

# 'Free dumplings for motorists stranded in snow'

## GAP FILL

When the going gets tough, the (1) tough get going. *motorists*  
Record levels of snowfall made the going tough for hundreds of *branch*  
(2) motorists in Japan earlier this week. Blizzards, *provisions*  
(3) snowdrifts and frozen roads left 200 cars *snowdrifts*  
(4) stranded on a highway in Fukui Prefecture, along *tough*  
the Sea of Japan. This spurred the manager of a *wearry*  
(5) branch of a local Chinese restaurant, Gyoza *faced*  
Ohsho, to get going. Keiichi Iwatani, 39, decided to feed those *stranded*  
(6) faced with spending the night in sub-zero *stranded*  
temperatures. He delivered hundreds of gyoza dumplings, fried  
rice and crab omelettes to (7) wearry, anxious and  
snowbound drivers. Seven employees helped him to deliver the  
(8) provisions on foot throughout the night to 300  
hungry and relieved people.

Mr Iwatani talked about his (9) relief efforts to the *relief*  
Mainichi newspaper. He said he saw the snow *bit*  
(10) stopped and knew there would be problems. He *accumulating*  
said similar (11) adverse weather hit in 2018 and the *faith*  
snow stopped him from getting to work. He said: "I *regretted*  
(12) regretted not being able to help out three years *confection*  
ago. I'm happy that many people appreciated our efforts last *stuck*  
night." He added: "I wanted to keep drivers warm, even for just a *adverse*  
(13) bit." Many drivers were appreciative of his  
efforts. Yuki Yamashita, 23, feared the worst when she got  
(14) stuck in the snow. She said when Ishitani  
appeared, he restored her (15) faith in humanity. A  
fellow driver shared some *Habutae mochi* - a traditional Fukui rice  
(16) confection - with her to reinforce that faith.

# "Wristband lets others know your mood"

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A new wearable device can let other people *name*  
(1) know your mood. The device is a wristband. It is *monitor*  
called a Moodbeam and is made by a UK company with the same *know*  
(2) name. The wristband was designed by the *know*  
company and a healthcare provider. The company wanted to make *know*  
a (3) self-reporting device to help doctors and *know*  
(4) medical staff. The healthcare provider wanted its *know*  
workers to be able to (5) monitor their mood. Wearers *know*  
of the device can check their mood by (6) logging in to *know*  
their Moodbeam account. Information on their mood will be stored *know*  
in the (7) cloud. Employers and managers can also *know*  
see the data stored in the cloud on a dashboard. This can let them *know*  
know how workers and teams are feeling and *know*  
(8) coping at work. *know*

The (9) original idea for the Moodbeam wristband *know*  
came from a worried mother. She wanted to know how her *know*  
(10) daughter was feeling when she wasn't with her. The *know*  
company website says: "Moodbeam is built on the unfortunate *know*  
(11) truth that whilst how we feel is so important to *know*  
our wellbeing, it's hard to capture, tough to talk about and often *know*  
(12) invisible....Moodbeam was created with the *know*  
ambition to transform the (13) way the world sees *know*  
mood, by making it easier to understand and talk about how we *know*  
feel." It added the device: "Allows for (14) better *know*  
understanding of how we feel, creates more meaningful *know*  
conversations with those we (15) care about and *know*  
helps us lead happier (16) lives."



● Sentence Completion 3 *(low-intermediate level)*

**Directions:** Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

- Estelle wants to buy a new car, so she is \_\_\_\_\_ her money.  
A. spending  
B. saving  
C. losing  
D. stealing
- Nelson is a \_\_\_\_\_. He is mean to people and makes them feel \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. chef ... hungry  
B. clown ... happy  
C. doctor ... good  
D. bully ... bad
- Mr. Morrissey is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a company. He tells all of the other workers what to do.  
A. student  
B. passenger  
C. banker  
D. boss
- Although Gail \_\_\_\_\_ in California, she now lives in Texas.  
A. was born  
B. died  
C. is working  
D. travels
- Tabitha asked for \_\_\_\_\_ ketchup for her French fries. She really likes ketchup.  
A. no  
B. less  
C. extra  
D. red
- Last Tuesday, Wesley brought delicious \_\_\_\_\_ to school. He shared them with everyone.  
A. puppies  
B. pencils  
C. cookies  
D. ideas
- I put the cake on the \_\_\_\_\_ shelf so that the children cannot reach it.  
A. lowest  
B. middle  
C. highest  
D. smallest
- Because Ben \_\_\_\_\_ a rule today, he was punished.  
A. broke  
B. made  
C. invented  
D. learned
- Gloria does not know how to \_\_\_\_\_ her shoes yet, but she is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. wear ... barefoot  
B. buy ... trying  
C. tie ... learning  
D. find ... hiding
- After Ronda \_\_\_\_\_ the dish, she promised to buy me a new one.  
A. washed  
B. ate  
C. broke  
D. purchased



● Sentence Completion 3 *(high-intermediate level)*

**Directions:** Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

1. Considering he cheated on the most important exam of the year, receiving an automatic zero seems \_\_\_\_\_ punishment.  
A. a brutal  
B. an unfair  
C. an appropriate  
D. a useless  
E. an unthinkable
2. Due to the \_\_\_\_\_ of hurricanes near the coast, a beach house must have \_\_\_\_\_ walls to prevent it from collapsing.  
A. lack ... weak  
B. scarcity ... normal  
C. amount ... high  
D. prevalence ... sturdy  
E. abundance ... flimsy
3. After his \_\_\_\_\_ in the election, the new mayor adopted an aura of \_\_\_\_\_ that displeased many of the voters; he was too proud to listen to the citizens anymore.  
A. speech ... humility  
B. win ... meekness  
C. campaign ... annoyance  
D. loss ... sadness  
E. victory ... arrogance
4. Trina's parents are concerned with how \_\_\_\_\_ she has become summer. They are trying to find more activities to occupy her time.  
A. fit  
B. idle  
C. active  
D. productive  
E. employed
5. After Jose and Wendy get married, they are going to open a \_\_\_\_\_ bank account so that they can share expenses.  
A. individual  
B. separate  
C. joint  
D. independent  
E. secret
6. Despite his remarkably \_\_\_\_\_ range of interests, the idea of becoming a bottle cap manufacturer seemed rather \_\_\_\_\_ to him.  
A. diverse ... odd  
B. narrow ... exotic  
C. strange ... typical  
D. regular ... unusual  
E. simple ... selfish
7. Cindy's date proved to be a \_\_\_\_\_ gentleman; he opened doors, paid for dinner, and even called her a taxi ride home.  
A. questionable  
B. genuine  
C. happy  
D. comical  
E. shady
8. Unlike the \_\_\_\_\_ hair of her dog, Sam's horse has \_\_\_\_\_ hair, making it easier to groom.  
A. rough ... brown  
B. thick ... rough  
C. curly ... straight  
D. smooth ... uneven  
E. firm ... strong



● Sentence Completion 4 *(high-intermediate level)*

**Directions:** Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

1. Some people believe that water becomes \_\_\_\_\_ if it is blessed through prayer.  
A. holy  
B. typical  
C. evil  
D. precious  
E. valuable
2. After engaging in \_\_\_\_\_ exercise, it is important to recharge by eating a \_\_\_\_\_ meal.  
A. rigorous ... fattening  
B. strenuous ... healthy  
C. hard ... thin  
D. easy ... heavy  
E. painful ... injurious
3. Chris was \_\_\_\_\_ after his all-night study session; if he had been able to \_\_\_\_\_ during the test, he would have performed better.  
A. lethargic ... sleep  
B. exhausted ... study  
C. drowsy ... concentrate  
D. tired ... nap  
E. strained ... rest
4. Kara was \_\_\_\_\_ when her boyfriend asked her to marry him. It was the happiest moment of her life.  
A. suspicious  
B. joyful  
C. sorrowful  
D. dismayed  
E. annoyed
5. Despite her advanced \_\_\_\_\_, her childish antics made Jessica appear \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. appetite ... healthy  
B. conversation ... shy  
C. interests ... diverse  
D. age ... immature  
E. manners ... polite
6. Mel's favorite thing about the holidays is the \_\_\_\_\_ cuisine; a joyous occasion calls for great food.  
A. standard  
B. festive  
C. bland  
D. tasteless  
E. repetitive
7. Due to Blake's \_\_\_\_\_ attitude, many were \_\_\_\_\_ to trust him as camp counselor.  
A. good ... unwilling  
B. apathetic ... compelled  
C. positive ... hesitant  
D. negative ... eager  
E. uncaring ... reluctant
8. Drug addiction can be very \_\_\_\_\_; oftentimes, it will tear apart both family and career.  
A. destructive  
B. selfish  
C. permanent  
D. fortunate  
E. innocent

**Homophones:** Words that have the same pronunciation, but different spelling and different meanings.

**Directions:** Choose the correct word.

*Example:* Please try not to (waste, *waist*) paper.



1. Can I go to the party (*to*, too, *two*)?
2. This is my favorite (*pare*, pair, *pear*) of jeans.
3. I (sent, *scent*, *cent*) a letter to my aunt in Vietnam.
4. The children got (bored, *board*) during the lecture.
5. Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez like to work in (*there*, *they're*, their) garden.
6. Alec is going to (wear, *ware*) his work boots today.
7. Do you think it is going to (*rein*, rain, *reign*) this afternoon?
8. I saw a restaurant just off the (*rode*, road) about a mile back.
9. David's brother is in a (band, *banned*) which plays Russian music.
10. Juana wants her socks because her (*tows*, toes) are cold.
11. The teacher walked down the (aisle, *isle*) between the rows of desks.
12. Hadil has a (*pane*, pain) in her shoulder.
13. The school (principal, *principle*) spoke to a group of parents.
14. The clerk wants to (sell, *cell*) as many TVs as possible.
15. I don't want to talk about the (*passed*, past) anymore.
16. Nobody (knows, *nose*) what you are thinking.
17. I have (*for*, four, *fore*) dollars in my pocket.
18. I need to take a (break, *brake*) from this exercise!
19. Humans have hands. Dogs have (paws, *pause*).
20. (He'll, *Heel*, *Heal*) be here in a few minutes.