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.)

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.”

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.
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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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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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.
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/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.