



● **Sentence Completion 10** *(low-intermediate level)*

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

1. _____ people like to visit the beach during the summer. It is very _____.
A. most ... boring
B. lots of ... uncommon
C. some ... rare
D. many ... popular
2. The numbers 3, 87, and 3402 are _____. They do not follow any rule or pattern.
A. organized
B. special
C. random
D. strange
3. I am _____. Nevertheless, I am _____.
A. poor ... happy
B. sad ... depressed
C. angry ... terrible
D. tired ... sleepy
4. I want to go to the _____. There is a _____ I want to read.
A. restaurant ... meal
B. school ... teacher
C. library ... book
D. mall ... store
5. Elizabeth is very _____. She lives in a large house and owns three _____.
A. happy ... children
B. wealthy ... cars
C. lonely ... friends
D. smart ... schools
6. I used to wear shoes, but now I wear _____.
A. hats
B. sandals
C. pants
D. gloves
7. The xylophone is _____ instrument. It makes a beautiful sound.
A. an amazing
B. a simple
C. a pathetic
D. a strange
8. I am almost done with school. I will _____ next week.
A. fail
B. quit
C. succeed
D. graduate
9. I love to drink _____. It is very sweet, and good for you.
A. coffee
B. apple juice
C. hot chocolate
D. water
10. Mike doesn't eat _____. He is a vegetarian.
A. meat
B. pasta
C. potatoes
D. chocolate

Answers and Explanations

1) **D**

The beach is a very (D) popular vacation destination during summertime. People can enjoy the sunshine and swim in the ocean. When something is popular, (D) many people like it. Therefore, (D) is the correct answer.

Logically speaking, if (A) most people like the beach, then they probably do not find it to be (A) boring. Therefore, (A) is incorrect. Furthermore, going to the beach is not (B) uncommon or (C) rare. If it were uncommon, (B) lots of people would not go there. Only a few people would go there. If it were rare, (C) some people would not go there. Almost no one would go there. Therefore, (B) and (C) are incorrect.

2) **C**

The main clue in this question is the phrase “They do not follow any rule or pattern.” This means that there is no order to the numbers, and that they are (C) random. When something is random, it cannot be explained by logic or patterns. There is no relationship between the numbers, so they are random. (C) is the correct answer.

The other answer choices do not accurately describe the numbers in the question. The numbers are not (A) organized, (C) special, or (D) strange. They have no importance and no relationship to one another. They are simply random numbers.

3) **A**

The word “nevertheless” means that two things are related in a negative or opposite way. This means that the correct answer choice will involve an opposite relationship between two of my characteristics. Most people think that (A) poor people are sad. Poor people have no money and cannot afford a high standard of living. If I am poor but I am still (A) happy, this is the opposite of what most people expect. Therefore, (A) is the correct answer choice.

The other answer choices do not set up opposite relationships. (B) Sad and (B) depressed are very close in meaning, so there is no opposite relationship between them. I can be both sad and depressed without challenging anyone’s expectations. Similarly, (D) tired and (D) sleepy are very close in meaning, so they are not opposites either. (C) Angry and (C) terrible are both negative characteristics, so I can be both angry and terrible at the same time. Therefore, (B), (C), and (D) are incorrect.

4) **C**

The main clue in this question is the phrase “I want to read.” This means that the correct answer choice will involve reading. A (C) book is something you read. If there is a book that you want to read, you can go to the (C) library to find it. Therefore, (C) is the correct answer.

The other answer choices do not involve objects that you read. You cannot read a (A) meal, (B) teacher, or (D) store. Therefore, these answer choices are incorrect.

5) **B**

The main clue in this question is the phrase “She lives in a large house.” This means that the correct answer choice will set up a relationship between Elizabeth’s characteristics and her possessions. Houses cost a lot of money, so if Elizabeth has a large house, then she must have a lot of money to pay for it. When a person has a lot of money, he or she is (B) wealthy. (B) Cars cost a lot of money too. If Elizabeth owns three cars, this is even more proof that she is wealthy. Therefore, (B) is the correct answer.

The other answer choices do not set up logical relationships. Having a large house does not necessarily mean that Elizabeth is (A) happy. Furthermore, you cannot own (A) children; you can only *have* children. Similarly, you cannot own (C) friends; you can only *have* friends. Therefore, we can ignore answer choices (A) and (C). Elizabeth might be (D) smart, but we cannot tell from the question. Living in a large house does not make you smart, and neither does owning any number of private (D) schools. Therefore, (D) is not the best answer choice.

6) **B**

The word “but” means that two things are related in a negative or opposite way. This means that the correct answer choice will involve an opposite relationship between what I used to wear and what I wear now. If I used to wear shoes, this means I no longer wear them. I must wear something else instead of shoes. (B) Sandals protect one’s feet. If I wear something on my feet instead of shoes, then I can wear sandals. Therefore, (B) is the correct answer.

(A) Hats, (C) pants, and (D) gloves do not protect one’s feet the way that shoes do. I cannot substitute these items for shoes, because they do not serve the same purpose. Therefore, these answer choices are incorrect.

7) **A**

The main clue in this question is the phrase “It makes a beautiful sound.” This means that the speaker has a positive opinion of xylophones. The correct answer choice will also be positive. (A) Amazing is another positive way to describe a xylophone. Therefore, (A) is the correct answer.

(B) Simple, (C) pathetic, and (D) strange are not positive words. If the speaker likes the sound of xylophones, he or she will not describe a xylophone with these words. Therefore, these answer choices are incorrect.

8) **D**

The main clue in this question is the phrase “I am almost done with school.” This means that I have almost completed my studies. When a student completes his

or her studies, he or she (D) graduates. This means that he or she leaves school and moves on to doing something else with his or her life. If I am almost done with school, then I will graduate soon. Therefore, (D) is the correct answer.

The other answer choices do not relate to the clue “I am almost done with school.” If you (A) fail or (B) quit school, then you must leave school, but you have not completed your studies. Only when you have completed your studies are you truly “done” with school. If you are done with school, you have (C) succeeded in completing your studies, but this is not the term that English speakers use to describe the completion of one’s studies. The correct term is “graduate.”

9) **B**

The main clue in this question is the phrase “It is very sweet, and it is good for you.” This means that the drink that I like is both sweet and healthy. (B) Apple juice is sweet, and it contains natural vitamins that are good for your health. Therefore, (B) is the correct answer.

(A) Coffee and (D) water are not sweet, so these answer choices are incorrect. (C) Hot chocolate is sweet, but it is not very good for your health, so this answer choice is also incorrect.

10) **A**

The main clue in this question is the phrase “Mike is a vegetarian.” This means that Mike does not eat (A) meat. A vegetarian is a person who chooses not to eat meat, usually because he or she believes that it is wrong to kill animals in order to eat them. Therefore, (A) is the correct answer.

The other answer choices do not relate to the clue “Mike is a vegetarian.” Mike might not eat (B) pasta, (C) potatoes, or (D) chocolate, but none of these foods relate to being a vegetarian. We only know from the question that Mike is a vegetarian, so we only know that Mike does not eat meat.