



● **Sentence Completion 18** *(high-beginning level)*

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

1. Diana speaks three _____.: English, Spanish, and German.
A. words
B. countries
C. sentences
D. languages
2. The United States is a _____.
Citizens of the United States _____ to elect their leaders.
A. kingdom ... help
B. church ... pray
C. democracy ... vote
D. business ... buy
3. A _____ is a young _____.
A. puppy ... dog
B. cat ... kitten
C. sheep ... lamb
D. cow ... calf
4. Annie has seven books in her _____. It is _____.
A. house ... lonely
B. car ... fast
C. school ... boring
D. backpack ... heavy
5. I use paint, brushes, and canvas to make beautiful pictures. I am _____.
A. a teacher
B. a firefighter
C. an athlete
D. an artist
6. Harriet got a new _____. I think she looks pretty.
A. car
B. name
C. face
D. haircut
7. The month of September comes after the month of _____.
A. August
B. November
C. December
D. January
8. Ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, _____.
A. one hundred
B. one thousand
C. one million
D. ninety-ten
9. I am _____. I should ask someone for _____.
A. here ... money
B. home ... keys
C. lost ... directions
D. traveling ... tickets
10. Sandra is _____. She is captain of the volleyball team.
A. an artist
B. a teacher
C. a soldier
D. an athlete

Answers and Explanations

1) **D**

A language is a system of speech and writing that is used by a certain group of people. English, Spanish, and German are three different *languages*. If Diana speaks all three of these, then she can speak three languages. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because Diana probably can probably speak more than three *words*.

(B) is incorrect because English, Spanish, and German are languages, not *countries*.

(C) is incorrect because probably can probably speak more than three *sentences*.

2) **C**

A *democracy* is a type of government in which people can choose their leaders by voting. For example, citizens of the United States *vote* for many of their leaders. This means that the United States is a democracy. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because the United States is not a *kingdom*. The United States is a democracy.

(B) is incorrect because the United States is not a *church*. A church is a type of building, not a type of country.

(D) is incorrect because the United States is not a *business*. A business is a company, not a county.

3) **A**

Some animals have different names when they are young or old. A very young *dog* is called a *puppy*. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because a *kitten* is a very young *cat*, but these do not fit in the sentence in the correct order.

(C) is incorrect because a *lamb* is a very young *sheep*, but these do not fit in the sentence in the correct order.

(D) is incorrect because a *calf* is a very young *cow*, but these do not fit in the sentence in the correct order.

4) **D**

If you put seven books in your *backpack*, they weigh a lot and you have to carry them all at once. This will feel *heavy*. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because if Annie has seven books at her *house*, that does not mean the house is *lonely*. People feel lonely when there are no other people to talk to. Having books in your house does not change whether or not you feel lonely.

(B) is incorrect because Annie might have seven books in her *car*, but this does not make the car *fast* or slow. We cannot determine from the question if her car is fast or slow.

(C) is incorrect because Annie might have seven books in her *school*, but that would be strange, because most schools have hundreds or thousands of books. Even if the school does have seven books, that does not affect whether it is *boring* or not. Other things, such as the teachers and the lessons, determine if the school is boring.

5) **D**

An *artist* is someone who makes art. Some artists are painters. They use paint, brushes, and a surface called canvas to make paintings. If I use these tools, I am an artist. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because I might be a *teacher*, but we cannot tell from the question. Teachers do not usually use paint or brushes at their jobs. Usually, artists use paint and brushes in their jobs, so I am probably an artist.

(B) is incorrect because I might be a *firefighter*, but we cannot tell from the question. Firefighters do not usually use paint or brushes at their jobs. Usually, artists use paint and brushes in their jobs, so I am probably an artist.

(C) is incorrect because I might be an *athlete*, but we cannot tell from the question. Athletes do not usually use paint or brushes at their jobs. Usually, artists use paint and brushes in their jobs, so I am probably an artist.

6) **D**

A *haircut* is the style and length with which a person wears his or her hair. If Harriet got a nice new haircut, she might look pretty. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because getting a new *car* will not change the way a person looks.

(B) is incorrect because getting a new *name* will not change the way a person looks.

(C) is incorrect because people cannot get new *faces*. You can get special surgery to change how your face looks, but you cannot get a completely new face.

7) **A**

August is the month that comes before September. September comes after August. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because September does not come after *November*. December comes after November.

(C) is incorrect because September does not come after *December*. January comes after December.

(D) is incorrect because September does not come after *January*. February comes after January. Therefore, these answer choices are incorrect.

8) **A**

The number that comes after ninety-nine is *one hundred*. This fact never changes. When you are counting by ones, one hundred will always come after ninety-nine. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *one thousand* is a much bigger number that does not come immediately after ninety-nine.

(C) is incorrect because *one million* is a much bigger number that does not come immediately after ninety-nine.

(D) is incorrect because *ninety-ten* is not a number.

9) **C**

When you are *lost*, you do not know where you are. This means that you cannot find where you are supposed to go. You can ask someone for *directions*. They can tell you where you are and how to get where you want to go. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because you do not need to ask someone for *money* just because you are *here*. There is no logical relationship between these two ideas.

(B) is incorrect because you do not need to ask someone for *keys* when you get *home*. You should have your own keys to get into your house, so you will only need to ask for keys if you have lost your own.

(D) is incorrect because you do not need to ask someone for *tickets* if you are *traveling*. You should already have tickets before you start traveling.

Furthermore, you cannot simply ask for tickets and expect to receive them. You must pay for tickets in order to travel.

10) **D**

An athlete is someone who plays a sport. If Sandra is the captain of the volleyball team, this means that she plays volleyball. Since volleyball is a sport that Sandra plays, Sandra is an athlete. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because although Sandra might be *an artist*, we cannot tell from the question. We only know from the question that she is the captain of the volleyball team, so we only know from the question that she is an athlete.

(B) is incorrect because although Sandra might be *a teacher*, we cannot tell from the question. We only know from the question that she is the captain of the volleyball team, so we only know from the question that she is an athlete.

(C) is incorrect because although Sandra might be *a soldier*, we cannot tell from the question. We only know from the question that she is the captain of the volleyball team, so we only know from the question that she is an athlete.