

Change the following sentence from a quotation to indirect speech.

Rhonda says, "I get to work early every day."

- a. Rhonda says she gets to work early every day.
- b. Rhonda said she gets to work early every day.
- c. Rhonda has said that she got to work early every day.
- d. Rhonda says she had gotten to work early every day.

Choose the series of adjectives and adverbs that best completes the following sentence.

While _____ of our relatives live on the _____ hill in the county, _____ of our friends live in the _____ areas of the valley.

- a. more, windy, many, most, protection
- b. most, windier, more, most, protective
- c. many, windiest, most, more, protected
- d. many, winding, more, most, protected

Choose the series of prepositions that best completes the following sentence.

Although the issue was very serious, the committee disposed _____ it in a few minutes and moved _____ to other business.

- a. onto, off
- b. of, away
- c. on, out
- d. of, on

Change the following sentence from a quotation to indirect speech.

"I will be moving soon," said Alma.

- a. Alma said she would be moving soon.
- b. Alma said she will move soon.
- c. Alma says she'll be moving soon.
- d. Alma says she would move soon.

Read the original sentence below and then choose the rewritten sentence that illustrates proper sentence structure.

ORIGINAL SENTENCE:

It is easy to carry solid objects, but the same cannot be said of liquids.

REWRITTEN SENTENCES:

- a. Unlike liquids, solid objects are easy to carry.
- b. Unlike liquids, we can easily carry solid objects.
- c. Unlike liquids; solid objects can easily be carried.
- d. Unlike liquids, solid objects easy to be carried.

Which of the following sentences does NOT illustrate correct verb and verb tense usage?

- a. Frank and Marjorie have opened a new chocolate shop on the corner.
- b. By the time I get there, all the best candy will have been eaten already.

- c. They was going to sell pastries as well, but then decided against it.
- d. Have you ever wondered how many jelly beans there are in the world?

Choose the series of verbs and phrases that best completes the following passage.

This dish _____ too spicy. Why _____ so much pepper?

- a. is, did the chef have to use
- b. was, the chef is using
- c. is, did the chef use
- d. was, the chef used
- e. a and c

Rearrange the following words to create the most logical and grammatically correct sentence.

your company name ? of What the is

- a. What is the company of your name?
- b. your company What is the name of?
- c. What is the name of your company?
- d. The name of your company What is?

Choose the series of verbs that best completes the following sentence.

If Harry _____ to the party too early, don't let him in; he _____ outside like everyone else.

- a. gets, will have to wait
- b. got, waits
- c. gets, is waiting
- d. has gotten, must be waiting

Choose the series of adjectives and adverbs that best completes the following sentence.

The archaeologists were _____ to discover such a _____ and _____ artifact at that mostly uncovered site.

- a. amazing, rarely, incredible, beautifully
- b. amazed, rare, incredibly, beautiful
- c. beautiful, rarity, amazingly, incredible
- d. amazingly, beautiful, rarely, incredible

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Choose the phrase that best completes the sentence below without creating a run-on sentence.

Mr. Peach has sent his four children to Ivy League colleges _____ he has sacrificed his health working day and night in that dusty factory.

- a. however
- b. ; however,
- c. , however
- d. however,

Change the following sentence from a quotation to indirect speech.

Jerry said, "I saw my cousin at the fair."

- a. Jerry had said he'd seen his cousin at the fair.
- b. Jerry said he had seen his cousin at the fair.
- c. Jerry said he'd saw his cousin at the fair.
- d. Jerry says he saw his cousin at the fair.

Which of the following sentences illustrates correct usage of articles and conjunctions?

- a. The cake that I ate was better that the one you had.
- b. An house is not the home, or so they saying goes.
- c. For my birthday, I would like a book, an hourglass, and the keys to a new boat.
- d. Has a package I've been waiting for been delivered yet, nor must I wait longer?

Rearrange the following words to create the most logical and grammatically correct sentence.

work . is always to brother willing not My

- a. My brother is not willing to work always.
- b. My brother is not always willing to work.
- c. is not willing to work always My brother.
- d. My work is not willing to always brother.

Choose the series of articles and conjunctions that best completes the following sentence.

I think Fran could be _____ great public speaker, _____ she is still too shy to try it.

- a. the, although
- b. a, but
- c. an, however
- d. a, and

Rearrange the following words to create the most logical and grammatically correct sentence.

days . for last has good weather few The been the not

- a. weather for The last few good has not been the days.
- b. The good days has not been for the last few weather.
- c. The few days has not been good for the last weather.
- d. **The weather has not been good for the last few days.**

Choose the series of articles and conjunctions that best completes the following sentence.

_____ she was feeling ill, Teresa wanted to eat only _____ apple _____ some soup.

- a. Yet, the, or
- b. **After, an, and**
- c. Because, an, or
- d. If, a, and

Choose the series of pronouns that best completes the following sentence.

That house used to be _____, but _____ have given it to _____.

- a. my, I, her
- b. mine, me, her
- c. **mine, I, her**
- d. myself, she, her

Choose the series of articles and conjunctions that best completes the following sentence.

Neither we _____ Sal, our neighbor, could understand _____ it had been our dog Rover or Sal's cat's kittens _____ had destroyed all the flower beds in the middle of _____ night.

- a. nor, whether, that, the
- b. **or, if, who, the**
- c. and, whether, than, a
- d. nor, if, that, a

Choose the series of pronouns that best completes the following sentence.

After realizing that our hosts hadn't actually invited _____ to _____ party, _____ excused _____ from the table and slipped out the back door.

- a. us, their, we, ourselves
- b. ourselves, theirs, we, us
- c. **them, our, they, themselves**
- d. us, our, we, himself

Change the following sentence from a quotation to indirect speech.

"I'm not feeling well," Agatha said.

- a. Agatha has said that she doesn't feel well.
- b. According to Agatha, she isn't feeling well.
- c. Agatha said she wasn't feeling well.
- d. **Agatha says she isn't feeling well.**

Complete the following sentence by choosing the phrase with the best word order from the options given.

Those who are not wise _____ .

- a. do not need be necessarily stupid
- b. need not necessarily be stupid
- c. need not to be necessarily stupid
- d. does not need to be necessarily stupid

Choose the series of pronouns that best completes the following sentence.

Don't _____ think Larry should call _____ wife if _____ is going to be late for dinner?

- a. you, his, he
- b. we, your, his
- c. he, his, he
- d. you, his, himself

Which of the following sentences illustrates the proper use of parallel construction?

- a. Arthur failed when he tried to open the lock with a key, but succeeded when he tried to open it with a hammer.
- b. We painted the conference room yellow, hung a poster on the wall, and are rearranging the chairs.
- c. No one in the room knew that the doors had been locked and that policemen will be running up the stairs.
- d. Andrea is incapable of walking and to talk at the same time.

Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?

- a. 'Come here, she said, and let me get a good look at you.'
- b. Come here she said, and let me get a good look at you.
- c. "Come here," she said. "and let me get a good look at you."
- d. "Come here," she said, "and let me get a good look at you."

Choose the option that correctly changes the original sentence from active voice to passive voice.

ORIGINAL SENTENCE:

That tall man is carrying a lot of lumber.

REWRITTEN SENTENCES:

- a. The tall man carries a lot of lumber.
- b. Is being carried by that tall man, the lumber.
- c. The lumber is carried by the tall man.
- d. A lot of lumber is being carried by that tall man.

Choose the series of prepositions that best completes the following sentence.

Jack, leaning casually _____ the tree, watched as Sally walked slowly _____ him.

- a. against, towards
- b. toward, against
- c. upon, past
- d. off, beside
- e. against, toward

Change the following sentence from a quotation to indirect speech.

"Sharon must go to the bank today," said Albert.

- a. Albert says Sharon will have to go to the bank today.
- b. Albert said Sharon has to go to the bank today.
- c. Albert says Sharon must go to the bank today.
- d. Albert said Sharon had to go to the bank today.

Which of the following sentences does NOT illustrate correct pronoun usage?

- a. The wet dog shook itself off, wagged its tail, and proceeded on its way.
- b. Don't take the silver goblet out of its protective case or you'll ruin it.
- c. You should wear that jacket to their wedding because it's the nicest one you have.
- d. It's not too late to answer their ad for a waitress, is it?
- e. All are correct

Choose the series of prepositions that best completes the following passage.

Although Marvin said he had hidden the keys _____ the flower pot, we were unable to find them _____ the dark. In the end, we waited for him at the coffee shop _____ the corner.

- a. under, in, around
- b. in, with, at
- c. around, at, on
- d. beside, from, around

Choose the series of verbs that best completes the following passage.

I find it very hard to remember _____ letters that are entrusted to me. In fact, I remember _____ to do so dozens of times!

- a. to mail, forgetting
- b. mailing, to forget
- c. to mail, to forget
- d. mailing, forgetting

Which of the following sentences illustrates proper sentence structure?

- a. Walking down the street, my eyes were drawn to a diamond in a store window.
- b. A small red car pulled up behind the woman with tinted windows.
- c. The man in the black cape mounted his powerful stallion and it galloped away.
- d. The cats chased the birds around the yard with the yellow beaks.

Which of the following sentences illustrates the proper use of parallel construction?

- a. Terry hoped to find a new job that would let him earn extra cash in the summer and to work fewer hours.
- b. Although Tommy was failing his biology class at college, he was passing his chemistry class.
- c. Trina loved to sail, skate, swim, and surfing.
- d. Tatiana declared that the people in her office are smarter than the people who work in Tad's office.

Choose the series of prepositions that best completes the following sentence.

The deer ran quickly _____ the trees, its hooves pounding _____ the forest floor.

- a. amid, from
- b. over, at
- c. through, on
- d. throughout, on

Choose the series of pronouns that best completes the following sentence.

_____ is the name of the opera, and _____ role did you say Maria would play?

- a. This, which
- b. Who, that
- c. What, which
- d. Which, what

Complete the following sentence by choosing the phrase with the best word order from the options given.

The excited children, who had run toward the loud _____ .

- a. music and then told the others about the ice cream truck outside
- b. music, are telling to the others about the ice cream truck outside
- c. ice cream truck to tell the others about the music outside
- d. music, told the others about the ice cream truck outside

Choose the series of adjectives and adverbs that best completes the following sentence.

Knowing that February was the _____ month of the year, Cheryl planned her vacation _____.

- a. short, in accordance
- b. shortest, accordingly
- c. shorter, according
- d. shortness, accordion

Which of the following sentences is NOT punctuated correctly?

- a. We expect only three things from our dog: loyalty, affection, and tail wagging.
- b. I need you to pick up several boxes of paperclips, pens, and pencils; three pounds each of potatoes, carrots, and peas; and my dry cleaning.

- c. Marcy, my parrot, squawked for an hour, before finally calming down.
- d. All of the above are punctuated correctly.