Breaking Grammar Rules Quick Check:
Solid or Rule-Breaker (RB)?
I walked all way to Santa Cruz.
For who am I holding this glass of wine?
I cut down only the trees, which were marked with yellow ribbons.

Articles:
1. Solid or RB? Why did cat cross the road?
2. Solid or RB? Why did Cat cross the road?
3. Solid or RB? Why did the cat cross the road?
4. Solid or RB? The cats crossed the road.
5. Solid or RB? None of the cats crossed the road.

Modifiers:
1. Solid or RB? Having finished my dinner, the waitress offered to bring out the dessert tray.
2. Solid or RB? Without knowing his name, it was hard to introduce him.
3. Solid or RB? A cop just knocked on my door and said my dogs were chasing people on bikes.
4. Solid or RB? The park ranger spotted a beaver peering through his binoculars.

Prepositions:
1. Solid or RB? Jim has worked at NPS for 20 years.
2. Solid or RB? She arrived at base around 4 p.m.
3. Solid or RB? Apartments in Monterey are expensive.
4. Solid or RB? The blue areas on the map indicate water.
5. Solid or RB? I met the nicest people at Monterey, California.
6. Solid or RB? I met the nicest people at the Trident Room in Monterey.

Tricky Pronoun Exercises:
1. Which is correct? The dog chased it’s ball. The dog chased its ball.
2. Which is a better use of which?
   I cut down all the trees, which gave the family lots of firewood for the winter.
   I cut down only the trees, which were marked with yellow ribbons.
3. Which is a better use of that?
   I phoned everyone I knew that was in the fire area.
   I phoned everyone I knew that made me feel a lot better.
4. Which is a better use of who rather than whom?
   Who lives there?
   For who am I holding this glass of wine?

**Subject / Verb Agreement:**

**Solid or RB?**
1. I walks to the store.
2. Everyone walks to the store.
3. James and his friend walks to the store.
4. China walk to the store.
5. The United States walks to the store.
6. Five minutes are a lot of time.
7. Five minutes is a lot of time.
8. The crowd roars as the musicians come on stage.
9. The crowd roar as the musicians come on stage.

**Quick Sentence Diagnostic:**

**Are the following solid sentences or rule-breakers?**
If not, please fix them so that the puppies are all happy, and the road is all clear!
(By the way, if you’d like more practice on types of words, identify them below. Answers in booklet.) *Sentences borrowed from Warriner’s.*

1. *When you drive a car you must carry liability insurance, which pays for any damage or injury that you may inflict on others.*
2. *Insurance in some places is cheaper, than it is in others.*
3. *How much insurance costs depends on how congested traffic is in the area.*
4. *If you live in a rural community, you probably pay much less than you would, if you lived in a city.*
5. *An unmarried male who is under twenty-five pays the highest premium, because statistics show that he is the worst risk.*
6. *Drivers who have a record of accidents must also pay a high premium; since they have cost their insurance companies a great deal of money.*
7. If you are properly insured it is a very good idea to drive to and around Lake Tahoe.
8. I particularly recommend the East shore of Lake Tahoe but if you are going during Winter then you might prefer Kirkwood and the West shore.