

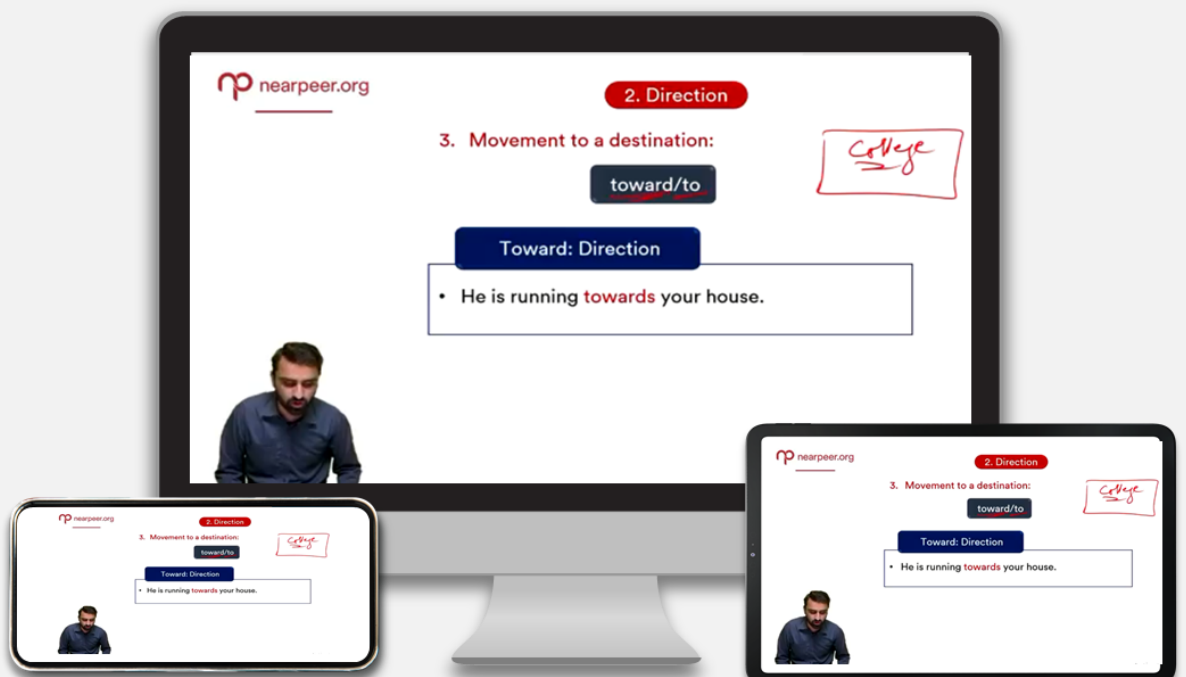
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# Chapter 01

## Sentence Completion



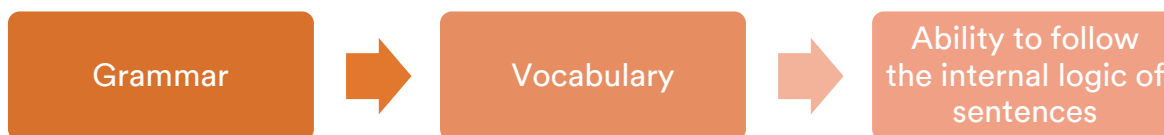


## Sentence Completion

Sentence completions test your ability to use the information found in complex, but incomplete, sentences in order to correctly complete the sentences.

### What do Sentence Completions test?

Sentence completions test three major aspects of your language skills:



### Direction in Question Paper

Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are FOUR words or set of words labeled A, B, C, & D. Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence best fits the meaning of the sentence.

#### Example:

His neighbors found his manner bossy and irritating, and they stopped inviting him to backyard barbeques.

- A. lifeless
- B. magisterial
- C. reparatory
- D. restorative

## Types of Questions

Sentence completion questions can be SOLVED on two bases.

1. Grammar based
2. Vocabulary in context based
3. Logic based

### 1. Grammar Based

Grammar based questions assess the basic grammatical knowledge of the student. Following Categories can be assessed by Grammar based questions:

- 1) Use of Prepositions
- 2) Grammatical categories (Noun, Verb, Adjective and Adverb)
- 3) Forms of Verbs
- 4) Degrees of Adverbs and Adjectives

These questions can be answered with the basic knowledge of intermediate grammar.

**Example:**

I like to study science fiction whereas my brother is fond \_\_\_\_\_ poetry.

- A. At
- B. of
- C. in
- D. with

## 2. Vocabulary in Context Based

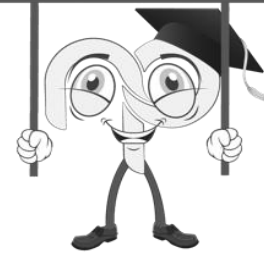
Vocabulary in context questions ask to choose the correct word for the context of the sentence. Their difficulty level is derived from the vocabulary.

**Example:**

Aliyan would \_\_\_\_\_ her little sister into an argument by teasing her and calling her names.

- A. advocate
- B. provoke
- C. perforate
- D. lamented

Your knowledge of vocabulary and context of the sentence leads you to the correct answer.



## 3. Logic Based

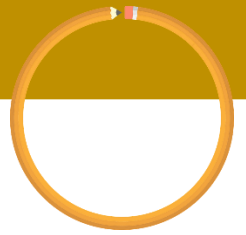
Logical based questions ask to find the correct word or words for the context of a complicated and logically complex sentence constructions. The difficulty of these questions is derived from the twist and turns of their logic.

**Example:**

Since you want a refrigerator for a long run, you should buy it from a company that provides \_\_\_\_\_ for at least 10 years.

- A. electronics
- B. appliances
- C. warranty

D. issuance



## Strategies to Attend Sentence Completion

Following strategies, if followed in a sequence, can help you attend the sentence completion correctly:

1. Choose the transitional device
2. Pick a clue word/words
3. Check polarity
4. Process of elimination

### 1. Transitional Devices

Transitional words and phrases connect and relate ideas, sentences and paragraphs. They assist in the logic flow of the ideas as they signal the relationship between sentences and paragraphs.

#### Example:

Ali could not be promoted to next class because of his \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards his studies and multiple F grades in last exam.

- A. negligent
- B. vigilant
- C. respectful
- D. rude

### Types of Transitional Devices:

- 1) Support Signals
- 2) Contrast Signals
- 3) Cause and Effect
- 4) Appositions/ Definitions

## 1. Support Signals

Support signals support or further explain what has already been said. These words often introduce synonyms for words elsewhere in the sentence.

Additionally	As well as	In addition	Again
Simultaneously	For instance	Moreover	And
Equally important	Furthermore	One could also say	Further
And then	Similarly	For example	Besides
In fact	Indeed	Likewise	Also
Not only .... But also			

### Example:

As Ajmal is \_\_\_\_\_ and shrewd, he can be a best option for one of the missing jury members.

- A. impudent
- B. imprudent
- C. industrious
- D. prudent

## 2. Contrast Signals

Contrast signals negate what has already been said. These words often introduce antonyms of words elsewhere in the sentence.

Alternatively	In contrast	On the other hand	But
Despite	In spite of	Still	Instead
Whereas	Even though	Nevertheless	While
However	Yet		

### Example:



Although Ali had worked really hard to get the job, he was \_\_\_\_\_ in the final interview because of his involvement in politics.

- A. selected
- B. nominated
- C. dejected
- D. precluded

### 3. Cause and Effect

These words indicate that one thing causes another to occur.

and so	consequently	therefore	as a consequence
as a result	for this reason	thus	Hence
Since	For	If .... Then	Resultantly
Because	For this reason	So	

#### Example:

Since government had \_\_\_\_\_ the use of LED signs, all the electric bill-boards were removed from the streetlight polls.

- A. allowed
- B. debarred
- C. conferred
- D. certified

### 4. Apposition / Definition

Words or phrases in apposition are placed next to each other and the second word or phrase defines, clarifies or gives evidence to the first word or phrase. The second word or phrase will be set off from the first by comma, semicolon, hyphen or parentheses.

#### Example:

Many doctors avoid normal delivery at hospital and tend to do \_\_\_\_\_, an easy and time saving way of childbirth by surgery.

- A. operation
- B. treatment



C. medication

D. cesarean

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2	;
3	:
4	- ..... -
5	()
6	That
7	Be forms

## 2. Pick A Clue Word/Words

Before looking at the choices, think of a word that might fit in the blank. Then think of some words with close meanings to the word that came to your mind.

### Example:

There came to him a thousand \_\_\_\_\_ recollections of old times that made him shed tears which he never knew were of happiness or sadness.

A. joyful

B. baffling

C. tangled

D. cheerful

## 3. Check Polarity

A word may give a positive or negative meaning. Use the symbol of – (minus), or +(plus) to indicate whether the word in the blank should be positive or negative. Use the knowledge of transitional devices to find the missing word in the sentence.

### Example:

Although Kamran thought he was entertaining the audience at the poetical competition, his \_\_\_\_\_ behavior made everyone annoyed of him.

A. rude

B. sophisticated

C. genteel





D. tomfoolery

**Note: Beware of double negative**

Keenly observe the use of “no, never, not, or neither” in the sentence.

**Example:**

Since Sufia has not damaged the repute of the company, there is hardly any chance of her \_\_\_\_\_ by the CEO.

- A. appraisal
- B. promotion
- C. termination
- D. salary

#### 4. Process of Elimination

- Use any method to eliminate the options you know are wrong.
- If you can eliminate at least two answers from a four-option question, the odds are in your favour even if you guess from the remaining two.
- Never eliminate a choice unless you are sure of its meaning.
- Use your knowledge of Greek Root Rule (Pre-fixes, suffixes & infixes) to decode unfamiliar words.
- If you cannot eliminate any of the answer choices, skip the question.
- If you can only eliminate one answer choice, move on; come back later and see if you can eliminate one more choice.
- If you can eliminate at least two choices, feel free to guess, but the more choices you eliminate, the better your odds will be.

**Example:**

Ali was criticized for showing \_\_\_\_\_ behavior on the wedding ceremony of his brother.

- A. insane
- B. conformist
- C. traditional
- D. joyful

## Assessment 01

1. The Maternity Hospitals were devastated by puerperal fever in every country, and an/a \_\_\_\_\_ number of women died from the disease.
  - A. Flamboyant
  - B. Appalling
  - C. Devious
  - D. Fiery
2. "But - " Chips began, in sheer \_\_\_\_\_; and then he took up isolated words out of that extraordinary indictment. "Slovenly you said?"
  - A. Tranquillity
  - B. Euphoric
  - C. Amicable
  - D. Bewilderment
3. As a matter of fact, no boy ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ to earn his entire way through college if it can in any way be avoided.
  - A. Unrestricted
  - B. Uninhibited
  - C. Compelled
  - D. Lethargic
4. Mr. Hubert said in the most \_\_\_\_\_ tone, "It is, nevertheless, truth of the good God, the sacred truth. I repeat it on my soul and my salvation."
  - A. Satisfactory
  - B. Commendable
  - C. Exasperating
  - D. Gratified
5. The attack of locusts is a natural \_\_\_\_\_ that makes the human beings helpless in saving the crops, an asset and a source of living for an agriculturist.
  - A. Clemency
  - B. Jocularly
  - C. Obsolescence
  - D. Calamity
6. He has long been a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of year-round school, believing it would significantly improve learning and ease the burden on working parents.
  - A. Connoisseur
  - B. Advocate
  - C. Levity
  - D. Detractor

7. The \_\_\_\_\_ climate of the island made life uncomfortable for the locals; one minute it is raining, the next minute it would be sweltering.
- A. Congruous
  - B. Immaculate
  - C. Frigid
8. Ali loves roses for the aesthetic appeal of their petals and leaves, while I am most \_\_\_\_\_ by their olfactory properties.
- A. Enthralled
  - B. Dissatisfied
  - C. Repelled
  - D. Wearied
9. "You have only to select, sir," said the carpet dealer \_\_\_\_\_, "and we will reduce the price to the minimum."
- A. Voraciously
  - B. Capriciously
  - C. Amiably
  - D. Unpleasantly
10. He said, "Your methods of teaching are \_\_\_\_\_ and old-fashioned; your personal habits are slovenly."
- A. Slack
  - B. Meticulous
  - C. Tailored
  - D. Vigilant

## Assessment 02

1. Abid's \_\_\_\_\_ for learning history should prove to be practical during his studies to become a history teacher.
  - A. Disregard
  - B. Penchant
  - C. Abhorrence
  - D. Empathy
2. Chips changed his more \_\_\_\_\_ apartment in School House for his old original bachelor quarter.
  - A. Commodious
  - B. Cramped
  - C. Uncomfortable
  - D. Small
3. Walking through the \_\_\_\_\_ forest in spring was a welcome escape from the cold, grey winter we had spent in the city.
  - A. Pliant
  - B. Verdant
  - C. Factious
  - D. Bland
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ to the waiter to bring more food as he was still ravenous.
  - A. Dismayed
  - B. Hemmed
  - C. Beckoned
  - D. Elevated
5. Rumours of job losses were later \_\_\_\_\_ by the officials of the state.
  - A. Induced
  - B. Engrossed
  - C. Confirmed
  - D. Cajoled
6. He said that he had new evidence, but refused to \_\_\_\_\_ any further.
  - A. Elaborate
  - B. Exudes
  - C. Coax
  - D. Dank
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ confidence while making a speech before a huge number of spectators.
  - A. Fringed
  - B. Distracted
  - C. Exuded
  - D. Condescended

8. He passed his nights sleepless for the preparation of MDCAT and his face seemed to be drawn and \_\_\_\_\_ from sleeplessness.
- A. Assiduous
  - B. Haggard
  - C. Smug
  - D. Inevitable
9. The manager is equipped with the capability to cope with the issue in a \_\_\_\_\_ way.
- A. Gingerly
  - B. Intimate
  - C. Unscrupulous
  - D. Scruple
10. I love to read mystery novels where the main character's safety is in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Assiduity
  - B. Embellishment
  - C. Emblazonment
  - D. Jeopardy

## Assessment 03

1. The expression in these choruses is exactly right: agitated and \_\_\_\_\_ in one, noble and understated in the other.
  - A. Tumultuous
  - B. Phlegmatic
  - C. Navigated
  - D. Evocative
2. Officers \_\_\_\_\_ her to press charges, but her family persuaded her not to.
  - A. Confined
  - B. Reinforced
  - C. Regretted
  - D. Urged
3. It would also be desirable for the social forces to work together to ensure that this transition is \_\_\_\_\_ by major tensions.
  - A. Unburdened
  - B. Shackled
  - C. Reprimanded
  - D. Shuffled
4. Troops have been accused of \_\_\_\_\_ aggression against innocent civilian.
  - A. Unprovoked
  - B. Meritorious
  - C. Tangled
  - D. Hampered
5. Tourists are more \_\_\_\_\_ to attack, because they don't know which area of the city to avoid.
  - A. Impregnable
  - B. Stable
  - C. Vulnerable
  - D. Reproachful
6. There they kicked us, beat us, \_\_\_\_\_ us with electric cables and shocked us with electricity!
  - A. Reprimanded
  - B. Pampered
  - C. Sauntered
  - D. Whipped
7. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ up my options before I decided to apply for my job.
  - A. Weighing
  - B. Writhing
  - C. Exaggerating

D. Urging

8. They almost oscillate between the witty and tragic, and I found myself laughing and then \_\_\_\_\_ with discomfort.

A. Venturing

B. Pacifying

C. Whipping

D. Writhing

9. As the smog \_\_\_\_\_ no way, my nostrils begin twitching, my throat becomes parched, and my resulting cough wakes me up.

A. Wafts

B. Wades

C. Yelps

D. Yields

10. She let out a \_\_\_\_\_ of pain as her shoulder connected with the sharp corner of the wood table.

A. Stunt

B. Yelp

C. Tackle

D. Stable

## Key

### Assessment 01

1. b
2. d
3. c
4. c
5. d
6. a
7. d
8. a
9. c
10. a

### Assessment 02

1. b
2. a
3. b
4. c
5. c
6. a
7. c
8. b
9. a
10. d

### Assessment 03

1. a
2. d
3. a
4. a
5. c
6. d
7. a
8. d
9. a
10. b