

Language Focus

Directions: The following questions are incomplete sentences. There are four alternative words or phrases, A-D given below each question. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentences.

1. When we were in Gambella, every day after work, we _____ sit by the river watching fishers caught the big fish called "gur" and made a lot of money out of it.

- A. [are used to](#)
- B. [were used to](#)
- C. [used to](#)
- D. [have used to](#)

A. are used to

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. were used to

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. used to

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The Correct answer is C. used to - This indicates a habitual action in the past.

D. have used to

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

2. These are all _____ people. They don't even know what is good and what is not for them. First, give them a thorough explanation and then call me.

A. [confused](#)

B. [confuse](#)

C. [confusing](#)

D. [confusion](#)

A. confused

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The Correct answer is A. confused - This adjective fits the context of being unclear or bewildered.

B. confuse

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. confusing

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. confusion

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

3. I would like _____ her before she leaves. There is a big secret she didn't want to tell the family

A. seeing

B. see

C. to see

D. to be seeing

A. seeing

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. see

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. to see

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The Correct answer is C. This is the correct infinitive form after "would like."

D. to be seeing

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

4. We all failed in the recruitment exam. _____, they accepted none of us. I think another round of advertisement is inevitable.

- A. [In effect](#)
- B. [Which means](#)
- C. [Accordingly](#)
- D. [Consequently](#)

A. In effect

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. Which means

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. Accordingly

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. Consequently

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The Correct answer is D. Consequently - This adverb indicates a result or effect.

5. Let me go and check if the car is ready. It _____ when I came this morning.

A. might be fixed

B. intended to be fixed

C. was being fixed

D. will have to be fixed

A. might be fixed

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. intended to be fixed

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. was being fixed

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The Correct answer is C. This indicates an ongoing action in the past.

D. will have to be fixed

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

6. We need an immediate restocking. Did you know we were left with _____ food in the fridge?

A. [little](#)

B. [a little](#)

C. [some](#)

D. [scarce](#)

A. little

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The Correct answer is A. little - This quantifier indicates a small amount.

B. a little

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. some

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. scarce

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

7. They had to get together at six in the morning and when we got up at 5:45 a.m., we thought we wouldn't make it. However, we _____ to get there before they left.

- A. [are able](#)
- B. [must be able](#)
- C. [were able](#)
- D. [could be able](#)

A. are able

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. must be able

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. were able

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The Correct answer is C. were able - This indicates a past ability.

D. could be able

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

8. We are going to use this room _____ a kitchen for the time being. Once the painting is done, however, we will get back there for it is bigger and more comfortable.

A. [in](#)

B. [as](#)

C. [for](#)

D. [like](#)

A. in

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. as

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The Correct answer is B. as - This preposition is used to indicate function or identity.

C. for

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. like

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

9. I would have married her _____ I had known her dad was one of the wealthiest in the town. I was just unlucky

- A. [before](#)
- B. [if only](#)
- C. [unless](#)
- D. [because](#)

A. before

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. if only

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The Correct answer is B. if only - This expression indicates regret or a wish for a different outcome.

C. unless

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. because

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

10. Neither staff members nor the police _____ on the premise when the gangs robbed everything. I guess it wouldn't be easy to arrest them.

A. is

B. was

C. are

D. were

A. is

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. was

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. are

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. were

Correct

Explanation: The Correct answer is D. were - The subject is plural ("neither staff members nor the police"), so the plural verb form is correct.

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