



● **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.