Sentence Completion 9 (high-beginning level)

**Directions:** Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

1. Ted _____ the bus to work.
   A. flies  
   B. moves  
   C. rides  
   D. leaves

2. Joe _____ the pizza in the ______.
   A. prepared ... freezer  
   B. cooked ... oven  
   C. froze ... refrigerator  
   D. cooled ... microwave

3. To stop the spread of harmful germs, Emma always ______ her ______ after she visits the restroom.
   A. brushes ... hair  
   B. washes ... hands  
   C. cleans ... shirt  
   D. ties ... shoes

4. Alyssa spoke clearly, was honest and on time for the ______. As a result, she got the job.
   A. date  
   B. party  
   C. interview  
   D. appointment

5. Babies usually learn to ______ before they ______.
   A. drive ... play  
   B. eat ... run  
   C. sing ... talk  
   D. crawl ... walk

6. The island is surrounded by ______.
   A. land  
   B. air  
   C. mountains  
   D. water

7. When Marty started ______ more, his ______ improved.
   A. studying ... grades  
   B. dressing ... clothes  
   C. talking ... hearing  
   D. eating ... health

8. Roberto and I are ______ to Italy next week.
   A. talking  
   B. dancing  
   C. traveling  
   D. listening

9. Be careful. The coffee is ______!
   A. hot  
   B. good  
   C. brown  
   D. strong

10. My brother’s daughter is my ______.
    A. stepdaughter  
    B. sister  
    C. niece  
    D. wife
Answers and Explanations

1) C
People ride on the bus. So, it makes sense that Ted rides the bus to work. Choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because it does not make sense to say that Ted flies the bus to work.

(B) is incorrect because it does not make sense to say that Ted moves the bus to work.

(D) is incorrect because it does not make sense to say that Ted leaves the bus to work.

2) B
Most pizzas are cooked in an oven. An oven is used to cook or bake food. Choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because it does not make sense for Joe to have prepared the pizza in the freezer. Freezers are used to keep food frozen.

(C) is incorrect because it does not make sense for Joe to have froze the pizza in the refrigerator. Refrigerators are used to keep things cool, not frozen.

(D) is incorrect because it does not make sense for Joe to have cooled the pizza in the microwave. Microwaves are used to heat food up.

3) B
Washing your hands after you visit the restroom is a good way to stop the spread of harmful germs. Therefore, it makes sense to say Emma always washes her hands after she visits the restroom. Choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because Emma might brush her hair, but this is not directly related to using the restroom. Moreover, it does not stop the spread of harmful germs.

(C) is incorrect because Emma might clean her shirt, but this is not directly related to using the restroom. Moreover, it does not stop the spread of harmful germs.

(D) is incorrect Emma might tie her shoes, but this is not directly related to using the restroom. Moreover, it does not stop the spread of harmful germs.

4) C
Sometimes you have to go to an interview if you want to get a new job. It is always a good idea to speak clearly, be honest and on time for an interview. This will help you get the job. Choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because you do not get a job for going on a date.

(B) is incorrect because you do not get a job for going to a party.

(D) is incorrect because you do not get a job for going to an appointment.

5) D
Because crawling is easier than walking, it makes sense that babies usually learn to crawl before they walk. Choice (D) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because it does not make sense that babies learn to drive before they play.

(B) is incorrect because it does not make sense that babies learn to eat before they run.

(C) is incorrect because it does not make sense that babies learn to sing before they talk.

6) D
An island is a small piece of land that is surrounded by water. Choice (D) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because an island is not surrounded by land.

(B) is incorrect because an island is not surrounded by air.

(C) is incorrect because an island is not surrounded by mountains.

7) A
If Marty studies more, it makes sense for his grades to improve, or get better. Choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because dressing more does not improve your clothes.

(C) is incorrect because talking more does not improve your hearing.

(D) is incorrect because eating more does not improve your health.

8) C
Italy is a country in Europe. You can travel to a country. Choice (C) is correct.
(A) is incorrect because you cannot talk to a country.

(B) is incorrect because you cannot dance to a country.

(D) is incorrect because you cannot listen to a country.

9) A
If the coffee is hot, it is a good idea to be careful with it. Choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because there is no reason to be careful with good coffee.

(C) is incorrect because there is no reason to be careful with brown coffee.

(D) is incorrect because there is no reason to be careful with strong coffee.

10) C
Your niece is the daughter of your brother or sister. Therefore, it makes sense to say my brother’s daughter is my niece. Choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because my brother’s daughter is not my stepdaughter. My stepdaughter is my new spouse’s daughter from an earlier marriage.

(B) is incorrect because my brother’s daughter is not my sister. My sister is the daughter of my mother and father.

(D) is incorrect because my brother’s daughter is not my wife. My wife is the woman I have chosen to marry.