



● **Sentence Completion 13** *(high-beginning level)*

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

1. Betty used a hammer and a drill to _____ the table.
A. design
B. build
C. bake
D. cut
2. The _____ my car.
A. police ... helped
B. baker ... cooked
C. mechanic ... fixed
D. engineer ... crashed
3. This test is so hard! I think I am going to _____!
A. sleep
B. succeed
C. fail
D. write
4. I _____ when I don't want anyone to _____ me.
A. eat ... drink
B. swim ... hear
C. hide ... find
D. sleep ... forget
5. _____ comes from _____.
A. milk ... cows
B. water ... flowers
C. meat ... vegetables
D. buildings ... cities
6. A man _____ from jail this morning. The police are looking for him everywhere!
A. escaped
B. flew
C. traveled
D. stole
7. Stefan is from Germany. He _____ to America seven years ago.
A. walked
B. moved
C. jumped
D. swam
8. First, I need to _____ the ingredients. Next, I need to _____ them into a cake.
A. buy ... mash
B. eat ... hide
C. cook ... stir
D. mix ... bake
9. Neil is a _____. He does experiments in a laboratory all day.
A. gardener
B. scientist
C. musician
D. dancer
10. Emilio was in a car _____, but the doctors say he will be okay.
A. accident
B. trunk
C. seat
D. commercial

Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

Hammers and drills are tools that people use to *build* things. Betty can use a drill and a hammer to build a table. Choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because you do not use hammers and drills to *design* things.

(C) is incorrect because you cannot *bake* anything with hammers and drills.

(D) is incorrect because you cannot *cut* anything with hammers and drills.

2) **C**

A *mechanic* is a person who fixes or builds vehicles (cars, trucks, motorcycles, airplanes, et cetera). If you need to get your car *fixed*, you should go to a mechanic. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because the *police* cannot *help* your car. The police can only help people.

(B) is incorrect because a *baker* cannot *cook* cars. A baker can only cook things like bread or cake.

(D) is incorrect because, although an *engineer* might *crash* your car, crashing cars is not limited to engineers. This answer is not logical.

3) **C**

To *fail* a test means that you do very poorly and get many or most of the questions wrong. If a test is very hard, you might worry about failing. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because the difficulty of the test is unrelated to whether you will *sleep*.

(B) is incorrect because if the test is very hard, you probably do not think that you will *succeed*.

(D) is incorrect because the difficulty of the test is unrelated to whether you *write*.

4) **C**

When you *hide*, you go to a place where no one will see you. You do this to make sure that no one can *find* you. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because you cannot *drink* a person. That is impossible.

(B) is incorrect because when you *swim*, it does not prevent people from *hearing* you.

(D) is incorrect because when you *sleep*, it does not prevent people from *forgetting* you.

5) **A**

Most of the *milk* that we drink comes from *cows*. Other animals can make milk too, but cows are the only animal in the answer choice. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *flowers* cannot make *water*. They can only absorb water.

(C) is incorrect because *meat* does not come from *vegetables*. Meat comes from animals.

(D) is incorrect because *buildings* do not come from *cities*. Buildings are often located in cities, but they come from the construction projects of builders and architects. They don't come from the cities themselves.

6) **A**

To *escape* means to run away from a situation or place that you do not like. A prisoner might escape from jail so that he or she can be free again. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because you cannot *fly* from jail as you would from an airport. Jail is meant to keep criminals in one place, not to let them leave.

(C) is incorrect because you cannot *travel* freely out of jail. Jail is meant to keep criminals in one place, not to let them leave.

(D) is incorrect because you cannot *steal* from a jail because a jail does not have items to be stolen. Even if someone did steal something from a jail, the police would not have to look hard for the thief—he or she would already be in jail.

7) **B**

To *move* can mean to change the place where you live. If Stefan lived in Germany before, but lives in America now, he moved. Choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *walk* all the way from Germany to America. The distance is too great. Stefan probably came to America by plane, but this is not an available answer choice.

(C) is incorrect because you cannot *jump* all the way from Germany to America. The distance is too great. Stefan probably came to America by plane, but this is not an available answer choice.

(D) is incorrect because you cannot *swim* all the way from Germany to America. The distance is too great. Stefan probably came to America by plane, but this is not an available answer choice.

8) **D**

Remember that baking is a special type of cooking that involves an oven. To make a cake, you have to *mix* ingredients such as flour and sugar and then *bake* them in an oven. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because although you need to *buy* the ingredients from a store before you can cook anything, you do not *mash* them into a cake. You mix and bake them carefully, following a recipe.

(B) is incorrect because you cannot *eat* the ingredients first. If you eat them first, you will have nothing left to make your cake.

(C) is incorrect because you cannot simply *stir* the ingredients to make a cake. You must also bake them.

9) **B**

A *scientist* is someone who studies science. Scientists do experiments to learn more. If Neil does science experiments in a laboratory, he is a scientist. Choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *gardeners* do not do experiments in laboratories. Only scientists do experiments in laboratories.

(C) is incorrect because *musicians* do not do experiments in laboratories. Only scientists do experiments in laboratories.

(D) is incorrect because *dancers* do not do experiments in laboratories. Only scientists do experiments in laboratories.

10) **A**

A car *accident* is a situation in which a car crashes into another vehicle or object. Car accidents are scary because people can get seriously hurt or even die. If the doctors say that Emilio will be okay, that is good news. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because although it is possible for a person to be in a car *trunk*, it is not something people do very often. Sitting in the trunk of a car is not comfortable or safe.

(C) is incorrect because you can sit in a car *seat* without getting hurt. Doctors will not examine you afterward to see if you are okay.

(D) is incorrect because you can appear in a car *commercial* without getting hurt. Doctors will not examine you afterward to see if you are okay.