

"London's thinnest house sells for \$1.3 million"

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Even though house prices are sky-(1) _____ around the world, one property's price tag in London is raising (2) _____. A house billed as "the skinniest" in London is on the market for \$1.3 million. In other areas of the UK, one could purchase a (3) _____ seven-bedroom mansion with (4) _____ grounds for that sum. However, the skinny house is just 2 metres wide, although it does have five floors. The two-bedroom house is in west London and is being sold by (5) _____ estate agent Winkworth. The agent said: "It started life as a hat shop and was (6) _____ by a fashion photographer - the ultimate designer house....It's (7) _____ and charming and great for (8) _____."

sprawling
converted
rocketing
entertaining
spacious
quirky
eyebrows
real

The eye-catching property is just 1.6 metres at its narrowest (9) _____ and is 8 metres long. There is a kitchen, dining room and patio garden on the first floor. On the second floor there is a living room, with a (10) _____ staircase that leads up to the third floor, which has a study, bedroom and (11) _____ terrace. The main bedroom is on the fifth floor. Despite its (12) _____ space, Winkworth says it is a one-of-a-kind (13) _____. It said: "The interior design has the (14) _____ approach of a luxury yacht, making the most of small spaces." It added that: "The house is ideal for a young couple or an (15) _____ who sees the beauty for what it is and will snap it up. It is a (16) _____ part of London history. It's a bit of London magic."

cramped
bespoke
point
unique
roof
individual
spiral
abode

"professor lectures for two hours online -on mute -"

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A university professor in Singapore (1) _____ a two-hour online lecture but didn't (2) _____ he was on mute. Professor Wang, who teaches maths, was not (3) _____ that throughout his online presentation, the microphone on his computer was (4) _____ off. This meant that none of the students (5) _____ his online class heard what professor Wang was talking about. His university switched his classes online to help (6) _____ the spread of COVID-19. His lecture started well but then it (7) _____. The video came back but the mic was off and professor Wang did not notice. One of his students says it might have been because the professor was (8) _____ an iPad and not a computer.

froze
switched
gave
reduce
realize
using
aware
attending

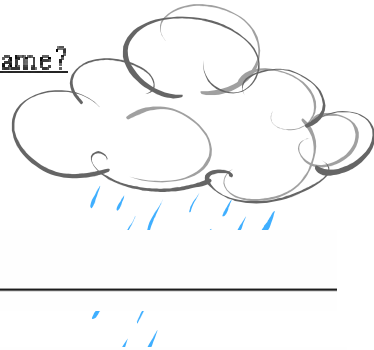
Students tried many times to (9) _____ professor Wang during the lesson but could not get through to him. They (10) _____ their arms and even tried calling him on his personal phone. A video of the (11) _____ he understood his mic was off has gone viral on the Internet. It has received more than 653,000 views. After realizing what happened, professor Wang appeared (12) _____ and stressed. He said he was upset at the thought of (13) _____ two hours of his students' time. He has offered to (14) _____ the lecture at a different (15) _____ so his students do not miss that class. One of his students posted on social media about the professor's (16) _____. She wrote: "I took a class under him before and he teaches well. I feel bad for him."

moment
wasting
mishap
contact
shocked
time
waved
redo

Intermediate Forming Questions – “What”

Directions: Use the words on the left to form questions.

Example: your name what is ? → What is your name?



1. number what telephone your is ? → _____

2. his what name was ? → _____

3. arrive did what Alex time ? → _____

4. caused hurricane the what ? → _____

5. his mother will what say ? → _____

6. baby will name what they the ? → _____

7. today weather what like is the ? → _____

8. to going game what the is time start ? → _____

Advanced Forming Questions – “What”

Directions: Use the words on the left to form questions.

Example: your name what is ? → What is your name?



1. what done you have would ? →

2. going do we tomorrow to are what ? →

3. were her words what last ? →

4. do we shall what ? →

5. better could done what they have ? →

6. eaten what we would have ? →



● Sentence Completion 10 *(low-intermediate level)*

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

1. _____ people like to visit the beach during the summer. It is very _____.
A. most ... boring
B. lots of ... uncommon
C. some ... rare
D. many ... popular
2. The numbers 3, 87, and 3402 are _____. They do not follow any rule or pattern.
A. organized
B. special
C. random
D. strange
3. I am _____. Nevertheless, I am _____.
A. poor ... happy
B. sad ... depressed
C. angry ... terrible
D. tired ... sleepy
4. I want to go to the _____. There is a _____ I want to read.
A. restaurant ... meal
B. school ... teacher
C. library ... book
D. mall ... store
5. Elizabeth is very _____. She lives in a large house and owns three _____.
A. happy ... children
B. wealthy ... cars
C. lonely ... friends
D. smart ... schools
6. I used to wear shoes, but now I wear _____.
A. hats
B. sandals
C. pants
D. gloves
7. The xylophone is _____ instrument. It makes a beautiful sound.
A. an amazing
B. a simple
C. a pathetic
D. a strange
8. I am almost done with school. I will _____ next week.
A. fail
B. quit
C. succeed
D. graduate
9. I love to drink _____. It is very sweet, and good for you.
A. coffee
B. apple juice
C. hot chocolate
D. water
10. Mike doesn't eat _____. He is a vegetarian.
A. meat
B. pasta
C. potatoes
D. chocolate

● Sentence Completion 12 *(high-intermediate level)***Directions:** Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

1. Drivers have not been _____ the new traffic rules. _____, there have been several accidents.
A. understanding ... in addition
B. following ... as a result
C. ignoring ... therefore
D. comprehending ... on the other hand
E. making ... nonetheless
2. _____ cars can fit into _____ parking spaces.
A. compact ... small
B. foreign ... domestic
C. powerful ... slow
D. nice ... expensive
E. leased ... reserved
3. People say the neighborhood is unsafe. _____, I still take my evening walks.
A. Nevertheless
B. Immediately
C. Consequently
D. Therefore
E. Understandably
4. Though my colleagues were in favor of ending our research, I wanted to _____ it.
A. abandon
B. continue
C. stop
D. investigate
E. change
5. I don't have much energy these days. After a short stroll, I am quite _____.
A. exhausted
B. eager
C. happy
D. relieved
E. energized
6. In prehistoric times, most people wandered about large territories. _____, in modern times, people typically settle in one place they call home.
A. however
B. therefore
C. in addition
D. moreover
E. furthermore
7. While most people simply walked by, some _____ person stopped to _____ the homeless beggar.
A. considerate ... help
B. caring ... annoy
C. dangerous ... educate
D. reckless ... aid
E. kind ... harass
8. After the penalty was finally _____, motorists decided to _____ their poor driving habits.
A. created ... continue
B. enforced ... uphold
C. instituted ... maintain
D. reduced ... abandon
E. increased ... alter

• Word Definition 2 Level 5

Directions: Choose the answer choice that best defines the word in capital letters.**1) REFRESH**

- A. to make new
- B. to focus
- C. to destroy
- D. to fall asleep

6) SUSPEND

- A. to discover
- B. to hang
- C. to finish
- D. to teach

2) SIMILAR

- A. completely original
- B. very dull
- C. required
- D. almost the same

7) ABOLISH

- A. to hide or conceal
- B. to rob or steal
- C. to subtract or take away
- D. to cancel or ban

3) ABANDON

- A. to leave behind
- B. to give advice
- C. to watch closely
- D. to correct

8) SENSELESS

- A. pointless or silly
- B. dangerous or unsafe
- C. friendly or kind
- D. brave or confident

4) INJURY

- A. something that weighs a lot
- B. something that is pretty
- C. something that comes from nature
- D. something that hurts someone

9) STRATEGY

- A. a plan
- B. a government
- C. a war
- D. a conclusion

5) BLAND

- A. not present
- B. without hope
- C. with humor
- D. without flavor

10) DROWSY

- A. old
- B. ugly
- C. sleepy
- D. wealthy