



● **Sentence Completion 5** *(high-beginning level)*

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

1. The children are _____ because they are playing a game.
A. careful
B. bored
C. happy
D. scared
2. The pigs on our farm eat table scraps mixed with corn and milk. Pigs love it, but to me it seems _____.
A. disgusting
B. delicious
C. tasty
D. interesting
3. The big dog _____ me. He is very _____.
A. likes ... friendly
B. hates ... large
C. loves ... mean
D. scares ... sweet
4. Ben's watch was very _____. It did not cost much, and after two days it stopped working.
A. huge
B. cheap
C. expensive
D. fancy
5. Kevin is _____. He always does his homework and his chores. He even watches his little brother for his mom when she is busy.
A. kind
B. funny
C. smart
D. responsible
6. Mary is _____, but Jill is just the opposite. Jill is _____.
A. happy ... crazy
B. interesting ... entertaining
C. silly ... serious
D. ridiculous ... sweet
7. Amy only likes small animals. She has a hamster, two birds, and three _____. She doesn't have any _____.
A. giraffes ... dogs
B. elephants ... pigs
C. fish ... mice
D. cats ... horses
8. The woman drank all of the water from the bottle. There is nothing left in it. The bottle is _____.
A. dusty
B. empty
C. full
D. thirsty
9. The guests had a _____ time at the party. Every one of them said that they had a wonderful time and would love to be invited back again.
A. boring
B. terrible
C. terrific
D. sad
10. Sarah accidentally dropped the _____ glass, and it broke into many pieces when it hit the floor.
A. hard
B. fragile
C. tough
D. thick

Answers and Explanations

1) **C**

Games are fun. If the children are playing a game, then it makes sense that they are *happy*. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because being *careful* means that you are trying to be safe. If you are playing a game, you are probably having fun, not concentrating on being safe.

(B) is incorrect because being *bored* means that you are not having fun. Games are fun, so you would not be bored if you were playing one.

(D) is incorrect because *scared* means afraid. Games are fun, so you would not be afraid if you were playing one.

2) **A**

The word “but” means that two things are related in a negative or opposite way. The pigs “love” their food, so the answer choice needs to mean the opposite of love. If you think something is *disgusting*, you do not love it—in fact, you don’t even like it. It makes you sick! Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *delicious* describes food that you would like to eat. The pigs think their food is delicious, but the word “but” means that you think the opposite.

(C) is incorrect because *tasty* describes food that you would like to eat. The pigs think their food is tasty, but the word “but” means that you think the opposite.

(D) is incorrect. Although pig food may be *interesting*, this is not the best logical choice for the missing word.

3) **A**

Friendly dogs are playful and nice to people. A dog that *likes* people is probably a friendly dog. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because, while a *large* dog might *hate* people, he or she might also love them. Also, the size of the dog does not have anything to do with how he or she acts towards people.

(C) is incorrect because a *mean* dog probably does not *love* people. So this answer does not make sense.

(D) is incorrect because a *sweet* dog probably does not *scare* people.

4) **B**

Cheap means inexpensive or low-quality. If Ben's watch did not cost much and it stopped working after two days, it was probably *cheap*. Choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *huge* does not describe why the watch did not cost very much and stopped working.

(C) is incorrect because *expensive* does not describe why the watch did not cost very much and stopped working.

(D) is incorrect because *fancy* does not describe why the watch did not cost very much and stopped working.

5) **D**

Someone who is *responsible* always does what he or she is supposed to do. If Kevin always does his homework, chores, and watches his little brother for his mom when she is busy, then he is a responsible boy. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *kind* does not have anything to do with Kevin doing his homework, chores, and watching his little brother.

(B) is incorrect because *funny* does not have anything to do with Kevin doing his homework, chores, and watching his little brother.

(C) is incorrect because *smart* does not have anything to do with Kevin doing his homework, chores, and watching his little brother.

6) **A**

In this question, we need to find opposites that describe Mary and Jill. *Silly* is the opposite of *serious*. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *happy* is not the opposite of *crazy*.

(C) is incorrect because *interesting* is not the opposite of *entertaining*.

(D) is incorrect because *ridiculous* is not the opposite of *sweet*.

7) **D**

Amy only likes small animals. This means she does not like big animals. This means we need to fill the first space with a small animal and the second space with a big animal. *Cats* are small animals. *Horses* are big animals. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *giraffes* are big animals. *Dogs* can be both big and small.

(C) is incorrect because *elephants* are big animals. *Pigs* can be both big and small.

(D) is incorrect because *fish* are big animals. *Mice* are small.

8) **B**

Something that is *empty* has nothing inside of it. If there is nothing in a bottle, it is empty. Choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *dusty* does not logically fill the blank space as well as *empty*.

(C) is incorrect because a *full* bottle would have something in it. But the question tells us that there is nothing in the bottle, so this answer does not make sense.

(D) is incorrect because a bottle cannot be *thirsty*. Thirsty is a word that only describes living creatures. The bottle is not a living creature, so it could never be thirsty.

9) **C**

In this question, we are told that "had a wonderful time" at the party, and would "love to be invited back again." This lets us know that we are looking for a positive word to fill the blank space. *Terrific* is the only positive word. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *boring* is a negative, not positive word.

(B) is incorrect because *terrible* is a negative, not positive word.

(D) is incorrect because *sad* is a negative, not positive word.

10) **B**

Something that is *fragile* can break very easily. If you drop something that is fragile, it breaks into pieces. Since the glass breaks into pieces after Sarah accidentally dropped it, we know that choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because if the glass is *hard*, then it is not easy to break.

(C) is incorrect because if the glass is *tough*, then it is not easy to break.

(D) is incorrect because if the glass is *thick*, then it is not easy to break.