

'Free dumplings for motorists stranded in snow'

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

motorists
branch
provisions
snowdrifts
tough
weary
faced
stranded

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

relief
bit
accumulating
faith
regretted
confection
stuck
adverse

"Wristband lets others know your mood"

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

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



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

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

1. Estelle wants to buy a new car, so she is _____ her money.
A. spending
B. saving
C. losing
D. stealing
2. Nelson is a _____. He is mean to people and makes them feel _____.
A. chef ... hungry
B. clown ... happy
C. doctor ... good
D. bully ... bad
3. 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
4. Although Gail _____ in California, she now lives in Texas.
A. was born
B. died
C. is working
D. travels
5. Tabitha asked for _____ ketchup for her French fries. She really likes ketchup.
A. no
B. less
C. extra
D. red
6. Last Tuesday, Wesley brought delicious _____ to school. He shared them with everyone.
A. puppies
B. pencils
C. cookies
D. ideas
7. I put the cake on the _____ shelf so that the children cannot reach it.
A. lowest
B. middle
C. highest
D. smallest
8. Because Ben _____ a rule today, he was punished.
A. broke
B. made
C. invented
D. learned
9. Gloria does not know how to _____ her shoes yet, but she is _____.
A. wear ... barefoot
B. buy ... trying
C. tie ... learning
D. find ... hiding
10. 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.