

**Grammar Exercise – Correcting Sentences**  
**20 possible points**

Directions: Correct each sentence. Make grammatical changes, as well as changes to word choice and formality. The number in parentheses tells you how many corrections need to be made.

1. In F. Scott Fitzgeralds, Great Gatsby, takes place in the 1920's. (4)
2. Nick is able to transcend these difficulties and in the end, he is still the great man he was at the beginning. (1)
3. Nick does not belong to a single social class, his mannerisms are to the elite, but his attitude fits more with the people who believe in the American Dream like Jay Gatsby. (2) (Which word would you change?)
4. But the main thing that he wanted to accomplish with his money, was to be closer to Daisy. (2)
5. "Making a short deft movement, Tom Buchanan broke her nose with his open hand". (Fitzgerald, 37) (3) (Can you write a lead in?)
6. Gatsby is more timid and it is shown when he ran away the time Nick was going to introduce him to Tom. (1)
7. In the beginning of the Novel Nick describes when he first saw Gatsby gazing across the bay towards the green light. (2)
8. He fell in love with a rich girl, and lied about his wealth. (1)
9. Gatsby's wealth made him less selfish; although, he became more unlawful. (1)
10. Now Nick knows of Tom's wrong doing, he knows that that type of information wouldn't be agreeable to his dear cousin Daisy. (4)
11. The braveness of Gatsby along with his wealth is part of his greatness. (3)

12. The narrator reveals to us, “he had deliberately given Daisy a sense of security; he let her believe that he was a person from much the same stratum as herself...” (Fitzgerald 149.)  
(3)
13. All was fun and games until Myrtle exhorted Tom to leave Daisy for her, after all, neither Tom nor Myrtle even liked their spouses. (1) (How would you make the sentence more formal?)
14. I think that you can try to achieve and have everything in life you want, however; it never ends good. (6)
15. In many ways the social elite are correct in their self-centeredness, others simple cannot compare to them. (3)
16. The Buchanan’s were selfish careless people. (2)
17. “The Great Gatsby,” by F. Scott Fitzgerald portrays the American Dream in New York.  
(2)
18. When the accident first happened she did not stop to check to see if the person she had hit was alright, she just kept driving. (2)
19. Fitzgerald is proving through the Wilson’s lives that the American Dream is futile in because it is not available too everyone. (3)
20. In contrast to Gatsby George Wilson would be a prime example of one who cannot achieve the American dream. (3) (Hint: one of the three is a word choice issue.)