

What is an Error?

Grading Guidelines for the CRR Skills Test

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- The CRR Skills Test consists of five minutes of professionally recorded audio dictation material (Q&A) at 200 words per minute. Passing is 96%. Allowable number of errors is 40.
- The CRR Skills Test is developed based on the rules of punctuation set forth in *The Gregg Reference Manual*, and *Merriam Webster's Dictionary*. Paragraphing is recommended but not required.
- **Automatic Fails:**
 - Two drops of 10 or more words.
 - A submitted ASCII diskette that does not contain printable data.
 - At the conclusion of the dictation, you will be instructed to move away from your equipment. To touch either keyboard before being instructed to do so by the Chief Examiner will result in an automatic fail.
 - **Single-spaced transcripts.**
- The following list of errors will be used as a guideline for correcting tests. In all cases of dispute, the Chief Examiner, guided by all the principles set forth herein, will render the final decision, subject to appeal to the Chair of the Realtime Certification Committee. Please see the bottom of the page for an explanation of errors.

ERROR GUIDELINES

(D=dictated, T=translated)

1. Each omission/duplication of Q and A.

(D): Q. What day was that?

A. Monday.

1 Error

(T): Q. What day was that?

Monday

1 Error

(T): Q. What day was that?

Q. Monday.

1 Error

2. Each plural dictated as singular and vice versa.

(D): Let me check the dates.

(T): Let me check the date².

1 Error

3. Each present-tense verb dictated as past tense and vice versa.

(D): In other words, you acted as a clerk.

(T): In other words, you act² as a clerk.

1 Error

4. Each misspelled word, each time it occurs.

(D): baked

(T): bakeed⁸

1 Error

5. Each wrong word, common name, or mistranslated stroke.

(D): Mr. Smith followed me home.

(T): Mr. Johnson² followed me home. 1 Error

(T): Mr. John² son⁹ followed me home. 2 Errors

(T): Mr. John² son⁹ -in⁹ -law⁹ followed me home. 4 Errors

(D): I didn't see the car until we hit.

(T): I didn't notice² any² vehicle² until we hit. 3 Errors

(D): I went down the street.

(T): I went do² you⁹ know⁹ the street? 3 Errors

(D): humanity

(T): hugh² man⁹ it⁹ tie⁹

4 Errors

(T): human² {teu}¹¹

2 Errors

(D): firsthand

(T): first² hasn't⁹

2 Errors

(T): firsthasn't²

1 Error

5a. Each obvious omitted comma that is required by the rules of punctuation and/or grammar.

Dates:

(D): September 20, 1993, is the date.

(T): September 20⁶ 1993⁶ is the date. 2 Errors

Items in a series:

(D): The library has books, magazines, newspapers and tapes.

(T): The library has books⁶ magazines, newspapers and tapes. 1 Error

Direct address:

(D): Yes, sir.

(T): Yes⁶ sir. 1 Error

City and state:

(D): I moved to Vienna, Virginia, last year.

(T): I moved to Vienna⁶ Virginia last year. 2 Errors

5b. Each obvious omitted period that is required by the rules of punctuation and/or grammar.

(D): I couldn't. He was asleep.

(T): I couldn't⁶ he¹⁰ was asleep. 2 Errors

(T): I couldn't {FPL}¹¹ he¹⁰ was asleep. 2 Errors

6. Each obvious question mark omitted from an interrogative sentence or added to a noninterrogative sentence.

(D): Who wants to go?

(T): Who wants to go.⁶

1 Error

7a. Each incorrect number or money figure represented by a word.

To assist with grading, the errors listed in this document have been coded as follows:

1. Extra/missing space

4. Replaced word

7. Missing word

10. Capitalization

13. Contraction

2. Wrong word

5. Transposed word

8. Misspelling

11. Untranslate

3. Hyphen

6. Missing/wrong punctuation

9. Added word

12. Style

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| (D): May one, nineteen fifty one. (T): May 1, <u>1815</u> . (¹⁸ 15 ^{2,7}) (T): May 2 ² , <u>18 15</u> (¹⁸ 2,1 ¹⁵ 2,7) | 3 Errors 5 Errors | 11. Each omitted apostrophe that designates possession. (D): The dog ate the <u>cat's</u> food. (T): The dog ate the <u>cats</u> ⁶ food. | 1 Error |
| (D): One hundred forty three dollars. (T): \$143.00 or \$143 or 143 dollars. (T): ⁶ 143.00 (omitted \$ or "dollars") (T): <u>\$134</u> .00 or \$134 ² | 0 Errors 1 Error 2 Errors | 12. Each conflict and/or any extra words contained in the conflict translation. (D): I can take only one <u>pair</u> of shoes. (T): I can take only one <u>pear</u> ² of shoes. (D): If you <u>remember</u> , please give us the time. (T): { <u>fur</u> ⁹ ; if ⁹ you ⁹ are ⁹ ; if you <u>remember</u> }, please give us the time. | 1 Error 4 Errors |
| 7b. Numbers zero through nine (0-9) should be written out. Eleven (11) and above, the numbers should be written as numerals. Ten (10) can be written either way. (D): one hundred fifty (T): one hundred <u>50</u> ¹² (T): <u>one hundred fifty</u> ¹² (T): 150 (D): one two nine Main Street (T): one twenty ² nine Main Street (T): 129 Main Street (T): 192 ⁵ Main Street (D): I have five boys. (T): I have <u>5</u> ¹² boys. | 1 Error 1 Error 0 Errors 1 Error 0 Errors 1 Error 1 Error | 12. (cont.) (D): This drug will <u>alleviate</u> your pain. (T): This drug will <u>a</u> ² { <u>leave</u> ⁹ <u>leaf</u> ⁹ } <u>ate</u> ⁹ your pain. (T): This drug will <u>Aleve</u> ² <u>ate</u> ⁹ your pain. 13a. Compound words with a space, changing meaning. (D): I walked <u>away from the ballpark</u> . (T): I walked <u>a way from the ball park</u> . 13b. Two words connected that should not be connected. (D): He is over the hill. (T): He is <u>overthe</u> ¹ hill. 14. Acronyms or initialisms should not contain spaces, Hyphens, or words. (D): IRS (T): I.R.S. (T): I-R-S (I ⁻³ R ⁻³ S) (T): I R S (I ¹ R ¹ S) (T): I H S (I ¹ H ² S) (T): I are S (I ¹ are ² S ¹) (T): Iare S (Iare ² S) 15. Stacking errors. (D): I went home. The victim was there. (T): I went home ⁶ <u>T</u> ² victim was there. (D): He asked for <u>you</u> . I said you went out. (T): He asked for <u>U</u> ^{2,6} I said you went out. (T): He asked for, ⁶ <u>You</u> ¹⁰ I said you went out. 2 " | 4 Errors 2 Errors 1 Error |
| 7c. Numbers containing six or more consecutive zeros should have the zeros expressed in words. Numbers ten and below can be written out or expressed as a numeral. Numbers 11 and above should be expressed as a numeral. (D): six million (T): 6 million or six million (D): Two hundred forty thousand (T): 240,000 (T): 200,40,000 ¹² (T): 200 ¹ 40,000 ¹² (T): 200 ¹ 40 thousand ¹² (T): 240 thousand ¹² (D) \$1.1 million (T) one ² \$ ⁷ .1 million (T) 1 ² \$ ⁷ .1 million | 0 Errors 0 Errors 1 Error 2 Errors 2 Errors 1 Error 2 Errors 2 Errors | 17. Each omitted word. (D): I <u>drove and he</u> slept. (T): I <u>drove</u> ⁷ <u>He</u> slept. | 1 Error |
| 8. Misspelled or noncapitalized names. (D): Harley Schmidt (T): <u>Hardey</u> ² <u>Schmitt</u> ² (D): Bill Frank (T): <u>bill</u> ¹⁰ <u>frank</u> ¹⁰ | 2 Errors 2 Errors | *NOTE: The essential error is the omission of the word "and." No error for the period, no error for the capital H. 18. Each added word. (D): Yes. (T): Yes, sir ⁹ . | 1 Error |
| 9. Each contraction written as two words and vice versa. (D) I <u>don't</u> know. (T): I <u>do not</u> ¹³ know. (D): <u>they are</u> (T): <u>they're</u> ¹³ | 1 Error 1 Error | | |
| 10. Each untranslate. (D): Did you stay at the <u>Marriott</u> ? (T): Did you stay at the <u>MAR</u> ¹¹ <u>YOT</u> ¹¹ ? | 2 Errors | | |

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These Will Not Be Counted As Errors:

- A. Use of the word “dollars” instead of the \$ symbol.
- B. Use of the word “percent” instead of the % sign.
- C. Omitted sets of quotation marks or parentheses. (If an opening quote or parenthesis is used, a closing quote or parenthesis must also be used.)
- D. A word that does not translate but forms the correct English word
(NOTE: Translation may be in brackets):
 - (D): Hub
 - (T): {HUB}
- E. Tests in all uppercase.

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