



● **Sentence Completion 15** *(high-beginning level)*

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

1. If you want to eat something in a restaurant, you must _____ it first.
A. pay
B. cook
C. make
D. order
2. The little frog _____ into the water.
A. flew
B. jumped
C. ran
D. sat
3. When a traffic light turns _____, all of the cars _____.
A. red ... stop
B. yellow ... break
C. green ... turn
D. orange ... crash
4. After a long workout, he wanted to _____ his clothes.
A. sell
B. burn
C. make
D. change
5. Jodi _____ a _____ when she rides her bike.
A. holds ... hat
B. wears ... helmet
C. buys ... bracelet
D. loses ... backpack
6. Bruno is a _____. He works in a fancy _____.
A. server ... restaurant
B. banker ... school
C. salesman ... hospital
D. construction worker ... office
7. I will _____ the package to you today. It should _____ sometime next week.
A. ship ... leave
B. mail ... melt
C. send ... arrive
D. throw ... catch
8. Elizabeth is a _____. She _____ airplanes.
A. teacher ... teaches
B. lawyer ... argues
C. doctor ... heals
D. pilot ... flies
9. Laura is _____. Some of her paintings are hanging in a _____.
A. a butcher ... grocery store
B. a gardener ... garden
C. an artist ... museum
D. an architect ... building
10. Ashley and Tom are _____. I can hear them yelling at each other. They sound angry.
A. fighting
B. sleeping
C. reading
D. eating

Answers and Explanations

1) **D**

When you go to a restaurant, you have to tell the server what you would like to eat. This is called “ordering.” To get your food, you must *order* it. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because most restaurants do not make you *pay* for your food before you eat it. However, even if you do have to pay before you eat your food, you must still tell your server what you want, or else he or she will not be able to tell you how much it costs.

(B) is incorrect because you do not need to *cook* your food at a restaurant.

(C) is incorrect because you do not need to *make* your own food at a restaurant.

2) **B**

“The little frog *jumped* into the water” is the only answer choice that makes sense. Frogs are well known for their ability to jump, and they spend most of their lives in water. Choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because frogs cannot fly.

(C) is incorrect because *ran* does not make sense; frogs jump better than they run.

(D) is incorrect because frogs do not sit into the water.

3) **A**

A traffic light tells drivers when they have to stop and when they can go. When the light is *red*, the vehicles must *stop*. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because a *yellow* traffic light means that cars must slow down. It does not mean that they have to *break*.

(C) is incorrect because a *green* traffic light means that cars can go. It does not mean that they can *turn*.

(D) is incorrect because traffic lights never turn *orange*.

4) **D**

When people work out, they sweat. Sweaty clothes do not feel good, and they are not clean. After working out, most people *change* their clothes. This means they put on new clothes. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because people would not *sell* dirty clothes that they just worked out in. That would be gross!

(B) is incorrect because people do not have to *burn* clothes that they just worked out in. Burning clothes that are just dirty is very wasteful.

(C) is incorrect because it does not make sense to *make* clothes after you have worked out in them.

5) **B**

When you ride a bike, you should always *wear a helmet* for safety. A helmet is a type of hard hat that protects your head. If you fall off your bike, the helmet will keep your head from getting hurt. Choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because, although Jodi might sometimes *hold a hat*, holding hats has nothing to do with riding bikes. In fact, holding a hat while riding a bike is very difficult, because you should always have both hands on the handlebars.

(C) is incorrect because, while Jodi might sometimes *buy a bracelet*, buying bracelets has nothing to do with riding bikes.

(D) is incorrect because, while Jodie could *lose her backpack*, losing backpacks has nothing to do with riding bikes.

6) **A**

A *server* is a person who brings food to customers in a *restaurant*. “Server” is another word for “waiter” or “waitress,” but it can be used for both men and women. If Bruno’s job is to bring food to customers at a restaurant, he is a server. Choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *bankers* do not work in *schools*.

(C) is incorrect because *salesmen* do not work in *hospitals*.

(D) is incorrect because *construction workers* do not work in *offices*.

7) **C**

When I *send* a package, it takes a few days to travel to its destination. The person who receives the package must wait for it to *arrive*. Choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because, if I *ship* the package today, it should *leave* my possession today, not next week.

(B) is incorrect because packages do not *melt*.

(D) is incorrect because packages do not *catch* things.

8) **D**

A *pilot* is someone who *flies* an airplane. If it is Elizabeth's job to fly a plane, then she is a pilot. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *teachers* cannot *teach* airplanes. Airplanes cannot learn anything.

(B) is incorrect because *lawyers* do not *argue* airplanes. They argue cases.

(C) is incorrect because *doctors* do not *heal* airplanes. They heal patients.

9) **C**

An *artist* is someone who makes art, such as paintings or sculptures. If Laura makes very pretty paintings, a *museum* might want to display them. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *butchers* do not paint paintings. They cut meat.

(B) is incorrect because *gardeners* do not paint paintings. They plant flowers.

(D) is incorrect because *architects* do not paint paintings. They design buildings.

10) **A**

When people are angry at each other, they might start *fighting*. This means that they will yell at each other, and they might even try to hurt each other. If Ashley and Tom are angry and yelling at one another, they are fighting. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *sleeping* is an activity that does not involve anger or yelling. It would be pretty hard to sleep if you were angry and yelling.

(C) is incorrect because *reading* is an activity that does not involve anger or yelling. It would be pretty hard to read if you were yelling.

(D) is incorrect because *eating* is an activity that does not involve anger or yelling. It would be pretty hard to eat if you were yelling.