yesterday. (Until something has happened twice, it can't be first annual.)
15. **To pass the class, students will need an 80%.**
Suggestion: Students need an 80 percent to pass the class. (The only sign we use in writing is the dollar sign.)
16. **The class can't hardly wait for the semester to be over.**
Suggestion: The class can't wait for the semester to be finished.

17. **Chris Keller and Claire Boeglin are two of the editors in chief of the yearbook.**
Suggestion: Chris Keller and Claire Boeglin are two of the yearbook editors-in-chief.
18. **CD's became popular in the 1980's.**
Suggestion: CDs became popular in the 1980s.
19. **All English students will read Of Mice and Men.**
Suggestion: All English students will read "Of Mice and Men."
20. **Students can earn extra credit for bringing kleenex to class.**
Suggestion: Students can earn extra credit for bringing tissue to class.
21. **Ben checked out in the 12 items or less line, even though he had 13 things.**
Suggestion: Ben checked out in the 12 items or fewer line, even though he had 13 things.
22. **Her car can reach a speed of 100 m.p.h.**
Suggestion: Her car can reach a speed of 100 mph.
23. **The class should have eight-ten people in it.**
Suggestion: The class should have 8-10 people in it.
24. **Each year, the yearbook editors travel to Kansas City to visit the yearbook plant.**
Suggestion: Each year, the yearbook editors travel to Kansas City, Mo. to visit the yearbook plant.
25. **As she ran towards her child she fell on the ice.**
Suggestion: As she ran toward her child she fell on the ice.
26. **Most of the information can be found on the Web site.**
Suggestion: Most of the information can be found on the website.
27. **Mel made sure Daniel was alright after he bumped his head.**
Suggestion: Mel made sure Daniel was all right after he bumped his head.
28. **The women's basketball team is coached by DeAnn Ramey.**
Suggestion: The girls basketball team is coached by DeAnn Ramey. (High school students are boys and girls. Discuss girls, girl's and girls')
29. **Will Boeglin is a former graduate.**
Suggestion: Will Boeglin is an alumnus.
30. **Everyone looked for Tony after he went missing.**
Suggestion: Everyone looked for Tony after he disappeared. (One can't "go missing.")
31. **She walked further than she needed to.**
Suggestion: She walked farther than she needed to.
32. **"I'm okay," Noelle said.**
Suggestion: "I'm OK," Noelle said.
33. **The internet was down last night.**
Suggestion: The Internet was down last night.
34. **The team practiced several times over the break.**
Suggestion: The team practiced several times during the break.
35. **Over 50 fifty people came to the meeting.**
Suggestion: More than 50 people came to the meeting.
36. **My appointment is scheduled for next Tuesday.**
Suggestion: My appointment is scheduled for Tuesday. (If not the very next Tuesday, add a date.)
37. **Michael refused to read Great Expectations.**
Suggestion: Michael refused to read "Great Expectations." (We NEVER underline something.)

38. **The coupon expires on Apr. 12.**
Suggestion: The coupon expires April 12. (We don't abbreviate a word when only one space is saved. APRIL=5 spaces/APR.=4 spaces.)
39. **Drew ate 47 donuts.**
Suggestion: Drew ate 47 doughnuts.
40. **Students were happy to be served Spicy Chicken Patties.**
Suggestion: Students were happy to be served spicy chicken patties. (No matter how much you love them, the food in the cafeteria is not worthy of capitalization, UNLESS, the chicken patties they serve are that brand name. And trust me, you'd be lucky if that was actually chicken!)