

GAP FILL

"Dogs may be self-aware"

Have you ever (1) wondered what animals think about? A team of scientists (2) explored this question by investigating whether dogs have self-awareness. Researchers from a university in Hungary (3) set out to determine whether canines have a (4) sense of self and of body awareness. Researcher Peter Pongracz explained why his team conducted the study. He said: "Self-awareness is a rather (5) poorly investigated area of dog cognition." He added: "Body awareness is a mental (6) capacity to organize someone's action by taking in consideration their own body (7) exists." His test put dogs in situations that would make them aware of their body position. The study is published in the (8) journal "Scientific Reports".

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The scientists conducted tests on 54 dogs. The dogs had to (9) respond to commands from their owners. Researchers attached a toy to a mat and asked the dog to give the toy to its (10) owner. The dog had to understand it would be (11) unable to take the toy to its owner (12) unless it got off the mat first. Many of the dogs understood the issue and got off the mat to complete the (13) task. The researchers said this showed a sense of body awareness. They wrote that body awareness is, "the (14) ability to hold information about one's own body in mind, as an explicit (15) object, in relation to other objects in the world". They said this is "one of the fundamental building (16) blocks of self-representation" and that the dogs in the tests exhibited this.

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Gerund after prepositions - exercise 1

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Key with answers

Exercise 1

My brother is good at diving.

I'm not very keen on playing computer games.

I have no objection to watching the football match tonight.

She is afraid of losing her boyfriend.

We are fed up doing nothing all the weekend.

I'm tired of waiting in the queues at the airports.

We had difficulty in finding the way to the museum.

Are you interested in building your professional career?

There's no point in buying an old car.

I disapprove of smoking in restaurants.

We are happy about having a new house.

My daughter dreams of | about becoming a film star.

John can't cope with being unemployed.

Sarah is thinking of | about moving to Greg's place.

The children were accused of smashing the window.

Gerund after prepositions - exercise 2

Key with answers

Exercise 2

No, I haven't. But I am looking forward to seeing it tonight.

Fortunately, they left off barking.

He put off doing his homework till he fell asleep.

Of course, I have. I took to playing them a couple of years ago.

I'm sorry. I am against keeping wild animals in cages.

Yes, I am. I would never give up getting my driving licence.

I wanted to talk to him, but he just kept on shouting at me.

Our neighbour promised that she would see about feeding them.

Not at all. Her best friend didn't come and she ended up crying.

Yes, she did. She couldn't go on pretending that everything was fine with all his affairs.

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

1. Although skunks may be pretty, they are _____.
A. very ugly
B. really smart
C. amazingly quick
D. terribly smelly
2. Marvin _____ studies, so he gets _____ grades.
A. never ... bad
B. always ... poor
C. rarely ... good
D. occasionally ... excellent
3. The metal pole is not _____. It is very _____.
A. heavy ... cold
B. hollow ... skinny
C. flexible ... rigid
D. soft ... loose
4. While John is not _____, he is not necessarily _____, either.
A. hungry ... tired
B. tall ... short
C. smart ... intelligent
D. fat ... heavy
5. The building was designed using many straight lines. As a result, it is not very _____.
A. funny
B. curvy
C. weird
D. comfortable
6. Even though Dana is _____, she has a lot of _____. She believes she can win every race.
A. nervous ... confidence
B. brave ... courage
C. small ... weight
D. excited ... energy
7. Although the message is supposed to be _____, I don't mind if you tell it to your friends.
A. special
B. secret
C. permanent
D. educational
8. Rats are _____ but _____.
A. small ... strong
B. gross ... disgusting
C. friendly ... kind
D. quick ... fast
9. No one _____ the movie. On the other hand, everyone _____ the play.
A. liked ... hated
B. respected ... disliked
C. saw ... avoided
D. enjoyed ... loved
10. Motorcycles are too _____. I prefer to drive trucks because they are safe.
A. difficult
B. boring
C. fast
D. dangerous



● 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 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