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Lesson 4.5

Understanding Prepositions

Exercise 4.5: Prepositions

1. Read the following sentence. Which words are functioning as prepositions? Choose all that apply.

Near the end, Coach Miller screamed obscenities at the scoreboard.

2. Read the following sentence. Which words are functioning as prepositions? Choose all that apply.

I drove down the road, around the corner, and found my favorite diner by the drugstore on the right.

3. Read the following passage. Which sentences contain prepositional phrases? Choose all that apply.

Paul had never liked historical fiction. He couldn't get interested in the plot because he already knew how it would end. He preferred science fiction. However, he would read historical fiction when his dad did so that they could talk about something together.

4. Which word in the following sentence is a preposition? Choose the best answer.

Individuals and companies cannot donate more than \$2,500 to a campaign.

- A. a
- B. to
- C. cannot
- D. and

5. Which of the following sentences contains a prepositional phrase functioning as an adjective? Choose the best answer.

Annoyed, the doctor from the University of Pennsylvania stormed out. His colleague had just quit unexpectedly.

6. Which word in the following sentence is a preposition? Choose the best answer.

The army general fought bravely until the end.

7. What are the objects of prepositions in the following sentence? Choose all that apply.

In the bedroom, under the desk, Britney found her old diary containing notes about school drama.

8. Which of the following statements about prepositional phrases are true? Choose all that apply.

- A. Prepositional phrases always contain an adjective.
- B. Prepositions can be used to indicate time.
- C. Prepositional phrases can function as adverbs.

9. Which of the following sentences contains a prepositional phrase functioning as an adverb? Choose the best answer.

Jeremiah needed to update his wardrobe. He went to his favorite clothing store as soon as his new credit card came in.

10. Read the following passage. Which sentences contain prepositional phrases functioning as adverbs? Choose all that apply.

By lunchtime, Daniel was ready for a break. He strolled downtown and found himself alone on the street. He bought next week's movie tickets. After stopping by the coffee shop, he took them to his apartment. He noticed that his plant with red leaves needed water.

5. Which of the following sentences use passive voice? Choose all that apply.
- A. The Houston skyline was illuminated by the full moon.
 - B. A skilled musician can play a masterpiece on a piece of junk.
 - C. The original play was directed, produced, and performed by the campus drama club.

Correct Answer:

- a) The Houston skyline was illuminated by the full moon.
- c) The original play was directed, produced, and performed by the campus drama club.

7. Which of the following sentences uses passive voice? Choose the best answer.
- A. Writers should eliminate overuse of the passive voice.
 - B. The worm is gotten by the early bird.

Correct Answer:

- b) The worm is gotten by the early bird.

9. Read the following passage. Which sentences use passive voice? Choose all that apply.

After the French lost control of Vietnam at the 1954 Battle of Dien Bien Phu, the treaty to settle the conflict split the nation and called for democratic elections. In 1955, however, Emperor Bao Dai was ousted and replaced by a dictator who refused to hold elections. Ngo Dinh Diem aggressively opposed communism. Nearly 100,000 people were arrested as communist sympathizers during the first two years of Diem's administration.

Correct Answer:

In 1955, however, Emperor Bao Dai was ousted and replaced by a dictator who refused to hold elections. Nearly 100,000 people were arrested as communist sympathizers during the first two years of Diem's administration.

Exercise 5.10: Inclusive Language

1. Which of the following terms are gender-specific? Choose all that apply.
- A. Nurse
 - B. Male nurse
 - C. Doctor
 - D. Lady doctor

Correct Answer:

- b) Male nurse
- d) Lady doctor

3. Read the following sentence. Which phrase uses exclusive language? Choose the best answer.
- Bill's new landlord, who is dyslexic, charges a reasonable rent.

Correct Answer:

who is dyslexic

5. Which of the following statements about using inclusive language is true? Choose the best answer.
- A. You should always make sure to specify that two people are a "homosexual couple."
 - B. You should always mention a person's physical or mental ability.
 - C. You should use gender-neutral terms for spouses or partners.

Correct Answer:

- c) You should use gender-neutral terms for spouses or partners.

7. Read the following passage. Which sentences contain exclusive language? Choose all that apply.

Firemen do very dangerous work. Fire, water, and smoke are a constant threat. A firefighter must often risk his life to save others.

Correct Answer:

Firemen do very dangerous work.

A firefighter must often risk his life to save others.

9. Read the following passage. Which sentence contains exclusive language? Choose the best answer.

Natalie's sister is a senior at Eastern High School. She is the lesbian on the volleyball team. She has a great spike. She has been on the varsity team for three years.

Correct Answer:

She is the lesbian on the volleyball team.