

English Precis and Composition Practice # 1

Q5a) Rewrite any five of the following sentences with corrected punctuation without splitting a sentence or adding/changing any word (5).

* I will be attempting all 10 as this is just for practice! *

1) The cordless vacuum one of the least interesting of the household appliances got its ~~same~~ start ~~as~~ as a moon drill.

→ The cordless vacuum, of the least interesting of the household appliances, got its start as a moon drill.

2) Dr. Seuss books are famous for their delightful rhymes and nonsense words. If I ran a zoo, however, likely gave us the real word nerd.

→ Dr. Seuss books are famous for their delightful rhymes and nonsense words. If I ran a zoo, however, likely gave us the real word "nerd".

3) There are many theories about Edgar Allan Poe's mysterious death, including rabies, alcoholism, and a truly strange possibility he may have been a victim of a voter fraud scheme.

→ There are many theories about Edgar Allan Poe's mysterious death, including rabies, alcoholism, and a strange possibility - he may have been a victim of a voter fraud scheme.

4) The film critic said, "One of the most misquoted lines in movie history is Play is again, Sam".

→ The film critic said "One of the most misquoted lines in movie history is: Play is again, Sam".

5) Poorly named animals include: the flying fox, which is really a bat the electric eel, which is really a knife fish and honey badger, which is the only member of its genus and species!

→ Poorly named animals include: the flying fox, which is really a bat; the electric eel, which is really a knife fish; and honey badger, which is the only member of its genus and species!

6) Sits right on the US Canadian border with the stage in Quebec and many of the seats in Vermont.

→ Sits right on the ~~US~~-Canadian border, with the stage in Quebec and many of the seats in Vermont.

7) Most carnivorous plants attract and digest insects and other invertebrates but some larger pitcher plants have been known to digest frogs, ~~rodents~~, and other vertebrates.

→ Most carnivorous plants ~~attract~~ and digest insects and other invertebrates, but some larger pitcher plants have been known to digest frogs, rodents, and other vertebrates.

8) Harvey is a good ~~driver~~ moreover he is a ^{very} friendly one

→ Harvey is a good driver; moreover, he is a very friendly one.

Q2 Rewrite the following sentences after filling in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

1) His research is characterized ~~by~~ _____ a deep understanding of genetic mutations.

2) His research is characterized by a deep understanding of genetic mutations.

- 2) The Solution is contingent ^{up} on various factors.
- 3) The experiment is predicted ~~on~~ ^{by} the assumption of uniform conditions.
- 4) The project is commensurate with the skills of the research team.
- 5) The methodology is impervious to external influences.
- 6) The discussion oscillated between two main points.
- 7) His proposal hinges on securing adequate findings.
- 8) The model is contingent upon accurate data inputs.

Q Correct the following

**resubmit the rest
max 2qs at a time**

- 1) Chewing slowly, the pepperoni pizza tasted delicious.
- As I chewed slowly, the pepperoni pizza tasted delicious.
- 2) Kicking and screaming, the exasperated father dragged his father out of the grocery store.
- Kicking and screaming, the toddler was dragged out of the grocery store by his ^{exasperated} father.

3) A young girl in the corner, holding the red balloon.

→ A young girl stood in the corner, holding a red balloon.

4) Whom do you like more?

→ Who do you like more?

5) He ordered a meal from the restaurant that was high in protein.

→ He ordered a meal that was high in protein from the restaurant.

6) My favourite pizza topping is Mushrooms they are really tasty I also like Pizza with olives.

→ My favourite pizza topping is Mushrooms; they are really tasty. I also like pizza with olives.

7) The group asked to share the report that Shirley and me prepared.

→ The group asked me to share the report that Shirley and I prepared.

8) I managed finishing the painting.

→ I managed to finish the painting.

Q. Use pairs of words in sentences clearly illustrating their meaning.

i) Creak, Creek. **idioms and pair words**

Creak

= The stairs creaked in the old house badly.

Creek

= The boys would often fish and cool off in the nearby creek during the summer.

ii) Palate, Palette

Palate

= The food critic has a very refined palate.

Palette

= The artist mixed colours on her palette as she painted.

iii) Elicit, Illicit

Elicit

= The announcement of a surprise quiz elicited groans from the students.

Illicit

= This book contains illicit language not suitable for minors.

iv) Peal, Peel

Peal

= A peal of thunder startled the kitten.

Peel

= He proceeded to peel all the oranges for the marmalade.

v) Taut, Taught

Taut

= Pull the string taut so the banner ~~can~~ is straight.

Taught

= My father taught me all he knew about constellations.

vi) Faint / Feint

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Faint

= The heatwave caused several people to faint.

Feint

= The boxer's decision to feint and uppercut his opponent led him to victory.

vii) Rheum, Room

Rheum

= Seeing the rheum in her eyes, Eliza chose to take the day off work and rest at home.

Room

= The house had several spacious rooms, all with ~~was~~ windows.

viii) Wreak, Reck

Wreak

= The hurricane ~~wreaked~~ havoc on the beach house, destroying its frame.

Reck

= The rebellious teenager did not ~~reck~~ ~~what~~ about his parent's rules.