But You Didn't by Merrill Glass

Remember the time you lent me your car and I dented it?
I thought you'd kill me...
But you didn't.

Remember the time I forgot to tell you the dance was formal, and you came in jeans?
I thought you'd hate me...
But you didn't.

Remember the times I'd flirt with other boys just to make you jealous, and you were?
I thought you'd drop me...
But you didn't.

There were plenty of things you did to put up with me, to keep me happy, to love me, and there are so many things I wanted to tell you when you returned from Vietnam...
But you didn't.

ASSIGNMENT: AFTER YOU HAVE READ THE POEM, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. EACH SHOULD BE ANSWERED IN COMPLETE SENTENCES ON THE BACK OF THIS PAPER OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

1. WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SPEAKER OF THE POEM AND THE PERSON SHE IS SPEAKING TO? HOW DO YOU KNOW?
2. WHY DO YOU THINK THIS POEM WAS WRITTEN?
3. WHAT IS THE THEME OF THE POEM?
4. NAME TWO OR MORE EXAMPLES OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE USED IN THE POEM.
Biography

1. Choose an author. This author may be one we’ve read this year, may be one you’ve read in past years’ classes, or may be one you have read/heard of outside of school.

2. Use your phone/computer to research the author.

3. Write a one page biography of the author. This may include
   a. Where they are from
   b. Where they live now
   c. Family life
   d. Genres they write
   e. Famous books
   f. Anything else about the author
Clauses and Phrases:
The Leprechaun’s Treasure

Directions: circle the predicates; underline the subject; double underline the phrases.

Example: Waking up late for school, Mr. Morton raced to the shower.
1. Circle the predicate (raced).
2. Underline the subject (Mr. Morton).
3. Double underline all phrase (Waking up late for school).

1. In between the old hills of Garfield Park, a tiny green leprechaun dances on March 17th.
2. Wary of travelers, the tiny green leprechaun hides in trees, or under bridges, or in garbage cans.
3. While taking his homework out of his car, Mr. Morton heard a strange laugh coming from the park.
4. Mr. Morton put his stuff in the car and walked toward the park, feeling a little frightened by the fog.
5. A green fog, as thick as a Shamrock Shake, gathered over the baseball field.
6. From out of nowhere, the leprechaun appeared to Mr. Morton, giggling and doing an Irish dance.
7. Having never seen a leprechaun before, Mr. Morton was puzzled.
8. Mr. Morton and the leprechaun stared at each other and walked slowly in a circle.
9. Having always wanted gold teeth, Mr. Morton tried to catch the leprechaun.
10. The leprechaun, used to being chased, disappeared and then reappeared in a tree.
11. Shaking the tree violently, Morton imagined having a big gold helmet, with gold horns on the side.
12. Gold coins rained down to the earth like tears from the heavens.
13. Mr. Morton, the most dangerous leprechaun hunter in the North, celebrated by grabbing coins.
14. Filling up his pockets with gold coins, Mr. Morton laughed and laughed.
15. The leprechaun, having magically summoned a rainbow bridge, went back to his home in Ireland.
16. Mr. Morton brought all of the gold coins to his neighbor, a renowned pawnbroker.
17. Squinting through his magnifying glass, the pawnbroker examined the gold coins closely.
18. He picked one gold coin out of the pile and handed it to Mr. Morton, moving very slowly.
19. Peeling back layers of gold foil, the pawnbroker showed him the delicious piece of chocolate inside.
20. Though disappointed about not getting gold teeth, Mr. Morton was happy to have so much candy.
Phenomenal Woman by Maya Angelou
Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size
But when I start to tell them,
They think I'm telling lies.
I say,
It's in the reach of my arms
The span of my hips,
The stride of my step,
The curl of my lips.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.

I walk into a room
Just as cool as you please,
And to a man,
The fellows stand or
Fall down on their knees.
Then they swarm around me,
A hive of honey bees.
I say,
It's the fire in my eyes,
And the flash of my teeth,
The swing in my waist,
And the joy in my feet.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.

Men themselves have wondered
What they see in me.
They try so much
But they can't touch
My inner mystery.
When I try to show them
They say they still can't see.
I say,
It's in the arch of my back,
The sun of my smile,
The ride of my breasts,
The grace of my style.
I'm a woman

Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.
Now you understand  
Just why my head's not bowed.  
I don't shout or jump about  
Or have to talk real loud.  
When you see me passing  
It ought to make you proud.  
I say,  
It's in the click of my heels,  
The bend of my hair,  
the palm of my hand,  
The need of my care,  
'Cause I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.

ASSIGNMENT: After reading the poem, answer each of the following in complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Is jealousy very controversial among all women?
2. In line 30-31, Maya Angelou states, "men themselves have wondered what they see in me." Explain the content of these lines.
3. What is the inner mystery in line 34?
4. What is pride?
5. Does bodily gestures define the identity of the woman?
6. Does physique define your personality?
7. How does the clothing women wear lead false judgement to men?
SUMMARY

1. Think of the last book you read.

2. Write a summary of that book.

3. Include in your summary a description of the characters, the setting, and the plot.

4. If you have not read a book recently, complete the assignment about the last TV show or movie you watched.

5. Your summary should be 1 hand-written page.
ENGLISH 3- DAY 3

Pronoun Antecedent Agreement

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence and decide what the antecedent is. UNDERLINE each antecedent AND write “A” above it. If the antecedent is singular, WRITE “S” beneath it. If the antecedent is plural, WRITE “P” beneath it. CIRCLE the correct pronoun. On the line, WRITE the gender of the pronoun (feminine, masculine, or neutral) For each sentence, you will get 1 point for having the correct word(s) underlined, 1 point for labeling it “A”, 1 point for circling the correct pronoun, 1 point for labeling “S” or “P”, and 1 point for writing the gender on the line. This assignment is worth a total of 100 points.

1. Jane and Sarah said (she, they) were too tired to skate any longer. _____________________
2. Either Bill or John will bring a sample of (his, their) own work. _____________________
3. Jane and Jill called (her, their) friend. _____________________
4. Either Jane or her friends will present (her, their) project. _____________________
5. Neither Mary nor Susan said (she, they) would be there. ____________________
6. Every student wants to impress (his or her, their) professors. _____________________
7. Both John and Jim said (he, they) were not exercising regularly. _____________________
8. The jury was asked to return to (its, their) seats. _____________________
9. Please remind each student to bring (his or her, their) homework tomorrow. ____________________
10. Neither John nor Bob was willing to admit that (he, they) had cheated. _____________________
11. Each of the girls had (her, their) assignment completed. _____________________
12. Every worker in this office needs (his or her, their) own computer. _____________________
13. The committee finally made (its, their) decision public. _____________________
14. Nobody remembered to bring (his or her, their) photos. _____________________
15. Neither girl will wear (her, their) black pants.

16. Beth and Jane reported the problem to (her, their) supervisor.

17. Each teacher turned in (his or her, their) grades to the principal.

18. The choir presented (its, their) final performance.

19. Either the employees or Ms. Jones will make (their, her) presentation.

20. Both Suzi and Beth will try to see (her, their) parents over the weekend.
Common and Proper Nouns
At the Circus
Reading Level 3

Part One - Common Nouns

Directions: Read each of the following sentences. Choose the common noun from the options below. Circle your choice.

1. My cousin and I saw the posters on the bulletin board at the grocery store announcing the arrival of the circus in our town.
   a) saw  b) cousin  c) and  d) announcing

   a) performance  b) complete  c) Philadelphia  d) Ricketts

3. America’s first wild animal trainer, Isaac Van Amburgh, generated controversy as far back as 1830 due to his cruel treatment of animals.
   a) generated  b) Amburgh  c) controversy  d) far

4. The animal rights group PETA believes that abuse has always been the primary method for training circus animals.
   a) method  b) always  c) PETA  d) been

5. Static trapeze, also known as fixed trapeze, is a type of circus art performed on the trapeze bars but, in contrast to other forms of trapeze, the bars and ropes mainly stay in place.
   a) performed  b) and  c) mainly  d) art

6. Albert Petrovski set the world record for ring juggling in 1963 by juggling eleven rings simultaneously.
7. Willie Hunt was a tightrope walker better known as *The Great Farini* who crossed the Niagara Falls many times.

   a) Farini  
   b) Niagara  
   c) known  
   d) walker

8. Forte the Ringmaster stepped into the center of the circus tent and exclaimed, "Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages..."

   a) Forte  
   b) Ladies  
   c) exclaimed  
   d) of

9. Contemporary circuses tell a story or convey a theme with traditional circus skills.

   a) theme  
   b) convey  
   c) traditional  
   d) with

10. Even though Chumbo was the biggest clown in the circus, he rode the tiniest unicycle.

    a) Chumbo  
    b) biggest  
    c) unicycle  
    d) rode

11. In the days before lighting, it was the ringmaster's job to "direct" the attention of the audience to the appropriate performance area.

    a) appropriate  
    b) lighting  
    c) before  
    d) was

12. The seats at the Barnes Brother's Circus were so tightly packed that my family and I felt like we were climbing into a clown car when we filed into our row.

    a) tightly  
    b) Barnes Brother's Circus  
    c) climbing  
    d) seats

13. The English word *circus* was first used in the 14th century and derives from the Greek word *kirkos*, which means *circle* or *ring*.

    a) word  
    b) Greek  
    c) English  
    d) derives

14. The seven Ringling brothers transformed their small company into one of America's largest circuses in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
15. Gargantua was a famous gorilla who saved the Ringling Brothers' circus from bankruptcy.
   a) famous  b) Gargantua  
   c) gorilla  d) saved

16. The popularity of circuses dwindled after World War II, perhaps due to the spread of television.
   a) television  b) World War II  
   c) dwindled  d) perhaps

17. Circus activities take place within a ring and large circuses may have multiple rings, like the six-ringed Moscow State Circus.
   a) Moscow  b) multiple  
   c) like  d) ring

18. A character clown plays roles such as butcher, baker, or policeman.
   a) such  b) butcher  
   c) or  d) plays

19. The whiteface clown holds the highest status in the clown hierarchy and is the oldest of the clown archetypes.
   a) holds  b) hierarchy  
   c) highest  d) oldest

20. The augustes or red clowns are a misfortunate bunch and usually get the pies in the face, accidentally sit in wet paint, or have their pants ripped off.
   a) misfortunate  b) accidentally  
   c) wet  d) paint
Part Two - Proper Nouns

Directions: Read each sentence. Choose the proper noun and circle your choice.

21. Charlie Chaplin fits the definition of a character clown.
   a) Charlie            b) fits
   c) character         d) clown

22. Americans call a clown's act a gag while Europeans usually refer to it as an entree.
   a) clown's            b) gag
   c) Americans          d) entree

23. Many acrobatics troupes from China feature performers who spin multiple plates on sticks.
   a) multiple           b) Many
   c) China              d) plates

24. Hoppy the Clown exaggerated how difficult it was to ride his unicycle to create a comedic effect.
   a) Hoppy              b) difficult
   c) exaggerated        d) unicycle

25. Emmett Leo Kelly created the memorable clown figure "Weary Willie" based on the hobos of the Great Depression.
   a) figure             b) hobos
   c) based              d) Weary Willie

26. When Irvin Feld noticed that there were only 14 clowns remaining in the circus, and that many of them were in their 50s, he started a clown college.
   a) When                b) Irvin
   c) professional        d) circus

27. Animal trainer, Gunther Gebel-Williams, appeared on several TV shows with his tigers.
   a) Animal             b) tigers
   c) several            d) Gunther
28. We asked the vendor selling Coca-Cola how much they cost and his response almost made me do acrobatics
   a) Coca-Cola  
   b) We  
   c) asked  
   d) acrobatics

29. The Ringling Bros. began retiring their elephants in 2015 in a move that pleased animal rights activists but upset some circus fans.
   a) fans 
   b) Ringling Bros. 
   c) retiring 
   d) activists

30. Students did not have to pay any tuition to attend the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Clown College.
   a) Students 
   b) attend 
   c) Clown College 
   d) tuition
ACT PREP - DAY 3

Plural or Possessive Noun?
PART 1: Circle the correct noun form and explain why it is the correct form. See example below.

Example: Mr. Morton’s / Mr. Mortons favorite flavor of ice cream is strawberry.

Explain why your answer is correct: “Mr. Morton’s” is correct because in this sentence Mr. Morton is singular, and the apostrophe indicates possession.

1. The cars / car’s breaks failed to operate on the snowy mountain road.

Explain why your answer is correct: __________________________________________________________

2. On weekends, students / student’s love to sleep in.

Explain why your answer is correct: __________________________________________________________

3. Albert Einsteins / Albert Einstein’s theory of relativity changed our understanding of time.

Explain why your answer is correct: __________________________________________________________

4. Civil liberties / Civil liberties’ were bought with blood.

Explain why your answer is correct: __________________________________________________________

5. Todays / Today’s lesson taught us how to indicate possession.

Explain why your answer is correct: __________________________________________________________

6. Fast food has its / it’s downsides.

Explain why your answer is correct: __________________________________________________________
PART 2: When you have finished the front page, choose and write any 20 nouns. In the left column, write the nouns’ plural form. In the right column, write the nouns’ possessive form.

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