

Accuplacer Sentence Skills Practice

Part I

For the first part of the Sentence Skills practice, read each underlined sentence. The underlined portion in each sentence below may or may not be grammatically correct. If you think it is correct, select the first choice (a). Otherwise, select the best choice from the options below.

1. Baseball being a sport that is America's national pastime.
 - a. being a sport
 - b. which is a sport
 - c. is a sport because
 - d. is a sport

2. Shouting, texting, and to talk are three things that you should not do in a movie theater.
 - a. Shouting, texting, and to talk
 - b. Shouting, to text, and to talk
 - c. Shouting, texting, and talking
 - d. To shout, texting, and talking

3. Driving through town, my favorite restaurant, I realized, was closed by the Health Department.
 - a. my favorite restaurant, I realized, was closed
 - b. which is when I realized my favorite restaurant was closed
 - c. I realized my favorite restaurant had been closed
 - d. because my favorite restaurant had been closed

4. If you take the test without a good night's sleep, this is one way to get a bad grade.
 - a. If you take the test without a good night's sleep, this
 - b. Taking the test without a good night's sleep
 - c. If you are taking the test without a good night's sleep
 - d. Without a good night's sleep, taking the test

5. While reading my favorite book, I got so engrossed that I lost track of time.
 - a. While reading my favorite book, I
 - b. I, while reading my favorite book,
 - c. My favorite book
 - d. Reading my favorite book, while I

6. If you're going to the beach, I recommend applying sunscreen, reading a book and sandals.
 - a. applying sunscreen, reading a book and sandals
 - b. applying sunscreen, reading a book, and wearing sandals
 - c. wearing sunscreen, sandals, and reading a book
 - d. sandals, a book, and applying sunscreen

7. I fell asleep, listening in biology class this morning, to a lecture on plant cells.
 - a. I fell asleep, listening in biology class this morning,

- b. In biology class this morning, I fell asleep listening
 - c. In biology class this morning listening, I fell asleep
 - d. This morning I fell asleep, listening in biology class
8. Amazingly, my aunt's dog I saw jumping four feet off the ground.
- a. Amazingly, my aunt's dog I saw
 - b. My aunt's dog, I saw amazingly,
 - c. I saw, amazingly, that my aunt's dog
 - d. Amazingly, I saw my aunt's dog
9. Fly fishing used to have been more enjoyable when I was younger.
- a. used to have been
 - b. used to be
 - c. is
 - d. has been
10. In front of ten witnesses, the bank robber grabbed the money, opened the door, and was seen running down the street.
- a. grabbed the money, opened the door, and was seen running
 - b. was grabbing the money, opening the door, and running
 - c. grabbed the money, opened the door, and ran
 - d. had grabbed the money, opened the door, and running

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Part II

For the second part of the Sentence Skills practice, read each sentence. Then, rewrite the sentence by using the writing prompt provided. Your sentence should have the same meaning as the original and be well written.

- 1) Some celebrities give their children odd names, despite the fact that such names could affect their child's social life.

Rewrite, beginning with

Even though an odd name could affect a child's social life,

The next words will be

- a. because celebrities give
- b some celebrities give
- c. so some celebrities could give
- d. giving to some celebrities

- 2) Alex needed new work boots, so he decided to go to the store to purchase new ones.

Rewrite, beginning with

Alex decided to go to the store

The next words will be

- a. because he needed new work boots
- b. even though he needed new work boots
- c. so he needed new work boots
- d. since work boots were needed

- 3) The Beatles are considered by many music critics to be the greatest band of all time.

Rewrite, beginning with

Many music critics

- a. are considered to be
- b. to be considered
- c. consider
- d. are considering by

4) Kyle wanted to go to Ocean City for senior week but could not because he had to work.

Rewrite, beginning with

Because Kyle had to work,

The next words will be

- a. he wanted to go
- b. he could not go
- c. Senior Week would not
- d. therefore he could not

5) Jerry decided to eat the two day old pizza, even though he knew it might make him sick.

Rewrite, beginning with

Jerry knew he might get sick

The next words will be

- a. because he decided to eat
- b. in that he did decide
- c. although he decided to eat
- d. so he was deciding to eat

6) Although Samantha did not have much money to spend, she bought a new jacket anyway.

Rewrite, beginning with

Samantha bought a new jacket

The next words will be

- a. since she did not have
- b. therefore, have not she
- c. however she did not have
- d. even though she did not have

7) Because his grandpa was in town, Joey could not go to see the new *Spiderman* musical.

Rewrite, beginning with

Joey wanted to see the new *Spiderman* musical

The next words will be

- a. but could not because
- b. although his grandpa
- c. since his grandpa could not
- d. because his grandpa

8) Manny heard that the Powerball jackpot was now \$300 million, so he decided to buy multiple tickets.

Rewrite, beginning with

Manny decided to buy multiple Powerball tickets

The next words will be

- a. although he heard
- b. after he heard
- c. but he heard
- d. for he was hearing

9) Scott's dream was to attend Princeton, but he was not accepted due to poor test scores.

Rewrite, beginning with

Scott's poor test scores

The next words will be

- a. caused by
- b. were not accepted
- c. prevented him from
- d. were to be

10) A medical emergency forced the Smiths to delay their vacation to Italy.

Rewrite, beginning with

The Smiths were planning to leave for a vacation in Italy

The next words will be

- a. being delayed by a
- b. therefore a delay
- c. when a delay
- d. but were delayed by

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Part I

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| 1. D | 2. C | 3. C | 4. B | 5. A |
| 6. B | 7. B | 8. D | 9. B | 10. C |

Part II

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| 1. B | 2. A | 3. C | 4. B | 5. A |
| 6. D | 7. A | 8. B | 9. C | 10. D |

