Student Learning Outcome (SLO) Assessment

Course Alpha and Number: ESL 9B
Course Title: Intermediate Writing for Speakers of Other Languages
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What Student Learning Outcome was assessed?

By the completion of this course, at a minimum of 70% proficiency, students will be able to:
7. Recognize and use correctly the following elements of grammar and mechanics in sentence-level, paragraph and essay writing.
   - Tenses: Present Perfect

Phase 1
A. Describe the assessment tool (test, survey, rubric, etc.) used. Cut and paste your tool below if possible.

A pre-test and post-test in spring 2006 was given to better judge what knowledge of grammatical structures students possess on entry to the course as either progress is attained by the end of the course. Five items on the test concerned the Present Perfect Tense. Sixteen students took both the pre-test and post-test.

It was expected that students, on average, would achieve 70% proficiency.

B. Who was the data collected from? How many were collected?

Data was collected from 16 students in the only section of ESL 9B in the spring 2006 semester.

C. What were the results of the assessment?

On the pre-test, students scored an average of 55% correct and 45% incorrect. On the post-test, the average score was 70% correct and 30% incorrect.

The expected 70% average proficiency was achieved in the post-test.

D. What changes are needed based on your assessment?

Students should be able to get a minimum of 80% correct answers for items testing the Present Perfect Tense on the post-test. Besides doing sentence-level work in the grammar text, students will engage in productive use of verb tenses in in-class writing tasks and
homework assignments. When this SLO is assessed in the future, a pre-test and post-test will be given again.
Read each sentence carefully. Read all four possible answers. Then circle the correct answer.
Answer all forty questions. Do not leave any blank answers. Take a guess if you do not know the answer.

1. He __________________ at home today.
   a. will be probably
   b. probably will be
   c. probably won't be
   d. won't probably be

2. Have you __________________ all your essays?
   a. wrote
   b. written
   c. write
   d. wrote

3. At the moment, Alice ______________ breakfast in the kitchen.
   a. makes
   b. is make
   c. make
   d. is making

4. The three boys ______________ to the same swimming club.
   a. belong
   b. belongs
   c. are belonging
   d. does belong

5. The power went off while I ______________ to my stereo.
   a. listened
   b. listen
   c. was listening
   d. listening

6. Last Saturday he ______________ until noon.
   a. slept
   b. slepted
   c. sleeping
   d. sleep

7. Tom ______________ in Asia.
   a. used to live
   b. use lived
   c. is use to live
   d. used to lived

8. Before Mari ______ the exam, she studied in the library.
   a. takes
   b. took
   c. took
   d. is taking
9. Ann usually ________ to every art show in the city.
   a. go
   b. goes
   c. going
   d. gone

10. Is he ________ take that class in the spring?
    a. gone to
    b. go to
    c. goes to
    d. going to

11. We've ________ in this class for 15 minutes.
    a. been sitting
    b. sat
    c. sitting
    d. had sat

12. We ________ to fix that flat tire.
    a. need still
    b. still needing
    c. still need
    d. still needs

13. The mother seldom ________ her children.
    a. is understanding
    b. understand
    c. is understand
    d. understands

14. The winter break ________ next week.
    a. started
    b. is start
    c. starts
    d. going to start

15. Jane ________ Alice for twenty years.
    a. know
    b. is knowing
    c. was knowing
    d. has known

16. As soon as I ________ at the corner, the bus stopped.
    a. arrived
    b. was going to arrive
    c. will arrive
    d. arrive

17. The thief ________ the tires right off my car in the parking lot.
    a. steal
    b. stole
    c. stealled
    d. stolen
18. The traffic lights _______ yesterday morning.
   a. was not working
   b. do not work
   c. were not working
   d. not working

19. Last week the gardener _______ a hole in the back yard.
   a. dug
   b. digged
   c. is digging
   d. dugged

20. He has _______ a cold several times since he arrived in New York.
   a. caught
   b. catches
   c. caught
   d. been catch

21. While the teacher _______ to the student, he fell asleep.
   a. was talking
   b. talked
   c. is talking
   d. talks

22. I bought a videotape because I _______ to tape that special TV program.
   a. will plan
   b. plans
   c. am planning
   d. planning

23. Has Jose been _______ here for six years?
   a. live
   b. living
   c. lived
   d. lives

24. _______ he prefer tea or coffee?
   a. Is
   b. Do
   c. Does
   d. Isn't

25. Is that bag heavy? I _______ lift it for you.
   a. will help
   b. going to help
   c. am going to help
   d. have helped

   a. have gone
   b. went
   c. going
   d. am going
27. The movie _________ by the time his friend arrived.
   a. had finished
   b. finishes
   c. will finish
   d. finish

28. It _________ never snowed on Oahu.
   a. did
   b. has
   c. does
   d. have

29. He _________ home for the holidays.
   a. is staying
   b. stays
   c. going to stay
   d. is stay

30. He _________ his wife's parents six months ago.
   a. met
   b. has met
   c. meets
   d. meeting

31. You _________ when I tell you this story.
   a. are going to cry
   b. are crying
   c. cry
   d. were crying

32. _________ he take the bus to LCC on Tuesdays?
   a. Does
   b. Did
   c. Is
   d. Do

33. Did you _________ work in the mall?
   a. used to
   b. using to
   c. use
   d. used

34. I was late for class. The teacher _________ the exam.
   a. already started
   b. already will start
   c. had already started
   d. starts

35. Stan jogs and _________ weights every evening.
   a. is lifting
   b. lifts
   c. will lift
   d. are lifting
36. Have you ever ________ a person like her before?
   a. knew
   b. knowed
   c. knows
   d. known

37. ________ he knew the answer?
   a. Do
   b. Is
   c. Doesn’t
   d. Isn’t

38. Scary movies ________ children afraid.
   a. make
   b. is making
   c. makes
   d. going to make

39. Tara ________ when her friend arrived.
   a. was
g. was eating
   c. a eating
d. eaten

40. If it ________ today, I’m going to ski in the mountains.
   a. snows
   b. will snow
   c. does snows
   d. snow