

THE BEST ACT PREP COURSE EVER

IDIOMS

ACT English: Problem Set

Correct the idiom error(s) below.

1. She continued the race regardless that the excruciating pain in her leg.
2. Our hardworking professor deserves receiving the promotion.
3. Although his criticism was constructive and valid, she resented his opinion towards her project and refrained from listened to his other comments.
4. I was impressed of the quality of the shoes from the flea market.
5. Unlike the other children, their son enjoyed to eat the lemon.
6. The kids were instructed to put on sunblock before jump into the pool.
7. My best friend sympathized by the loss of my dog yesterday and sent me flowers accompanied with a heartfelt card.
8. She never rides in a car without putting on her seatbelt – she always abides with the rules.
9. The mother advised opposite staying out too late on a school night and was struck to her daughter's defiance.
10. Though we don't agree to each other all the time, we believe that mint chocolate chip is the best ice cream flavor.

Choose the correct answer from the following options.

1. In her artist statement, the photographer states that her work was inspired with driving along the California coast.
A. NO CHANGE
B. inspired to
C. inspired by
D. inspired from
2. The singer asked to change the song's key to one best suits with her voice.
A. NO CHANGE
B. best suited by
C. better suits to
D. better suited for
3. Modeled with the couple's wishes, the house truly is their dream home.
A. NO CHANGE
B. To make a model with
C. Modeled on
D. Modeling to
4. Although he wanted to continue practicing the flute, his session had to come at a conclusion.
A. NO CHANGE
B. come to a conclusion
C. end to a conclusion
D. come at an end
5. In the school's art studio, countertops are piled high on stacks of canvas, unfinished pieces, and student portfolios.
A. NO CHANGE
B. piling high on
C. piling high with
D. piled high with
6. A proponent of the 19th century aesthetic movement, Oscar Wilde is best known of the novel The Picture of Dorian Gray; however, he also wrote a collection of epigrams, poetry, and plays.
A. NO CHANGE
B. known as
C. known for
D. remembered of
7. Jon is taking a deal with a company notorious for suing its past lawyers even if all of his colleagues advise against it.
A. NO CHANGE
B. adverse against
C. advise with
D. advise from
8. During the French Revolution, sans-culottes were comprised of commoners from lower classes; they experienced a very poor quality of life deprived to basic necessities.
A. NO CHANGE
B. deprived of
C. depriving to
D. depriving away
9. The new basketball coach maintains a tight practice schedule and implements the strict regimen no different of the previous one.
A. NO CHANGE
B. no different
C. no different from
D. not different
10. Although she would never have pictured it as a child, Rita now earns a living of designing sets, including one at Shakespeare's Globe.
A. NO CHANGE
B. earns a living to
C. earns her living of
D. earns a living by
11. With heavy traffic on all the possible routes, Andrew knew the chance of making his appointment on time were slim.
A. NO CHANGE
B. chances of making
C. chance to make
D. chances to making

ANSWER KEY

1. She continued the race regardless **of** the excruciating pain in her leg.
2. Our hardworking professor deserves **to receive** the promotion.
3. Although his criticism was constructive and valid, she resented his opinion **of** her project and refrained from **listening** to his other comments.
4. I was impressed **by** the quality of the shoes from the flea market.
5. Contrary to other children's reactions, their son enjoyed **eating** the lemon.
6. The kids were instructed to put on sunblock before **jumping** into the pool.
7. My best friend sympathizes **with** the loss of my dog yesterday and sent me flowers accompanied **by** a heartfelt card.
8. She never rides in a car without putting on her seatbelt – she always abides **by** the rules.
9. The mother advised **against** staying out too late on a school night and was struck **by** her daughter's defiance.
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1. C 2. D 3. C 4. B 5. D 6. C 7. A 8. B 9. C 10. D 11. B

ANSWER EXPLANATIONS

1. C The proper prepositional gerund is “inspired by” not “inspired with.”
2. D The correct idiom is “better suited for” not “best suits with.”
3. C The correct idiom is “modeled on” not “modeled with.”
4. B The correct idiom is “come to a conclusion” not “come at a conclusion.”
5. D The correct idiom is “piled high with” not “piled high on.”
6. C The correct idiom is “known for” not “known of.”
7. A The sentence appropriately uses the idiom “advise against.”
8. B The correct idiom is “deprived of” not “deprived to.”
9. C The correct idiom is “no different from” not “no different of.”
10. D The correct idiom is “earns a living by” not “earns a living of.”
11. B The verb is plural “were” and must correspond to the subject “chances.” This is also an idiom question. “Chances to making” is non idiomatic -- never use an -ing form after “to.”