

We will use question 3 of John lesson 1 as an example of how to score an answer. First, we will explain the **question**. Second, we will explain what **answers** are correct. Third, we will explain the **scoring** by using different answers as examples.

(1) The Question:

Which phrase indicates that the Word is a separate entity from God? Give verse.

This is a two-part question. The first part is "which phrase..." and the second part is "give verse", so the answer will not be complete if it doesn't answer both parts. Notice that question 4 is a similar two-part question, but it asks for a different kind of phrase.

Before the question, the lesson says "Read John 1: 1-18", so the phrase and the verse should come from these verses.

(2) Correct Answers:

The correct answer for the first part is the phrase "was with God", because "with" implies "separate". You can be 'with' somebody else, but it would be silly to say that you were 'with' yourself, because you cannot be separate from yourself. Phrases that are a little more or a little less are also acceptable, good answers, for example:

"was with"

"with God"

"the Word was with God"

"was in the beginning with God"

The correct answer for the second part is any one of these verses:

verse 1: "was with God"

verse 2: "was in the beginning with God"

Unexpected Answers

The answers above are what the writer of the lesson was looking for. But sometimes a student can surprise the teacher with another answer that is also correct. For example:

"the Word was made flesh" in verse 14 (because God the Father is not flesh)

"the only begotten of the Father" in verse 14 ("only begotten" refers to the Word)

Verse 18 might also be used, except that "the Word" is not mentioned, and it is hard to pick a short phrase that expresses separateness.

The answers document gives this as the answer to the question:

"John 1:1 tells us that the Word was "with" God in the beginning. The word "with" indicates a separate entity or person. This person (the Word) was in the presence of another person (God the Father). Two were present in the beginning."

This says nothing about verses 14 or 18, showing that answers from verses 14 or 18 are unexpected.

(3) Scoring Examples

Answers that are both complete and correct get a score of 4. For example:

- "with God", verse 1
- "with God", verses 1 and 2
- "was in the beginning with God", verse 2
- "the Word was made flesh" in verse 14

Answers that are complete and correct, and also provide substantially more than that, get a score of 5. For example:

- "the Word was with God" in verse 1. Also, "the Word was made flesh" in verse 14.
- "was in the beginning with God", verse 2. Verse 18 also shows that the Word (the Son) is separate from God (the Father).

Answers that are partly correct, but not complete get a score of 3. For example, these answers have one correct part, but the other part is missing:

- "with God"
verses 1 and 2
- "was in the beginning with God"
verse 14

Here is an answer that gives both phrase and verse, but yet it is incomplete or only partly right:

"God .. gave His only begotton Son" in John 3:16

First, this verse is not from the passage (John 1:1-18) that this lesson is studying, Secondly, this verse shows that the Son is separate from God, but not that the Word is separate from God. Another verse (such as John 1:14) is needed to show that the Son and the Word mean the same person. So this answer only partly answers the question "Which phrase indicates that the Word is a separate entity from God?" It gets a score of 3.

An answer that is not correct, not even partly correct, but shows some effort, gets a score of 2. Examples:

- "All things were made by him", verse 3
- "In him was life", verse 4

These answers show some effort, but are wrong. The score is 2.

Finally, a blank answer, or an answer that doesn't try to answer the question, gets a score of 1.

Examples:

I don't know
