



● **Sentence Completion 19** *(high-beginning level)*

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

1. Andrew lives on a _____. His family raises cows, pigs, and chickens.
A. beach
B. mountain
C. city
D. farm
2. Sarah can play the _____. I love to _____ her play.
A. violin ... hear
B. flute ... watch
C. guitar ... see
D. piano ... make
3. Jill _____ in Atlanta, but she _____ to Chicago to attend college.
A. was born ... walked
B. traveled ... swam
C. grew up ... moved
D. was raised ... was born
4. Doug works at the _____. He is a _____.
A. bank ... firefighter
B. restaurant ... mailman
C. government ... janitor
D. school ... teacher
5. Dora owns her own _____. Her customers think she makes the best _____.
A. café ... coffee
B. bakery ... steak
C. hospital ... medicine
D. website ... internet
6. I work in a restaurant. I cook all of the food in the kitchen. I am a _____.
A. police officer
B. chef
C. baker
D. waiter
7. Simon didn't do his _____. He was supposed to _____ the dishes after dinner.
A. homework ... study
B. job ... eat
C. chores ... wash
D. food ... break
8. I forgot my eraser. May I _____ yours? I will give it back soon.
A. steal
B. borrow
C. take
D. forget
9. The recipe only has three ingredients. It is _____.
A. simple
B. sweet
C. complicated
D. healthy
10. This movie is _____. It is not _____. Yawn! I am falling asleep.
A. good ... great
B. fun ... interesting
C. boring ... entertaining
D. funny ... bad

Answers and Explanations

1) **D**

A farm is a place where farmers grow animals and plants so that people can eat them. Cows, pigs, and chickens are common farm animals. If Andrew and his family raise these animals, they live on a farm. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because most families do not raise cows, pigs, and chickens on a *beach*. This is not the best place to raise such animals. The best place for such animals is a farm.

(B) is incorrect because most families do not raise cows, pigs, and chickens on a *mountain*. This is not the best place to raise such animals. The best place for such animals is a farm.

(C) is incorrect because most families do not raise cows, pigs, and chickens on a *city*. This is not the best place to raise such animals. The best place for such animals is a farm.

2) **A**

In English, the verb “to play” has two meanings: 1) to participate in a game or sport, or 2) to use an instrument to make music. All of the answer choices work well in the first space because they all begin with a musical instrument. So, we must look at the second part of the answer choices to see which one works. Music involves *hearing*. People play music so that others can hear it. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because you can *watch* a person play an instrument, but it makes more sense to listen to him or her. Music has more to do with listening than with watching or seeing.

(C) is incorrect because you can *see* a person play an instrument, but it makes more sense to listen to him or her. Music has more to do with listening than with watching or seeing.

(D) is incorrect because you cannot *make* Sarah play the piano. She plays when she wants to play.

3) **C**

When you grow up somewhere, you spend your childhood there. When childhood is over and children become young adults, many of them choose to go to college. You don't have to stay in the place where you live in order to go to college. Many people move to a new city at this time. If Jill *grew up* in Atlanta but attends college in Chicago, then she must have *moved*. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because Jill probably did not *walk* from Atlanta to Chicago. The distance is too great for a person to walk.

(B) is incorrect because Jill probably did not *swim* (present tense of *swam*) to Chicago, either. You cannot swim from Atlanta to Chicago. Not only is the distance too great, but these cities are not connected by water.

(D) is incorrect because Jill was not *born* in Chicago to attend college. Babies are born wherever their parents live. They are not born in order to attend college somewhere.

4) **D**

To answer this question, we need to think about which people work in which places. The correct answer is **(D)**, because a *teacher* works at a *school*.

(A) is incorrect because a *firefighter* does not work at a *bank*.

(B) is incorrect because a *mailman* does not work at a *restaurant*.

(C) is incorrect because a *janitor* might work *for* the *government*, but not at the government, because the government is not a place.

5) **A**

A *café* is a place where people buy and drink *coffee*. If Dora owns a *café*, this means that she makes coffee for her customers to buy. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because most *bakeries* do not serve *steak*. Bakeries serve baked goods such as cakes and cookies.

(C) is incorrect because most *hospitals* do not make their own *medicine*.

(D) is incorrect because Dora might have her own *website*, but websites do not make the *internet*. They are only a part of the internet. Therefore, this answer is also incorrect.

6) **B**

A *chef* is someone who cooks. If it's my job to cook the food at a restaurant, then I am a chef. Choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *police officers* do not cook for a living. They might cook when they are at home, but it is not their job to cook.

(C) is incorrect because *bakers* do not cook for a living. Bakers prepare food, but they bake, which is slightly different from cooking in general.

(D) is incorrect because *waiters* do not cook for a living. Waiters serve food, which means that they bring food to customers once a chef has already cooked it.

7) **C**

Chores are small jobs that people have to do in their houses. Many parents will tell their children to do chores such as washing the dishes or setting the table. If it was Simon's job to *wash* the dishes, but he didn't do it, then he didn't do his chores. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because people do not *study* dishes.

(B) is incorrect because people do not *eat* dishes, either. They eat the food that goes on top of dishes, but they do not eat the plates themselves

(D) is incorrect because people do not usually *break* dishes on purpose. Most people like to keep their dishes from being broken. Furthermore, it does not make sense to say that Simon was supposed to "do" his *food*. You can eat or cook food, but not "do" food.

8) **B**

When you *borrow* something, you take it for a short amount of time and then you give it back to the person who gave it to you. If you forget your eraser, you can borrow one from a friend. Choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because when you *steal* something, you do not usually give it back. Only borrowing, by definition, involves giving an item back to its original owner.

(C) is incorrect because when you *take* something, you do not usually give it back. Only borrowing, by definition, involves giving an item back to its original owner.

(D) is incorrect because it does not make sense for me to *forget* your eraser. I cannot forget to bring something that you have. I can only forget something that I have. Furthermore, the idea of forgetting your eraser is not logically related to the idea that I will give your eraser back.

9) **A**

A *simple* recipe is one that is very easy to cook. A recipe with only three ingredients is probably very easy to cook, so we can say that it is simple. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because we cannot tell from the question if the recipe is *sweet*. We only know how many ingredients there are in the recipe.

(C) is incorrect because *complicated* is the opposite of simple. This recipe is not complicated. It only has three ingredients.

(D) is incorrect because we cannot tell from the question if the recipe is *healthy*. We only know how many ingredients there are in the recipe.

10) **C**

When something is *boring*, it can be hard to pay attention to it and you may start to feel sleepy. This is the opposite of *entertaining*, which means that something is fun or exciting. If you yawn and start to feel sleepy during a movie, it is probably boring, not entertaining. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because if a movie is *good*, you will not want to fall asleep. You will want to stay awake to keep watching it. You will only want to fall asleep if it is very boring.

(B) is incorrect because if a movie is *fun*, you will not want to fall asleep. You will want to stay awake to keep watching it. You will only want to fall asleep if it is very boring.

(D) is incorrect because if a movie is *funny*, you will not want to fall asleep. You will want to stay awake to keep watching it. You will only want to fall asleep if it is very boring.