



● **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.