

JTC 351 Public Relations Practices
Arnold “Language Lapses”

Identify the grammatically correct word from the bolded choices in the following sentences:

1. Macon’s boss told her to **try to** **try and** improve her typing speed.
2. Shrewsberry was **a witness** **an eyewitness** to the crime.
3. Students who **wish** **want** to join the club should apply in Henry Hall.
4. Students should not feel **bad** **badly** if their college grades are not as high as their high school grades.
5. A construction worker was injured **after** **when** he was struck by a falling beam.
6. More than 20,000 **former students** **former graduates** returned to campus for homecoming.
7. The sportscaster told listeners that the referee called **time out** **time out on the playing field**.
8. The instruction book is **available** **available to those interested**.
9. Students should keep their textbooks for **future reference** **reference**.
10. **A mob** **An angry mob** was gathering at the scene of the labor strike.
11. The couple, who has a 20-month-old boy, had **another** **a new baby** today.
12. Free gift **is** **is not** redundant.
13. Midnight is too late for **Mary and me** **Mary and I** to watch television.
14. Working in some area of advertising is **an old tradition** **a tradition** in the Goldberg family.
15. I **can’t help but wonder** **can’t help wondering** how different my life would be if I had completed my education.
16. The political debate **centered around** **centered on** property taxes.
17. The recorded message instructed callers to return the call the using the following numbers:
8-1-3-4-2-0-1 **8-1-3-4-2-zero-1**.
18. Carlton entered politics because he **was** **is** sure he can do a better job than other politicians.
19. Paxton left work early because he was **nauseous** **nauseated**.
20. Meravitch said it is **strange** **funny** how his hunches prove to be true.