

SENTENCE SKILLS

1) The leaves on the Ginko tree in our front yard begins to turn bright yellow in October.

- A. begins to turn
- B. began to turn
- C. begun to turn
- D. begin to turn

2) Depending on the weather, some families will spend Thanksgiving weekend either at the beach or at the movies.

Rewrite, beginning with

Some families will spend Thanksgiving weekend

The next words will be

- A. at the beach or at the movies, either, depending on the weather.
- B. either at the beach or at the movies depending on the weather.
- C. depending on the weather at the beach or at the movies.
- D. either at the beach or at the movies, it depends on the weather.

3) My grandmother was always busy: she loved to cook amazing soups, baking cookies, and crocheted fabulously colorful scarves.

- A. baking cookies, and crochet fabulously colored scarves.
- B. bake cook cookies, and crochet colored scarves.
- C. bake delicious cookies, and crochet colorful scarves
- D. bake delicious cookies, and crochet scarves.

4) The traditional Thanksgiving holiday cooking that was done by my mother, the macaroni and cheese, cranberry sauce, and string beans, was fabulous.

- A. The traditional Thanksgiving holiday cooking that was done by my mother, the macaroni and cheese, cranberry sauce, and string beans, was fabulous.
- B. My mother cooked a fabulous traditional Thanksgiving holiday: macaroni and cheese, cranberry sauce, and string beans.
- C. The traditional Thanksgiving holiday cooking done by my mother was the macaroni and cheese, cranberry sauce, and string beans and was fabulous.
- D. The traditional Thanksgiving foods, macaroni and cheese, cranberry sauce, and string beans, were cooked by my mother and were fabulous this year.

5) Because of the strong winds, the gushing rains, and the tornado watch and school being cancelled today.

- A. watch and school being cancelled today.
- B. watch, and school being cancelled today.
- C. watch, school was cancelled today.
- D. watch why school was cancelled today.

6) Neither the coach nor the players is nervous about tomorrow's game.

- A. is nervous about tomorrow's game.
- B. was nervous about tomorrow's game.
- C. were nervous about tomorrow's game.
- D. are nervous about tomorrow's game.

7) Trying to turn around in the tight cage, the cat had a hard time getting comfortable.

- A. Trying to turn around in the tight cage,
- B. To turn in his cage,
- C. Because trying to turn in the tight cage,
- D. The cage was tight,

8) Even though Batman and Robin were both at the crime scene, the police chief only wanted him to testify.

- A. the police chief only wanted him to testify.
- B. the police chief wanted him to testify.
- C. the police chief did not want to testify.
- D. the police chief only wanted Robin to testify.

DIRECTIONS: Rewrite the sentence in your head following the directions given below. Keep in mind that your new sentence should be well written and should have essentially the same meaning as the original sentence.

9) Though most people today associate pasta dishes with Italian food and culture, many historians believe that pasta was actually invented in China.

Rewrite, beginning with

Many historians believe that pasta originated in China;

The next words will be

- A. because today most people associate it
- B. however, today most people associate it
- C. in addition to most people associating it
- D. whenever most people associate it

10) Dee's mother taught her to always bring a gift for the host anytime she attends a party.

Rewrite, beginning with

When Dee attends a party, she always brings a gift for the host,

The next words will be

- A. when her mother taught
- B. and her mother taught
- C. just like her mother taught
- D. as her mother taught