

"IKEA starts selling furniture for gamers"

GAP FILL

The Swedish furniture maker IKEA has released its new (1) range of products - gaming furniture. Now gamers can buy special desks, chairs, (2) sofas and other items to make them more comfortable when they play computer games or (3) online games. There are more than 30 products in IKEA's gaming line. One of the more (4) unusual things is an accessory that is like a big wooden hand, to (5) hold your headset. There is also a special pillow with pockets where you can put your hands to keep them (6) warm. IKEA said it spent many years on designing the furniture. It got expert help in making sure it created the (7) right products. To do this, it (8) teamed up with the gaming laptop maker Republic of Gamers.

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IKEA said making furniture for gamers was a (9) natural step" for the company. It wanted to (10) attract millions of gamers around the world to its (11) stores and website. The company said it has created, "relevant, functional, beautiful, and (12) affordable products and complete gaming solutions". It added that it wanted to make products that also (13) appealed to female gamers, saying: "The needs of billions of gamers around the globe are very (14) diverse...46% of gamers are women." It said: "Now, we take the first step on our gaming (15) journey, and we do it by presenting affordable, high-performing gaming products and complete solutions that we hope reflect people's personalities and (16) taste."

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• Reading Comprehension Assessment

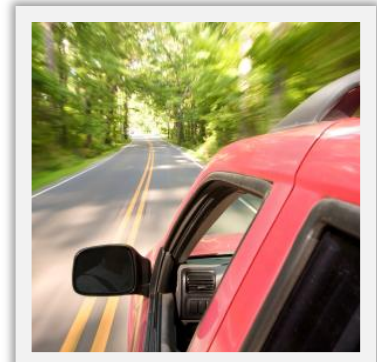
Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Going to California

Last spring, my family and I moved to California. **Specifically**, we moved from Columbus, Ohio, to San Diego, California. My mother had gotten a teaching position at a college in San Diego. My father said he could get work in his same company, just in California instead of Ohio.

At first, my two sisters and I were pretty upset about moving. All of our friends and family were in Ohio. We had all spent our entire lives there. My mom promised us that we would love California though. She said it was always sunny outside and that our house was just two blocks from the beach. My dad also told us that San Diego has the best zoo in the world and is pretty close to Disneyland. They could still tell that we were sad, though. Then they reminded us that we could stay in touch with our friends through email. And my mom said we could visit them whenever we want. My dad said San Diego was so nice that most of them would probably rather visit us, though.

My sisters and I were still not sure. We helped out with the move though.



Heading West

Most of our furniture was packed up into a moving truck. We also put some of our other belongings in there. Professional movers drove it out to San Diego for us. Some of our stuff was sold at a garage sale, too. Our most important things were put into the trunk of our red SUV. That included our photo albums, my grandmother's jewelry, and some of our favorite toys. We drove that stuff and ourselves all the way west.

The first thousand miles were very boring. Between Ohio and Colorado, the world is flat. Cornfields stretched on as far as we could see. Nothing was interesting at all. In Colorado and Utah, there were beautiful mountains though. Driving through them was like riding a rollercoaster. We went up and down, up and down, up and down. In Nevada, everything was tan. I'd never seen a desert before, so at least Nevada was more interesting than Nebraska and Iowa.

Finally, after ten days on the road, we made it to San Diego.

Life in San Diego

The house we have in San Diego is nice. You can see the ocean from the upstairs bedrooms. And we have a big lawn. That's great, because it really is warm out all the time. I still miss our old house in Columbus, but San Diego is nice too.

The weirdest thing about life in San Diego is that my school is outdoors. The classrooms are indoors, but we have to go outside to get to our lockers. I thought schools like that only existed on TV!

1) As used in paragraph 1, the word **specifically** most nearly means

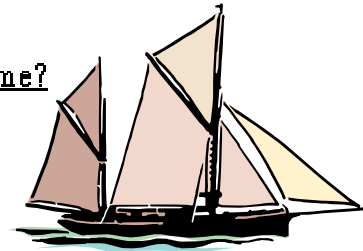
- A. **more exactly**
- B. less certain
- C. more quickly
- D. less happy

- [illegible]

Intermediate Forming Questions – “When”

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

Example: game is when the ? → When is the game?



1. you were born when ? → When were you born?

2. here they when will be ? → When will they be here?

3. was Annie when born ? → When was Annie born?

4. the fireworks are starting when ? → When are the fireworks starting?

5. her when birthday is ? → When is her birthday?

6. will be 21 when you ? → When will you be 21?

7. end last the night party did when ? → When did the party end last night?

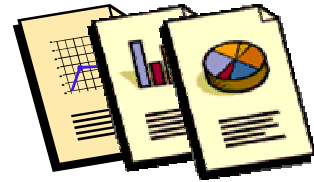
8. did Columbus discover when North Christopher America ? →

When did Christopher Columbus discover America?

Advanced Forming Questions – “When”

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

Example: game is when the ? → When is the game?



1. have points scored when will they three ? →

When will they have scored three points?

2. should start when we ? →

When should we start?

3. to must bed night tomorrow we go when ? →

When must we go to bed tomorrow night?

4. would you when started have to get ready ? →

When would you have started to get ready?

5. be ready report will when the ? →

When will the report be ready?

6. had seen when you him last ? →

When had you seen him last?



● Sentence Completion 13 *(high-intermediate level)*

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

1. Ancient cave paintings _____ that our ancestors were making art thousands of years ago.
A. foreshadow
B. disprove
C. **demonstrate**
D. imagine
E. diagram
2. Anne is _____; she weighs all options before making a big decision.
A. careless
B. bold
C. **thoughtful**
D. educated
E. impulsive
3. Climbing can be _____; nonetheless, some people love the sport and are willing to take the risk.
A. fun
B. interesting
C. complicated
D. **dangerous**
E. engaging
4. Though the two fingerprints were quite _____, they were not a perfect match, so no identification could be made.
A. impressive
B. identical
C. smudged
D. **similar**
E. interesting
5. Because some of the measurements were incorrect, the architect needed to _____ his original plan.
A. reinvent
B. recant
C. **revise**
D. revitalize
E. redirect
6. Factory managers constantly think of ways to increase _____— to manufacture more parts in less time.
A. **efficiency**
B. pollution
C. insurance
D. invention
E. wages
7. The class was too _____ for students at this level. Even the smartest students failed the course.
A. long
B. boring
C. **advanced**
D. creative
E. fascinating
8. The performance was physically demanding, and the dancers were _____ after delivering it three nights in a row.
A. stunned
B. lithe
C. energized
D. **exhausted**
E. flexible

• Word Definition 1 Level 6

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

- A. very important
- B. very ugly
- C. very difficult
- D. very loud

6) ANXIOUS

- A. nervous
- B. colorful
- C. relaxed
- D. entertaining

2) MIMIC

- A. to confuse
- B. to affect
- C. to remove
- D. to copy

7) ORIGINATE

- A. to exercise or train
- B. to rest or relax
- C. to start or begin
- D. to get old or age

3) DISTINCT

- A. silent
- B. smooth
- C. sticky
- D. separate

8) FUNCTION

- A. to remove
- B. to answer
- C. to purchase
- D. to work

4) MAJORITY

- A. a loud noise
- B. a larger part
- C. a beginner
- D. a long story

9) CONQUER

- A. to be defeated
- B. to hope for
- C. to write
- D. to take over

5) RETRIEVE

- A. to bring back
- B. to shrink
- C. to include
- D. to look for

10) REFUSE

- A. to remove or withdraw
- B. to doubt or question
- C. to make better or to improve
- D. to deny or not accept

• Word Definition 3 Level 5

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

- A. to decorate
- B. to praise
- C. to redo
- D. **to encourage**

6) UNSUCCESSFUL

- A. **failing to meet one's goals**
- B. depending on others
- C. causing trouble
- D. decorating something

2) MINOR

- A. larger in seriousness
- B. shorter in height
- C. greater in size
- D. **lesser in importance**

7) CENTRAL

- A. on the coast
- B. relating to sports
- C. **in the middle**
- D. relating to a government

3) ORDINARY

- A. fragile or delicate
- B. **normal or plain**
- C. chilly or cold
- D. famous or well known

8) NUMEROUS

- A. broken
- B. **many**
- C. successful
- D. poor

4) STARTLE

- A. to begin or get going
- B. to defeat or beat
- C. **to surprise or frighten**
- D. to offer or give

9) PROVIDE

- A. to improve or make better
- B. to request or ask for
- C. to speak or talk
- D. **to give or offer**

5) SATISFIED

- A. talented or skilled
- B. affordable or cheap
- C. **content or happy**
- D. depressing or sad

10) VISUAL

- A. relating to food
- B. relating to art
- C. **relating to sight**
- D. relating to science