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: Future

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 an whether progress is attained by the end of the course. Three items on the test concerned the Future 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 67.7% correct and 32.3% incorrect. On the post-test, the average score was 87.5% and 12.5% incorrect.

Students performed higher than expected on the post-test.

D. What changes are needed based on your assessment?

Students should be able to get a minimum of 90% correct answers for items testing the Future 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. sleeped
   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. take
   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. stealed  
    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. cry
   c. were crying
   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. use 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. knewed
   c. knows
   d. known

37. ________ he know 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. eats
   b. was eating
   c. is 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