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"Biden vows to repair global alliances"

Joe Biden has promised to re-establish global alliances in his first speech as U.S. President. Mr Biden was (1) _____ in as the 46th U.S. President on Wednesday amid (2) _____ security in Washington. In unprecedented scenes, around 25,000 National Guard troops were (3) _____ to make sure the inauguration took place without (4) _____. In the first days of his presidency, Mr Biden will make several (5) _____ orders to change the direction of America's foreign policy. He will rejoin the Paris (6) _____ accord. Biden spoke about restoring America's (7) _____ overseas. He said: "America has been tested. And we've come out stronger for it. We will (8) _____ our alliances and engage with the world once again."

incident

climate

sworn

repair

positioned

reputation

tight

executive

Outgoing President Donald Trump left office (9) _____ to "be back". His parting words to the American public were: "Have a good life, we will see you soon." Mr Trump (10) _____ with tradition by not attending his successor's inauguration. In his (11) _____ speech, Mr Trump said: "This has been an incredible four years. We've (12) _____ so much together. What we've done has been amazing by any (13) _____." He added: "It's been a great honour and (14) _____ to be your president. I will always fight for you....I wish the new (15) _____ great luck and great success. I think they will have great success. They have the foundation to do something really (16) _____."

farewell

privilege

accomplished

spectacular

vowing

administration

broke

standard

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"Electric -car battery charges in five minutes"

Car makers are (1) _____ a lot of money on electric cars. In the future, electric cars will (2) _____ petrol cars. Environmentalists believe this will reduce the (3) _____ of CO2 put into the atmosphere. A big problem for electric cars is (4) _____ the battery. Some batteries in today's electric cars can take up to 12 hours to charge (5) _____. However, a company in Israel says it has created a lithium-ion battery that people can charge in (6) _____ five minutes. This is the same amount of time it takes to fill a (7) _____ of gas with petrol. The new lithium-ion batteries were developed by the Israeli company StoreDot. They are being (8) _____ by a Chinese company called Eve Energy.

amount

fully

manufactured

spending

tank

replace

just

charging

The new batteries could (9) _____ transform driving. They would mean electric cars would be able to travel as far as petrol cars. Many people with electric cars today (10) _____ from "range anxiety". This is stress caused by worrying about the battery (11) _____ out of electricity. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "You're either afraid that you're going to get (12) _____ on the highway, or that you're going to need to sit in a charging (13) _____ for two hours." The new batteries would end this anxiety. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "We're at the (14) _____ of achieving a revolution in the electric vehicle charging experience". He said it means the (15) _____ from petrol to electric cars will happen much (16) _____.

switch

stuck

suffer

point

totally

running

faster

station

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Fill in: THE, A, AN or ----- (no article)

1. _____ little knowledge is _____ dangerous thing.
2. _____ Tower is one of _____ main attractions of London.
3. Where are _____ scissors you borrowed from me last week?
4. _____ Elephants are very intelligent animals.
5. I need _____ little bit of time to think about _____ offer you made.
6. _____ President of _____ United States is going to give _____ interesting speech tonight.
7. There was _____ time in my life when I enjoyed _____ skating.
8. I haven't been to _____ concert like that before.
9. Neill Armstrong made _____ first footprint on _____ moon.
10. I was in _____ pain after I had twisted my ankle.
11. _____ Teachers are people who normally like _____ students.
12. It's a long way by _____ train to _____ south of France.
13. I'm so tired. I think I'll be going to _____ bed.
14. _____ Prime Minister is scheduled to give _____ speech this afternoon.
15. The worst part of living in _____ tent is the lack of _____ space.
16. _____ French drink a lot of wine.
17. _____ Dogs are wonderful pets.
18. Jane's husband got home early from _____ work.
19. Of all the cars available I prefer _____ Japanese one.
20. This is _____ book on _____ Irish history.
21. I live in _____ apartment, which is brand new.
22. Most cars start badly on _____ cold mornings.
23. Does anyone know who invented _____ digital camera?
24. Before we landed at _____ JFK airport we saw _____ Statue of Liberty and _____ Empire State building.
25. It was _____ cold morning on _____ first Monday in April.

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Date _____

Sentence Completion 4 *(low-intermediate level)*

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

1. I went to the _____ with my boyfriend, but the movie was _____.

   A. theater … sold out
   B. zoo … fantastic
   C. post office … closed
   D. high school … boring

2. I don't know who stole my ring. It is a _____.

   A. finger
   B. diamond
   C. mystery
   D. necklace

3. Because Lauren _____ the bus, she was _____ to work.

   A. crashed … expected
   B. missed … late
   C. took … walking
   D. likes … driving

4. I _____ my keys. I don't know where they are.

   A. used
   B. lost
   C. have
   D. stole

5. Paula is very _____. She has been in the _____ for three days.

   A. tired … bed
   B. angry … room
   C. beautiful … mirror
   D. sick … hospital

6. Although Farsi is _____ language, it can still be _____ to know.

   A. an uncommon … helpful
   B. a weird … bad
   C. a new … impossible
   D. a difficult … hard

7. Mr. Matthews is the _____ of our school. He watches over all of the teachers and students.

   A. teacher
   B. student
   C. janitor
   D. principal

8. Mrs. Zheng used to _____ cigarettes, but she quit. She wants to improve her _____.

   A. smoke … health
   B. buy … wealth
   C. sell … business
   D. make … hands

9. Although I really want to go to the party tonight, I have to _____ instead. I have a test in the morning.

   A. study
   B. clean
   C. dance
   D. drink

10. Chuck and Dave are _____. They live on the same _____.

   A. brothers … island
   B. neighbors … street
   C. friends … boat
   D. cousins … farm

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Sentence Completion 5 *(high-intermediate level)*

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

1. The _____ hurricane winds tore down houses and uprooted trees.

   A. furious
   B. tame
   C. mild
   D. moderate
   E. humid

2. It takes _____ hands to hit a target with a bow-and-arrow.

   A. delicate
   B. rough
   C. agile
   D. steady
   E. manicured

3. Unlike the _____ skin of a frog, that of a toad is more textured and _____.

   A. slick ... slimy
   B. tough ... scaly
   C. greasy ... oily
   D. green ... black
   E. smooth ... bumpy

4. Despite her friends' best efforts at making her feel _____, Molly felt very _____ at the party.

   A. sociable ... old
   B. relaxed ... uncomfortable
   C. humorous ... silly
   D. helpful ... generous
   E. miserable ... sad

5. The copied version was _____ reproduction; it was remarkable how closely it resembled the original.

   A. an ancient
   B. a false
   C. an accurate
   D. an authentic
   E. a genuine

6. All of the initial reviews were rather _____, whereas the more recent ones seem overwhelmingly _____.

   A. scathing ... positive
   B. great ... upbeat
   C. helpful ... insightful
   D. negative ... doubtful
   E. fake ... phony

7. Despite usually being _____, Lina was _____ when confronted by the dangerous bear.

   A. tired ... drowsy
   B. lost ... disoriented
   C. arrogant ... courageous
   D. cowardly ... brave
   E. afraid ... frightened

8. The _____ shopkeeper _____ us; we certainly won't buy anything from him again.

   A. generous ... welcomed
   B. polite ... thanked
   C. greedy ... overcharged
   D. kind ... hated
   E. sleepy ... excited

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Sentence Completion 2 *(low-advanced SAT level)*

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

1. Despite her reputation for being a particularly _____ artist, her new work seemed to be _____ other artists and appears completely unoriginal.

   A. talented … copies of
   B. skillful … facsimiles of
   C. bland … descendents of
   D. innovative … derivative of
   E. original … unlike

2. Although the crime scene investigator searched for fingerprints, he was unable to find any, suggesting that the culprit was _____ and had worn gloves while committing the crime.

   A. cautious
   B. lazy
   C. inattentive
   D. neglectful
   E. carefree

3. The late author J. D. Salinger was known for being _____, as he was unseen by the public for decades at a time.

   A. adversarial
   B. gregarious
   C. adulated
   D. sociable
   E. reclusive

4. My coworker is known for being a _____, as he always brownnoses and lauds the decisions of our boss in an attempt to gain his favor.

   A. sycophant
   B. usurper
   C. fanatic
   D. skeptic
   E. zealot

5. The famously _____ coach was known for being succinct and erring on the side of brevity when it came to giving post-game interviews.

   A. loquacious
   B. terse
   C. innovative
   D. insightful
   E. intrepid

6. The otherwise _____ employee surprised everyone when she was extremely _____ in meeting a deadline.

   A. exquisite ... gorgeous
   B. adept ... vulgar
   C. skillful ... calculating
   D. helpful ... pragmatic
   E. punctual ... late

7. So-called snake oil salesmen earned reputations as _____ of _____ merchandise, unnecessary wares, and tonics advertised as panegyrics that actually did nothing for those who consumed them.

   A. distributors ... medicinal
   B. hucksters ... shoddy
   C. catalogers ... sufficient
   D. misers ... dilapidated
   E. educators ... innovative

8. The Three Musketeers were known above all else for their unwavering loyalty to each other. Even the worst of situations, they never broke their _____ each other.

   A. submission to
   B. kindness toward
   C. allegiance to
   D. affinity for
   E. animosity toward