

• **Sentence Completion 1** Level 5

Directions: Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. This spinach omelet makes for _____ breakfast; it has the vegetables and protein needed for a healthy diet.
A. a delicious
B. a filling
C. a fortunate
D. an edible
E. a nutritious
2. Jerry's grandfather's house is full of _____ technology such as rotary-dial phones and other devices that are no longer in use.
A. prehistoric
B. obsolete
C. current
D. broken
E. advanced
3. My younger brother constantly misbehaves and is always causing _____.
A. hostility
B. generosity
C. violence
D. courtesy
E. mischief
4. The teacher only has one copy of the worksheet right now, so she is going to _____ it and give the new copy to her student.
A. translate
B. multiply
C. duplicate
D. plagiarize
E. expand
5. Montero was _____ about the upcoming investigation, and he was only made more _____ by the newspaper accounts of it.
A. upset ... easygoing
B. angry ... frightened
C. relaxed ... stressed
D. anxious ... nervous
E. aggressive ... calm
6. Almost no one actually believes that the god Zeus lives on top of Mount Olympus; most people understand that this is just a _____, not a reality.
A. poem
B. lyric
C. myth
D. sonnet
E. counterfeit
7. The carpenter ant is _____ critter and is not at all _____.
A. an immense ... gigantic
B. an industrious ... lazy
C. a stupid ... ignorant
D. an active ... energetic
E. a tireless ... hardworking
8. The attorney suggested that the witness's testimony was _____ because the witness was a known liar.
A. sincere
B. amazing
C. insane
D. unreliable
E. innocent

Answers and Explanations

1) E

The main clue in this question is the semicolon (;), which links clauses that have similar meanings. This means that there is a logical relationship between a characteristic of the “spinach omelet” and the fact that it has the nutrients needed for a “healthy diet.” The missing word must make this connection. Because *nutritious* means nourishing or full of vitamins and minerals, choice (E) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *delicious* means very pleasant to taste. The prompt does not state or hint at how the omelet tastes, since it only describes the fact that it has vegetables and proteins.

(B) is incorrect because *filling* means leaving one feeling full or satisfied. The prompt does not state or hint at whether the omelet will leave one feeling full, since it only describes the fact that it has vegetables and proteins.

(C) is incorrect because *fortunate* means lucky. This word is not usually used to describe food. Furthermore, it does not relate to the fact that the omelet has “vegetables and protein needed for a healthy diet.”

(D) is incorrect because *edible* means able to be eaten. This word describes all food in general, so it is not specific enough to work in context. Furthermore, it does not relate to the clue about nutrients or being “healthy.”

2) B

The main clue in this question is the phrase “such as rotary-dial phones and other devices that are no longer in use.” This phrase, like the missing word, describes the type of “technology” found in the grandfather’s house, so the technology in question must have been “no longer in use.” Because *obsolete* means out of date or no longer used, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *prehistoric* means relating to the period before written records existed. This does not work in context because it is too extreme. The prompt implies that Jerry’s grandfather’s house has old technology, but not technology that existed in the time of dinosaurs.

(C) is incorrect because *current* means belonging to the present time. It would not be logical to say that Jerry’s grandfather’s house was full of current technology and then give examples of technology that is no longer in use.

(D) is incorrect because *broken* means damaged or no longer in working order. The prompt implies that Jerry’s grandfather owned out-of-date technology, but it does not state that said technology was damaged.

(E) is incorrect because *advanced* means far ahead in development or progress. This is the opposite of the type of technology Jerry’s grandfather had in his house if the technology he had was “no longer in use.”

3) E

The main clue in this question is the word “and,” which is used to link two parts of a sentence that state similar information. In this sentence, the fact the younger brother “constantly misbehaves” is related to what he “is always causing.” One who misbehaves would be likely to cause misbehavior. Because *mischief* means playful misbehavior or troublemaking, choice (E) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *hostility* is unfriendliness or animosity. One shows hostility to an enemy, but the prompt does not imply that the younger brother even has any enemies, so this choice is not supported by the prompt.

(B) is incorrect because *generosity* is willingness to give or help others. There is no clear relationship between misbehaving and being generous, so this choice does not make logical sense.

(C) is incorrect because *violence* is physical behavior intended to hurt or harm someone else. While misbehaving could involve violence, nothing in the prompt implies that the younger brother was violent, so this choice is not supported by the prompt.

(D) is incorrect because *courtesy* is politeness and respect toward others. A misbehaving younger brother would not be likely to cause courtesy, so this choice does not work.

4) C

The main clue in this question is the word “so,” which links two ideas that logically progress from one another. This means that there is a logical relationship between the fact that “the teacher only has one copy of the worksheet” and what she will do to that worksheet. The question says that she will give a “new copy” to her student, so the correct choice must imply that she will make a new copy. *Duplicate* means to double or make a copy of something, so choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *translate* means to change something from one language to another. The prompt only refers to the fact that the teacher will make a “new copy” of the worksheet for her student, not that she will change the language of it.

(B) is incorrect because *multiply* means to increase in number. This does not work because multiplying something is not the same as copying it.

(D) is incorrect because *plagiarize* means to copy something and present it as one's own work without giving credit to the original author. This does not work because making a copy is not the same as plagiarizing, since one can copy something and correctly give credit to its originator.

(E) is incorrect because *expand* means to make something wider or larger. The prompt only refers to the fact that the teacher will make a "new copy" of the worksheet for her student and does not imply that she will make the copy larger or smaller.

5) D

The main clue in this question is the word "and," which is used to link two parts of a sentence that provide similar information. This means that both parts of this sentence must state the same thing. Additionally, the question states that Montero "was only made more" whatever he was to begin with, so the correct choice will provide two words with similar meanings. Because *anxious* means worried or nervous, and *nervous* means worried or easily alarmed, choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of words with similar meanings. *Upset* means angry or not calm, while *easygoing* means relaxed. These words are opposites of each other.

(B) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of words with similar meanings. *Angry* means mad, while *frightened* means scared. These words have no clear relationship.

(C) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of words with similar meanings. *Relaxed* means calm or free of stress, while *stressed* means upset, worried, or not relaxed. These words are opposites of each other.

(E) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of words with similar meanings. *Aggressive* means ready or likely to attack, while *calm* means relaxed. These words are almost opposites of each other, since a calm person is usually not aggressive.

6) C

The main clue in this question is the semicolon (;), which links clauses that have similar meanings. This means that there is a logical relationship between what "almost no one" believes about Zeus and what "most people understand" about his story. Additionally, the question provides an additional clue in the phrase "not a reality," which expands on what the missing word says. The missing word must refer to something that is not a reality then. A *myth* is a belief or story from a particular culture that is not factually true, so choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a *poem* is a type of writing that emphasizes feeling and emotion. A poem has no clear relationship to "reality," and the prompt does not suggest that the story of Zeus is a poem.

(B) is incorrect because a *lyric* is a line from a song or a poetic type of writing. A lyric has no clear relationship to "reality," and the prompt does not suggest that the story of Zeus is a poem or lyric.

(D) is incorrect because a *sonnet* is a type of poem with fourteen lines. A sonnet has no clear relationship to "reality," and the prompt does not suggest that the story of Zeus is a sonnet.

(E) is incorrect because a *counterfeit* is a forgery of something. This does not work, because even though a counterfeit is not real, it is presented as though it is real. The prompt implies that the story of Zeus is widely known not to be real, so it would not make sense to suggest it has been passed off as a reality.

7) B

The main clue in this question is the word "and," which is used to link two parts of a sentence that state similar information. This means that what is before and after the and in this prompt state similar things about the carpenter ant. However, the second missing word is preceded by the modifying phrase "not at all" which means the correct choice will actually provide a pair of words with opposite meanings. *Industrious* means hardworking and *lazy* means unwilling to work or use energy, making them opposites of each other. Therefore, choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of opposites. *Immense* means very large, while *gigantic* also means very large. These words have similar meanings then, not opposite meanings.

(C) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of opposites. *Stupid* means not smart, while *ignorant* means lacking knowledge. These words have very similar meanings, not opposite meanings.

(D) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of opposites. *Active* means engaging in physical pursuits, while *energetic* means full of energy or liveliness. These words are not opposites of each other.

(E) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of opposites. *Tireless* means having great energy, while *hardworking* means tending to work with energy and commitment. These words are not opposites of each other.

8) D

The main clue in this question is the word "because," which suggests a cause-and-effect relationship between two parts of the sentence. Here, the fact that the "witness was a known liar" provides the cause for what the attorney suggested the witness's testimony was. A known liar would not provide strong or reliable testimony, so the missing word must mean weak or not reliable. Because *unreliable* means not reliable or trustable, choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *sincere* means honest and trustworthy. This is the opposite of a correct answer, since a “known liar” would not be likely to provide sincere testimony.

(B) is incorrect because *amazing* means wonderful or surprising. This does not imply that the witness is unable to give accurate, trustworthy testimony, since there is no relationship between being amazing and being “a known liar.”

(C) is incorrect because *insane* means crazy or not of sound mind. Although this correctly implies that the witness is not giving accurate, trustworthy testimony, it incorrectly implies that the witness is not sane. The prompt does not state that the witness was mentally or psychologically disturbed, since being “a known liar” is not the same as being mentally ill.

(E) is incorrect because *innocent* means free of guilt or blame. Lying on the witness stand is a serious crime, so the attorney would not be likely to call the testimony of “a known liar” innocent.