



● **Sentence Completion 14** *(high-beginning level)*

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

1. Mandy uses her _____ to search _____.
A. flowers ... the garden
B. car ... the garage
C. key ... the lock
D. computer ... the internet
2. Allen is a _____. When my house was on fire, he saved my life!
A. lawyer
B. actor
C. janitor
D. firefighter
3. Jack loves to _____ when he _____ to music.
A. dance ... listens
B. paint ... moves
C. sing ... talks
D. read ... writes
4. It is _____ to drive without a license.
A. fun
B. safe
C. fantastic
D. illegal
5. Mari was _____, so she made a _____.
A. hungry ... sandwich
B. wet ... shower
C. thirsty ... cake
D. tired ... bed
6. Her dress is _____ because she just _____ it.
A. pretty ... ruined
B. lost ... folded
C. fancy ... bought
D. clean ... washed
7. I don't like that book. It is too _____.
A. boring
B. exciting
C. interesting
D. good
8. Florence is _____. She doesn't understand what's happening.
A. confused
B. intelligent
C. beautiful
D. silly
9. Ron and Linda are getting married. Their _____ will be in June.
A. children
B. divorce
C. wedding
D. cake
10. Susan is a _____. She oversees trials all day at the courthouse.
A. judge
B. criminal
C. doctor
D. policewoman

Answers and Explanations

1) **D**

The internet is full of information and websites that you can access on your *computer*. When Mandy searches the internet, she uses her computer. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because you cannot use a *flower* to search a *garden*. Flowers grow in gardens; they do not search them.

(B) is incorrect because you cannot use a *car* to search a *garage*. Cars are parked in garages; they do not search them.

(C) is incorrect because you cannot use a *key* to search a *lock*. Keys open locks; they do not search them.

2) **D**

A *firefighter* is someone who puts out dangerous fires. If your house catches on fire, a firefighter tries to put it out and save you. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a *lawyer* does not save people from fires as part of his or her job.

(B) is incorrect because an *actor* does not save people from fires as part of his or her job.

(C) is incorrect because a *janitor* does not save people from fires as part of his or her job.

3) **A**

Many people like to *dance* when they *listen* to music. If Jack likes to dance, he moves to the rhythms of the sounds he hears. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because most people do not *paint* and *move* at the same time, even if they are listening to music. Painting and moving to the music could cause a big mess if someone is moving very fast.

(C) is incorrect because if Jack *talks* while music is playing, then he won't be able to hear it. If he can't hear it, then he won't be able to *sing* it.

(D) is incorrect because you cannot *write* to music.

4) **D**

If something is *illegal*, then it is against the law. The law says that you have to have a license to drive a car. If you drive without a license, that is illegal. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because it is not very *fun* to drive without a license. If you drive without a license, you could be arrested, which is not fun at all.

(B) is incorrect because it is not at all *safe* to drive without a license. In order to get a license, you have to pass a special test to make sure that you know how to drive. Therefore, driving without passing that test is very dangerous.

(C) is incorrect because it is not *fantastic* to drive without a license. If you drive without a license, you could be arrested, which is terrible.

5) **A**

When someone is *hungry*, he or she wants to eat food. If Mari is hungry, she might make a *sandwich*. Choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because you cannot make a *shower*.

(C) is incorrect because if Mari is *thirsty*, she would make herself something to drink. You cannot drink a *cake*, so Mari would not make one to get rid of her thirst.

(D) is incorrect because you would not make a *bed* when you are *tired*. You would make it when you wake up in the morning, but you cannot comfortably sleep on a made bed.

6) **D**

When you *wash* something, you make it *clean*. If a woman just washed her dress, it is probably clean now. Choice (D) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because if you *ruin* a dress, you damage it. It will no longer be *pretty*.

(B) is incorrect because a dress does not get *lost* when you *fold* it.

(C) is incorrect because just because you *bought* a dress does not mean that it is *fancy*, since you can buy plain dresses, too.

7) **A**

Boring is a negative (bad) adjective. Nobody likes things that are boring. If a book is boring, most people will not want to read it. Choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because an *exciting* book is very good, so people would want to read it.

(C) is incorrect because an *interesting* book is very good, so people would want to read it.

(D) is incorrect because people would want to read a *good* book.

8) **A**

When a person is *confused*, there is something that he or she does not understand. If Florence does not understand what is happening, that means she is confused. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because we cannot tell whether Florence is *intelligent* based on the question. We only know that she does not understand a situation.

(C) is incorrect because we cannot tell whether Florence is *beautiful* based on the question. We only know that she does not understand a situation.

(D) is incorrect because we cannot tell whether Florence is *silly* based on the question. We only know that she does not understand a situation.

9) **C**

A *wedding* is a ceremony and celebration that happens when two people get married. If Ron and Linda want to get married, they will have a wedding. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because wanting to get married doesn't mean that Ron and Linda will immediately have *children*.

(B) is incorrect because Ron and Linda would not get a *divorce* if they want to get married. Married couples get divorced because they do not want to be married anymore, but Ron and Linda are not even married yet.

(D) is incorrect because a *cake* does not help Ron and Linda to get married.

10) **A**

A *judge* is someone who oversees trials and works at a courthouse. If Susan oversees trials in court, then she is a judge. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because a *criminal* does not oversee trials in court. Criminals go to court because they have done something bad and need to be punished; they are not in charge of the trial.

(C) is incorrect because a *doctor* does not oversee trials in court. Doctors help people get better; they are never in charge of trials in court.

(D) is incorrect because a *policewoman* can appear in court, but they do not oversee trials. Policewomen help keep people safe, but they are never in charge of trials in court.