Singular, Plural, and Possessive Nouns
In Outer Space…

Reading Level 1

Part One | Noun Types
Directions: Read each of the following sentences and determine the noun type of the italicized word. Be careful, some of them are not nouns.

1. What type of noun is the word *Moon* as it is used in the following sentence?
   The Moon is part of an old planet that crashed into the Earth a long time ago.
   a) Singular noun  
   b) Plural noun  
   c) Possessive noun  
   d) Not a noun

2. What type of noun is the word *Neil* as it is used in the following sentence?
   Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the Moon, said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."
   a) Singular noun  
   b) Plural noun  
   c) Possessive noun  
   d) Not a noun

3. What type of noun is the word *Halley's* as it is used in the following sentence?
   Halley's Comet will pass by the Earth again in the year 2061.
   a) Singular noun  
   b) Plural noun  
   c) Possessive noun  
   d) Not a noun

4. What type of noun is the word *Pluto's* as it is used in the following sentence?
   Pluto's status as a planet has been debated.
   a) Singular noun  
   b) Plural noun  
   c) Possessive noun  
   d) Not a noun

5. What type of noun is the word *galaxies* as it is used in the following sentence?
   We live in the Milky Way, one of many galaxies.
   a) Singular noun  
   b) Plural noun  
   c) Possessive noun  
   d) Not a noun
6. What type of noun is the word *crashes* as it is used in the following sentence?
   A meteor is called a meteorite after it crashes into land.
   a) Singular noun   b) Plural noun   c) Possessive noun   d) Not a noun

7. What type of noun is the word *Saturn's* as it is used in the following sentence?
   Saturn's rings are made of ice.
   a) Singular noun   b) Plural noun   c) Possessive noun   d) Not a noun

8. What type of noun is the word *expanding* as it is used in the following sentence?
   Space is growing and expanding as time goes on.
   a) Singular noun   b) Plural noun   c) Possessive noun   d) Not a noun

9. What type of noun is the word *night* as it is used in the following sentence?
   The North Star keeps its position in the sky all night.
   a) Singular noun   b) Plural noun   c) Possessive noun   d) Not a noun

10. What type of noun is the word *effects* as it is used in the following sentence?
    No one's ever seen a black hole, but some think they have seen their effects.
    a) Singular noun   b) Plural noun   c) Possessive noun   d) Not a noun

11. What type of noun is the word *visible* as it is used in the following sentence?
    Comet's tails are only visible, or able to be seen, when they are near the Sun.
    a) Singular noun   b) Plural noun   c) Possessive noun   d) Not a noun

**Part Two | Fill in the Blank**

**Directions:** Choose the answer that best completes the sentences. Circle your response.

12. You can use a ________ to look into space.
    a) telescopes   b) telescope's   c) telescope   d) telescopes'
13. The Sun is so large that over one-million ________ could fit in it.
   a) Earth  b) Earths  c) Earth's  d) Earths'

14. The ________ atmosphere is made of gasses.
   a) Earth  b) Earths  c) Earth's  d) Earths'

15. Jupiter is the biggest planet in the Solar ________.
   a) System  b) Systems  c) System's  d) Systems'

16. The rings of ________ were found in 1977.
   a) Uranus  b) Uranuss  c) Uranus'  d) Uranus'

17. ________ surface can be as cold as -280 F at night and as hot as 800 F during the day.
   a) Mercury  b) Merurys  c) Mercury's  d) Merurys's

18. Venus is named after the Roman ________ of love.
   a) goddesses  b) goddess's  c) goddess'  d) goddess

19. The surface of ________ is covered in iron oxide, or rust.
   a) Mars'  b) Mars  c) Mars's  d) Mars's

20. ________ status was changed to dwarf planet in 2006.
   a) Pluto  b) Plutos  c) Pluto's  d) Plutos'

21. NASA, a space agency in the United ________.
   a) State  b) States  c) State's  d) States's
22. You may see an _______ colorful lights in the night sky.
   a) aurora  b) auroras  
   c) aurora's  d) auroras'

23. There are a lot of _______ in the Asteroid Belt.
   a) asteroid  b) asteroid's  
   c) asteroids'  d) asteroids

24. The closest star to Earth besides the Sun is 4.37 _______ away.
   a) light-year  b) light-years  
   c) light-years's  d) light-years'

25. The surface of _______ is covered in liquid water.
   a) Earth  b) Earths  
   c) Earth's  d) Earths'

26. It would take us 21,585 Earth _______ to travel one light-year.
   a) year  b) years  
   c) year's  d) years'

27. You are not allowed to take your break in the _______ break-room.
   a) astronautss  b) astronauts  
   c) astronauts's  d) astronauts'

28. The _______ limits are unknown.
   a) Universe  b) Universes  
   c) Universe's  d) Universes'

29. _______ best theory about the start of space is that it began with a bang.
   a) Scientists's  b) Scientists  
   c) Scientist's  d) Scientists'

30. It took almost 10 years for _______ New Horizons space probe to get to Pluto.
   a) NASA  b) NASAs  
   c) NASA's  d) NASAs'