

Wole Soyinka

Wole Soyinka, who was born in 1934, is a Nigerian writer, poet and playwright. Many 1) _____ him as Africa's most 2) _____ playwright. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1986, the first African writer to win this honour.

Soyinka has played an active role in Nigeria's 3) _____ history. In 1967, during the Civil War in Nigeria, he was arrested by the Federal Government and put in solitary 4) _____ for attempting to broker a peace between the warring parties. While in prison he wrote 5) _____ which was published in a collection. He was released two years later after international attention was drawn to his 6) _____. His experiences in prison are recounted in a book. He is an outspoken 7) _____ of many Nigerian administrations, and of political tyrannies worldwide, including the Mugabe regime in Zimbabwe. Much of his 8) _____ has been concerned with "the 9) _____ boot and the irrelevance of the colour of the foot that wears it".

1986 was his most glorious year and occurred during the reigns of several violent and repressive African regimes. The Swedish Academy 10) _____ him the Nobel Prize for Literature as a writer "who in a wide 11) _____ perspective and with poetic overtones fashions the drama of 12) _____. The foremost Nigerian 13) _____ became the first African Nobel laureate, enshrined forever in the history of world literature. His Nobel Lecture was devoted to South African freedom-fighter Nelson Mandela. Soyinka's 14) _____ speech criticised apartheid and the politics of racial segregation imposed on the population by the Nationalist South African government. That year brought him another 15) _____ award - the Agip Prize for Literature - and he was awarded a Nigerian national decoration: Commander of the Federal Republic.

Questions

- 1 a. consider b. regard c. think d. believe
- 2 a. distinguish b. distinguishable c. distinguished d. distinguishing
- 3 a. politic b. politician c. politcally d. political
- 4 a. confinement b. confine c. confining d. configuration
- 5 a. poet b. poem c. poems d. poetry
- 6 a. in prison b. imprisonment c. jailer d. prisoner
- 7 a. criticise b. criticism c. critic d. criticising
- 8 a. writings b. writer c. wright d. writing
- 9 a. oppress b. oppressive c. oppression d. oppresser
- 10 a. granted b. awards c. awarded d. grants
- 11 a. culture b. cultural c. cultured d. cultures
- 12 a. exist b. existance c. existence d. existential
- 13 a. dramatic b. drama c. dramatically d. dramatist
- 14 a. acceptance b. accept c. accepted d. accepting
- 15 a. literate b. literary c. literally d. literal

Tense formation

Find the errors in each sentence and correct them. (Some sentences are correct!).

1. I am living here ever since I have been 16.
2. When I was a child, I was walking to school every day.
3. I am thinking that I am not liking this very much.
4. Bye! I'm going to see you tomorrow!
5. Oh bother! I leave my umbrella on the bus.
6. By the time I got there they had finished.
7. While he had his breakfast, the postman was knocking on the door.
8. I had visited England many years ago when I was a student.
9. Darling, good news, I will have a baby.
10. Look out! That box will fall on your head!
11. I am swimming every day and I use to go jogging as well.
12. I am not meeting him for two years or more.
13. I see him from time to time.
14. I was always knowing that you have been wrong.
15. I didn't use to like her but I change my mind.

Relative Pronouns

11. Is this the book? You asked for it.
12. The country now has 300 power stations. All of them are part of a national network.
13. I don't find her a very friendly companion. I'm sharing a flat with her.
14. The headmaster spoke to the boys. Their work was below standard.
15. The President may be forced to resign. His support in the party has seriously declined.
16. That's the man. I saw him steal your car.
17. Members of the local sub-aqua club came across a wreck. It had lain on the sea-bed for over 200 years. They had been looking for it for 10 years.
18. The steel chassis gives it strength. The car is built around the steel chassis.
19. The car took off. It caused the accident.
20. The new hospital will be officially opened in March. The President's wife has taken a great personal interest in the hospital.

Reported speech

- 1- I'm going to tell you what this word means.'
- 2- 'I made a mistake, and I'm very sorry about it.'
- 3- 'I think you're quite right.'
- 4- 'Please, please, listen to me!'
- 5- 'No one must leave the building without my permission. Stay here, all of you!'
- 6- 'Don't do that again. If you do, you'll be punished.'
- 7- 'Will ever see her again?'
- 8- 'Your passport is ready and waiting for collection.'
- 9- 'I won't do it, however much you pay me.'
- 10- 'You killed him, didn't you?'
- 11- 'No, I didn't. I swear I am innocent.'
- 12- 'How lovely to see you!'
- 13- 'I'll pay you at the end of the month, without fail'.
- 14- 'I'd rather stay at home, if you don't mind.'
- 15- 'Remember that you have to go to the meeting tomorrow.'

Sentence transformation

46. Geoff had the accident five hours after he started driving.
 Geoff _____ five hours when he had the accident. (for)
47. The cat had hidden itself under my car. Luckily I noticed before I got in.
 Luckily, I _____ under my car before I got in. (hiding)
48. They say that this church is nearly 1000years old.
 This church _____ nearly 1000 years old. (said)
49. "When is Mike coming home?" asked Paul.
 Paul asked _____ home. (asked)
50. She doesn't want to go to the party.
 She'd _____ to the party. (rather)
51. "I like apple tart a lot!" said Anna.
 Anna said _____ apple tart. (fond)
52. You'd better hurry if you don't want to be late.
 You'll be _____ hurry. (if)
53. It took a long time to recover from her grandmother's death.
 It took a _____ her grandmother's death. (get)
54. Nigel is tired of her bad moods.
 Nigel _____ her bad moods. (fed)
55. We enjoyed the picnic despite the rain.
 We enjoyed _____ . (although)
56. While we were on holiday our son became friendly with other children.
 While we were on holiday our son _____ other children. (friends)
57. There was a strong wind which caused the fire to spread quickly.
 The fire _____ quickly if there hadn't been a strong wind. (so)
58. He didn't even say he was sorry that he had behaved so badly.
 He didn't even _____ so badly. (apologise)
59. I think I should leave, shouldn't I?
 I think I _____ I? (better)
60. He's reduced the number of hours he works.
 He's _____ the number of hours he works. (cut)

Conditionals

Write all sentences in the first, second and third form of the conditional.

Q9 - If she'd tried harder, she might have succeeded.

Q10 - If you work hard enough, you may well pass.

Q11 - If we fail, who will be held responsible?

Q12 - If she went, she could report back to us all.

Q13 - If he'd studied at a good college, he might have got a better grade.

Q14 - If you ever need help, just ask me.

Q15 - I would be surprised if it rained.

Q16 - If anyone complains, we deal with it immediately

Vocabulary

Where can you find me?

e.g. a bottle of wine (don't repeat)

1. a of milk
2. a of beer
3. a of yoghurt
4. a of beans or paint
5. a of flowers or grapes
6. a soap or chocolate
7. a of bread
8. a 10g of sugar

Add 15 words to each list

1. fruit
2. meat
3. vegetables
4. seafood
5. fish
6. herbs

Question Tags

1. It wasn't an easy exam,
2. He didn't have enough time,
3. You saw him taking it in the shop,
4. Let's go to the cinema this weekend,
5. I am not on duty now,
6. They never saw it coming,
7. We won't have time to visit all the museums,
8. They'd do it if they had time,
9. We've plenty of time,
10. We'd been there before,
11. Yes, I am the teacher in class today,
12. Please, copy from the blackboard,
13. They will do it if they have time,
14. He is a snow boarding fan,
15. He could never have done it alone,
16. I must go now,
17. She should have listened,
18. They are going to arrive on the 11 o'clock train,
19. Yes. I have to pick them up,
20. Yes. Leave on time,

Essay ideas

You suddenly realised you were completely lost. Describe what you did and how you managed to get out of trouble.

ARTICLE: Your school wants an article to encourage students to learn other languages, apart from English, in an after-school optional class.

REPORT: Your English penfriend is doing a project on the subject of TV and has asked you for information about the different TV channels and the most popular one and programmes in your country.

Verbs and corresponding prepositions.

Translate the verbs

Apologise to/for	Hope for
Arrive at/in	Happen to
Ashamed of	
Afraid of	Insist on
Arrested for	
Account for	Keen on
Adapt to	Kind to
Agree about/on/to/with	
Amazed with/by	Laugh at/about
Amused with/by	Listen to
Angry at/with	
Apply to/for	Mistake for
Approve of	
Ask for	Pay attention to
Accuse of	Pay for
Bad at	Point in
Believe in	Proud of
Borrow from	Punish for
Belong to	
Congratulate on	Rely on
Criticize for	Reply to
Capable of	Responsible for
Care about/for	
Comment on	
Compare with	Same as
Compliment on	Separate from
Concerned about	Smile at
Convict of	Sorry for/about
Convince of	Succeed in
Cure of	Suspected of
Depend on	
Deal in/with	Take pride in
Die of/from	Talk about/to
Different from	Thank for
Dream of/about	Think of/about
	Tired of
Explain to	
Frightened of	
Fond of	Used to
Go to	Wait for
Grateful for	Worry about/over
Get rid of	
Good at	