



**The Grammar Dog Guide to  
All's Well That  
Ends Well  
by William Shakespeare**

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Includes over 240 multiple choice questions.**

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**EXERCISE 5            COMPLEMENTS**

Identify the complements in the following sentences. Label the underlined words:

*d.o.* = direct object

*i.o.* = indirect object

*p.n.* = predicate nominative

*o.p.* = object of preposition

*p.a.* = predicate adjective

**ACT I**

- \_\_\_1.        Moderate lamentation is the right of the dead, excessive grief the enemy to the living.
- \_\_\_2.        In his youth he had the wit which I can well observe today in our young lords.
- \_\_\_3.        Alone she was, and did communicate to herself her own words to her own ears.

**EXERCISE 6            PHRASES**

Identify the phrases in the following sentences. Label the underlined words:

*par* = participial    *ger* = gerund    *inf* = infinitive    *appos* = appositive    *prep* = prepositional

**ACT I**

- \_\_\_1.        In delivering my son from me, I bury a second husband.
- \_\_\_2.        Be comfortable to my mother, your mistress, and make much of her.
- \_\_\_3.        Man setting down before you will undermine you and blow you up.

**EXERCISE 9            STYLE: FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE**

Identify the figurative language in the following sentences. Label underlined words:

*p* = personification    *s* = simile    *m* = metaphor    *h* = hyperbole

**ACT I**

- \_\_\_1.        The best wishes that can be forged in your thoughts be servants to you!
- \_\_\_2.        Withal, full oft we see cold wisdom waiting on superfluous folly.
- \_\_\_3.        And your virginity, your old virginity, is like one of our French withered pears.

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**EXERCISE 12      STYLE: ALLUSIONS**

Identify the type of allusion in the following sentences. Label the underlined words:

a. *history*      b. *mythology*      c. *religion*      d. *superstition*      e. *sickness/medicine*

**ACT I**

- \_\_\_1.      I think it would be the death of the King's disease.
- \_\_\_2.      With a world of pretty, fond, adoptious christendoms that blinking Cupid gossips.
- \_\_\_3.      Though honesty be no Puritan, yet it will do no hurt.

**EXERCISE 14      STYLE: LITERARY ANALYSIS – SELECTED PASSAGE 2**

Read the following passage the first time through for meaning.

*King:* 'Tis only title thou disdain'st in her, the which  
I can build up. Strange is it that our bloods,  
Of color, weight, and heat, poured all together,  
Would quite confound distinction, yet stands off  
In differences so mighty. If she be  
All that is virtuous – save what thou dislik'st,  
A poor physician's daughter – thou dislik'st  
Of virtue for the name. But do not so.  
From lowest place when virtuous things proceed,  
The place is dignified by th' doer's deed.  
Where greet additions swell 's, and virtue none,  
It is a dropsied honor. Good alone  
Is good without a name; vileness is so;  
The property by what it is should go,

Not by the title. She is young, wise, fair;  
In these to nature she's immediate heir,  
And these breed honor. That is honor's scorn  
Which challenges itself as honor's born  
And is not like the sire. Honors thrive  
When rather from our acts we them derive  
Than our forgoers. The mere word's a slave  
Debauched on every tomb, on every grave  
A lying trophy, and as oft is dumb  
Where dust and damned oblivion is the tomb  
Of honored bones indeed. What should be said?  
If thou canst like this creature as a maid,  
I can create the rest. Virtue and she  
Is her own dower; honor and wealth from me.  
(Act 2, scene 3, 117-144)

Read the passage a second time, marking figurative language, sensory imagery, poetic devices, and any other patterns of diction and rhetoric, then answer the questions below.

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| 1 <i>King:</i> 'Tis only title thou disdain'st in her, the which | 15 Not by the title. She is young, wise, fair;  |
| 2 I can build up. Strange is it that our bloods,                 | 16 In these to nature she's immediate heir,     |
| 3 Of color, weight, and heat, poured all together,               | 17 And these breed honor. That is honor's scorn |
| 4 Would quite confound distinction, yet stands off               | 18 Which challenges itself as honor's born      |
| 5 In differences so mighty. If she be                            | 19 And is not like the sire. Honors thrive      |
| 6 All that is virtuous – save what thou dislik'st,               | 20 When rather from our acts we them derive     |
| 7 A poor physician's daughter – thou dislik'st                   | 21 Than our forgoers. The mere word's a slave   |

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| 8 Of virtue for the name. But do not so.            | 22 Debauched on every tomb, on every grave       |
| 9 From lowest place when virtuous things proceed,   | 23 A lying trophy, and as oft is dumb            |
| 10 The place is dignified by th' doer's deed.       | 24 Where dust and damned oblivion is the tomb    |
| 11 Where greet additions swell 's, and virtue none, | 25 Of honored bones indeed. What should be said? |
| 12 It is a dropsied honor. Good alone               | 26 If thou canst like this creature as a maid,   |
| 13 Is good without a name; vileness is so;          | 27 I can create the rest. Virtue and she         |
| 14 The property by what it is should go,            | 28 Is her own dower; honor and wealth from me.   |

- \_\_\_1. The word *bloods* in Lines 2-5 is an example of . . .  
a. parataxis b. metonymy c. dysphemism d. euphemism
- \_\_\_2. The shift that begins in Line 9 is signaled by the continued use of . . .  
a. rhyme b. alliteration c. consonance d. assonance
- \_\_\_3. The PREDOMINANT poetic device in Line 10 is . . .  
a. assonance b. consonance c. alliteration d. rhyme

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