

COMMONLY CONFUSED AND MISUSED WORDS

Directions: Choose the right answer for each item below.

1. Even though we warned Jake not to eat a ^(A) **hole** pie at one sitting, he ^(B) **sat** at the kitchen table and ^(C) **proceeded** to consume slice after slice.
 - A. whole
 - B. set
 - C. preceded
 - D. No change is necessary.
2. Give Jerrod a ^(A) **compliment** because his shoelaces ^(B) **complement** the colors in his plaid shirt. His fashion ^(C) **since** is gradually improving.
 - A. complement
 - B. compliment
 - C. sense
 - D. No change is necessary.
3. If you go ^(A) **by** the supermarket, ^(B) **buy** a package of hotdog buns. ^(C) **Than** we can grill the sausage for dinner.
 - A. buy
 - B. by
 - C. Then
 - D. No change is necessary.

4. Heed my ^(A) **advice**, and don't ^(B) **loose** your receipt. The college bookstore will not ^(C) **accept** any excuse if you need to return those books.
- A. advise
 - B. lose
 - C. except
 - D. No change is necessary.
5. The ^(A) **heard** of gazelle leaped ^(B) **through** the air as the animals tried to ^(C) **elude** the cheetah.
- A. herd
 - B. threw
 - C. allude
 - D. No change is necessary.
6. ^(A) **Maybe** Gerald is caught in traffic, or he ^(B) **maybe** flirting with the cute cafeteria cashier. Either way, don't ^(C) **accept** any excuse for his tardiness.
- A. May be
 - B. may be
 - C. except
 - D. No change is necessary.
7. When ^(A) **there** are ^(B) **fewer** students in a class, the professor has ^(C) **less** worries that everyone is getting individual attention.
- A. their
 - B. less
 - C. fewer
 - D. No change is necessary.

8. We ^(A) **were** successful baking 300 cupcakes for the charity event, but today ^(B) **we're** exhausted after spending all night preparing the ^(C) **desserts**.
- A. we're
B. were
C. deserts
D. No change is necessary.
9. Gregory ^(A) **passed** his chemistry final, so now he won't ^(B) **loose** his scholarship. As he walked ^(C) **past** the diner, he rewarded himself with a milkshake.
- A. past
B. lose
C. passed
D. No change is necessary.
10. Mr. Ramos hopes to ^(A) **except** the bid on the house. He has agreed to all the buyer's conditions, ^(B) **except** retiling the master bathroom ^(C) **since** it would be too much work.
- A. accept
B. accept
C. sense
D. No change is necessary.

