



● Sentence Completion 20 *(high-beginning level)*

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

1. I like to _____ for my favorite sports team. Go Tigers! You can win!
A. cheat
B. cheer
C. sing
D. pray
2. Mrs. Andrews is _____. Her daughter hasn't come home from the party yet. It is getting late.
A. happy
B. asleep
C. worried
D. funny
3. Jesse works at the _____. He makes delicious cakes.
A. post office
B. mall
C. gym
D. bakery
4. The lion is very _____. Don't get close to it. It can hurt you.
A. small
B. calm
C. dangerous
D. happy
5. Molly has a two sons and a daughter. She is _____.
A. a mother
B. a teacher
C. a child
D. a businesswoman
6. Patricia cleans people's houses for money. She is a _____.
A. nurse
B. maid
C. singer
D. gardener
7. The old truck is not _____. It is _____.
A. fast ... slow
B. good ... mine
C. new ... young
D. dirty ... expensive
8. I am _____, but I cannot _____.
A. thirsty ... eat
B. old ... run
C. smart ... lose
D. tired ... sleep
9. Christina _____ a new dress for her birthday, but she didn't get it.
A. stole
B. received
C. bought
D. wanted
10. Ryan goes to _____ every Sunday. He is very _____.
A. school ... funny
B. the grocery store ... hungry
C. the bank ... smart
D. church ... religious

Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

When watching sports, many people like to *cheer* for their favorite athlete or team. This means that they call out encouraging things, and they are happy when their team scores or wins. Choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because you cannot *cheat* for your team. Cheating is against the rules.

(B) is incorrect. You can *sing* for someone, but phrases like “Go Tigers!” are not songs. They are cheers.

(B) is incorrect. You can *pray* for someone, but phrases like “Go Tigers!” are not prayers. They are cheers

2) **C**

Parents usually worry when they don't know where their children are. Because Mrs. Andrews's daughter is not home when she should be, Mrs. Andrews is probably *worried*. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because Mrs. Andrews would not be *happy* if she were waiting for her daughter to come home. It only makes sense for her to be worried.

(B) is incorrect because Mrs. Andrews would not be *asleep* if she were waiting for her daughter to come home. She would not notice if her daughter came home while she was sleeping.

(D) is incorrect because Mrs. Andrews would not be *funny* if she were waiting for her daughter to come home. It only makes sense for her to be worried.

3) **D**

A *bakery* is a store where people buy cakes, pastries, and sometimes bread. If Jesse's job is to bake and sell cakes, he probably works at a bakery. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because people do not bake cakes at the *post office*. The post office is where you send and receive mail and packages. This is not an appropriate place to bake a cake.

(B) is incorrect because people do not bake cakes at the *mall*. The mall is a place where you go shopping. This is not an appropriate place to bake a cake.

(C) is incorrect because people do not bake cakes at the *gym*. The gym is a place where you exercise. This is not an appropriate place to bake a cake.

4) **C**

If something is *dangerous*, this means that it can hurt you. Lions are dangerous because they have sharp claws and teeth, and they are large and fast. You should never get too close to a lion, because it can hurt you. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because we cannot tell from the question if the lion is *small*. This trait is unrelated to the fact that a lion can hurt you. We only know that the tiger is dangerous, because it can hurt you.

(B) is incorrect because we cannot tell from the question if the lion is *calm*. This trait is unrelated to the fact that a lion can hurt you. We only know that the tiger is dangerous, because it can hurt you.

(D) is incorrect because we cannot tell from the question if the lion is *happy*. This trait is unrelated to the fact that a lion can hurt you. We only know that the tiger is dangerous, because it can hurt you.

5) **A**

A *mother* is a woman who has children. If Molly has two sons and a daughter, she is their mother. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because we cannot tell from the question if Molly is a *teacher*. We only know that she is a mother, because we know that she has children.

(C) is incorrect because Molly cannot be a *child*. Children cannot become parents; only adults can become parents.

(D) is incorrect because we cannot tell from the question if Molly is a *businesswoman*. We only know that she is a mother, because we know that she has children.

6) **B**

A *maid* is someone whose job it is to clean other people's houses. If this is what Patricia does at her job, then she is a maid. Choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *nurses* do not clean other people's houses. Only maids clean other people's houses.

(C) is incorrect because *singers* do not clean other people's houses. Only maids clean other people's houses.

(D) is incorrect because *gardeners* do not clean other people's houses. Only maids clean other people's houses.

7) **A**

A truck that is *slow* is not *fast*, because slow and fast are opposites. They mean totally different things, and it is impossible to be both at the same time. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because a truck can be both *good* and *mine* at the same time. There is no opposite relationship between these words.

(C) is incorrect because *new* and *young* are not opposites. They are similar in meaning. However, most people would not call a truck “young.” They would call it “new.”

(D) is incorrect because a truck can be both *dirty* and *expensive* at the same time. There is no opposite relationship between these words

8) **D**

Someone who is *tired* probably wants to go to *sleep*. Remember that “but” means there is a negative or opposite relationship between two things. If someone wants to sleep but cannot, this is the opposite of what that person wants. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because there is no opposite relationship between being *thirsty* and being unable to *eat*. A thirsty person wants to drink, not eat.

(B) is incorrect because there is no opposite relationship between being *old* and being unable to *run*. Very old people cannot usually run as fast as they could when they were young. People’s bodies get weaker as they get older, so this is not the opposite of what is expected.

(C) is incorrect because there is no opposite relationship between being *smart* and being unable to *lose*. These characteristics are unrelated.

9) **D**

Remember that “but” means there is a negative or opposite relationship between two things. We know that Christina did not get the dress for her birthday. If she *wanted* the dress but no one gave it to her, this is the opposite of what she hoped for. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because if Christina *stole* the dress, then she would have it in her possession. It would not make sense to say “she didn’t get it.” She would have it.

(B) is incorrect because if Christina *received* the dress, then she would have it in her possession. It would not make sense to say “she didn’t get it.” She would have it.

(C) is incorrect because if Christina *bought* the dress, then she would have it in her possession. It would not make sense to say “she didn’t get it.” She would have it.

10) **D**

A *church* is a place where some people go to practice their religion. A religion is a set of ideas about life, the universe, and God. Someone who practices a religion can be described as *religious*. If Ryan practices his religion in church every Sunday, he is religious. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because most people do not go to *school* on Sunday. Since it is part of the weekend, Sunday is usually a free day with no work or school. Also, we do not know from the question if Ryan is *funny* or not.

(B) is incorrect because going to *the grocery store* means that your family needs food, but it does not mean you are *hungry* while you are at the store.

(C) is incorrect because going to *the bank* does not make someone *smart*. Activities such as reading and studying make someone smart, but not going to the bank. Also, most banks are closed on Sundays.