**Conventions 8: All Right vs. “Alright,” Pronouns as Proper Nouns, “Nowadays,” Embarrassed**

**I. All Right / “Alright”**

**All Right = correct for academic writing**

**“Your quiz answers are all right.”**

**“Yesterday, I was sick, but today, I’m all right.”**

**“Alright” = incorrect for academic writing, so don’t do it.**

**(Yes, it appears in print more and more all the time, but it’s still not considered correct, so don’t do it.)**

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**II. Pronouns as Proper Nouns**

**Capitalize words like “Mom,” “Dad,” and “Grandma” when you use these words instead of their names:**

**“I told you, Mom, I already did my homework.”**

**Don’t capitalize these words when you’re not using them instead of names:**

**“My mom took me shopping last week.”**

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**III. “Nowadays” is grammatically correct but not appropriate for academic writing. Don’t use it. “Now *in* days” is both incorrect and inappropriate. Don’t do it.**

**Similarly, “All in all” is a terrible way to start a conclusion (or anything, for that matter). Don’t use it.**

**Spelling: EMBARRASSED**

**All right or “alright”?**

**1. How are you? Oh, I’m \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. Your answers are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**All ready or already?**

**3. The tests are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be graded.**

**4. Some have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ been graded.**

**I have fewer/less good grades then/than my friend, but that’s all right / alright because I’ve already / all ready been excepted / accepted to alot / a lot of good colleges.**

**Did your dad / Dad go to work yesterday?**

**No, but dad / Dad did go to church last night.**

**Are we going to grandma’s / Grandma’s house?**

**Yes, then we’ll go to your aunt’s / Aunt’s house.**

**Good or bad?**

**Nowadays, I get more exercise.**

**Now in days, I get more exercise.**

**All in all, our school should require uniforms.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Conventions Workshop: All Right and “Alright”**

**All Right = all correct OR okay: “Your quiz answers are all right.” “I’m feeling all right.”**

**“Alright” = INCORRECT FOR ACADEMIC WRITING. DON’T DO IT.**

**Don’t confuse “all right” / “alright” with “all ready” and “already.” Remember, “all right” is always right. “All ready” means everyone or everything is ready; “already” means before now.**

**Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct words.**

1. Is your sick dog \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ now?

alright / all right

2. Are your answers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

alright / all right

3. Is it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to eat your dessert when I’m done?

alright / all right

4. Yesterday I was sick, but today I’m \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

alright / all right

5. The people were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to go out.

already / all ready

6. The dogs have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eaten their dinner, and now they are

already / all ready

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to go to the vet’s office. We need to find out if they’re sick or if

already / all ready

they are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

alright / all right

7. Whose job is it to find out the students are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? I’ve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

alright / all right already / all ready

done it twice, and I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to never do it again.

already / all ready

**“Nowadays” in academic writing = GOOD BAD (circle one)**

**“All in all” in academic writing= GOOD BAD**

**“You” in academic writing = GOOD BAD**

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**Conventions Workshop: Pronouns as Proper Nouns**

**Capitalize words like “Mom,” “Dad,” and “Grandma” when you use these words instead of their names: “When will Mom get home, Dad?”**

**Don’t capitalize these words when you’re not using them instead of their names: “Doesn’t your grandma drive a Toyota?”**

**Circle the correct words in the sentences below.**

**1. My dad / Dad doesn’t know how to drive.**

**2. I said, “When is dad / Dad going to learn?”**

**3. Mom, I’m afraid that dad / Dad will get us into an accident.**

**4. I’m afraid that my dad / Dad is going to get us in an accident.**

**5. When you learn to drive, dad / Dad, I’ll ride with you.**

**6. Until then, can your dad / Dad drive us to the store?**

**7. Carol’s dad / Dad drove us to the store.**

**8. Tom’s grandma / Grandma bakes excellent cookies.**

**9. I said, “Mom / mom, when is the heat going to be fixed?”**

**10. I already told you, dad / Dad – I’ll be home by midnight.**

**11. When are we going to grandma’s / Grandma’s house?**

**12. Don’t you love it when I drive, mom / Mom?**

**13. When will you be home from work, dad / Dad?**

**14. Mom, when will dad / Dad be home from work?**

**15. Write a sentence using this week’s spelling word and “Mom” where Mom must be capitalized.**

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**16. Write a sentence using last week’s spelling word and “mom” where mom should NOT be capitalized.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Conventions 8 Review**

1. Write a sentence using “all right” and “every day.”

2. Write a sentence using “already” and “Mom” or “Dad.”

3. Write a sentence using “fewer” and the spelling word for this Conventions unit . . . the word that means you’re kind of ashamed.

4. Write a sentence using “everyday” and “less.”

5. Choose two of the roots from your “Roots 8” handout. Find full words using those two roots, and write those two words into sentences. Do not use the words already listed on the Roots 8 handout.

Circle the correct choice.

1. Is your sick dog alright / all right now?

2. Are your answers alright / all right ?

3. Is it alright / all right to eat your dessert when I’m done?

4. Yesterday I was sick, but today I’m alright / all right.

5. The people were already / all ready to go out.

6. The dogs have already / all ready eaten their dinner, and now they are already / all ready to go to the vet’s office. We need to find out if they’re sick or if they are alright / all right.

7. Whose job is it to find out if the students are already / all ready ? I’ve already / all ready done it twice.

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (first and last names)

**Conventions Quiz 8**

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct word or punctuation.

1. My friend Ana and \_\_\_\_\_\_ wear the same comfortable shoes to school \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

me / I every day / everyday

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shoes out there \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you’d think.

There/They’re/Their less / fewer than / then

3. Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shoes are getting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but we still like them.

every day / everyday to/two/too lose / loose

4. My sister has friends \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to buy new shoes all the time.

that / who choose / chose

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ old shoes are the kind \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have zippers instead of shoelaces?

Who’s / Whose that / who

6. My sister will never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the fact that she and \_\_\_\_\_\_ could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ left earlier.

accept / except me / I of / have

7. I know a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has to drive around \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for her job.

women / woman that / who alot / a lot

8. When is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pen going \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ run out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ink?

your / you’re to / two / too its / it’s

9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that earring; \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ falling out of your ear.

Your / You’re loose/lose its / it’s all ready / already

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are the cookies if \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to eat but not here?

Were / Where there/they’re/their all ready / already

11. My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brothers both have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ favorite kinds of cookies.

to / two / too there/they’re/their

12. First the three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ walked outside, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they went back in.

women / woman than / then

13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ been refusing to answer to door for my family and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Who’s / Whose me / I

**Score \_\_\_\_\_ / 34**

14. “Nowadays” = Good Bad (circle one) “All in all” = Good Bad (circle one)

“You” in academic writing = Good Bad (circle one)

15. Do you have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ idea of what you want the garden to look like, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

definite / defiant mom / Mom

16. Yesterday, my feet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ really hurting, but today they feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

where / were alright / all right

17. I think there’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ happiness \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there used to be, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Fridays.

fewer / less than / then accept/except

18. Does poor air quality \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your breathing or your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

affect / effect dad’s / Dad’s

19. Yesterday, you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so today, you’ll see the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

choose / chose definite / defiant principle/principal

20. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of too little sleep is too much stress.

affect / effect

21. Next year, I’ll go to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where I’ll show everyone the beautiful

collage / college

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of photos I made in art class.

collage / college

22. Few people have perfect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , but at least I can

gramer / grammar / gramar / grammer

spell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,

beggining/begining/beginning/begginning adres/addres/address

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

nesessary/nesesary/necessary/necesary lisense/license/lisence/licence

23. I’ve made a firm \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do the right thing from now on

comitment / commitment / committment

because if I don’t, I’ll get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

embarased / embbarased / embarrased / embarrassed

**Score \_\_\_\_\_ / 25**

24. Write a paragraph about a time you failed at something or a time you were successful. Please try to make your writing interesting. Be sure to have a strong topic sentence!

Your paragraph must be at least **SIX** sentences long. (10 points possible)

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**Read over your paragraph and make any necessary changes before handing it in.**