

# ***English Grammar***

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Elementary level # 78 (Answer Keys) *Articles in English Grammar*

A1 I want to buy *a* laptop computer next week.

answer: (a) a

A2 Can you please go to *the* grocery store on fifth street and buy 2 cartons of milk? answer: (c) the

A3 Please meet me at the train station in *an* hour from now.

answer: (b) an

A4

I like to watch tennis on the television. It is *a* very good game. answer: (a) a

A5 My brother won an award for being *the* best speller in our school.

answer: (c) the

A6

Do you want to watch *a* movie with me tonight? answer: (a) a

A7 I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw *an* elephant crossing the road in front of my school yesterday.  
answer: (b) an

A8

How much will it cost to go on *a* holiday to Bali? answer: (a) a

A9 Can you please help me pick out *a* birthday present for my father?

answer: (a) a

A10

*The* President of the United States will be visiting Australia next week. answer: (c) The

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a, some or any

A1 We need *a* kilo of  
apples. answer: (a)

a

A2 Have you got *any*  
water? answer: (c)

any

A3 There's *a* newspaper on  
the table. answer: (a) a

A4 I've got *some* salad sandwiches for my  
lunch today. answer: (b) some

A5 I haven't got *any* tea. Can you go to the corner store and  
buy some more? answer: (c) any

A6 How about *a* cup of coffee? answer: (a) a

A7 There are *some* grapes in the fridge. answer: (b) some

A8 Is there *any* orange juice left in the fridge? answer: (c) any

A9 I need *some* money to go shopping. answer: (c) some

A10 We need to buy *some* bread rolls if you want to make  
hotdogs for your lunch. answer: (b) some

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Elementary level # 80 (Answer Keys) *Interrogative pronouns*

A1 Who is the girl in the blue dress?

answer: (a) Who

A2

What is the name of the team in red? answer: (a) What

A3 Who likes to play pinball at the arcade?

answer: (a) Who

A4

For whom did Shelia make these cookies. answer: (b) whom

A5 Which of the names did you choose for the puppy?

answer: (b) Which

A6

Who has completed the assignment? answer: (b) Who

A7 Who is the highest ranking official in the United States?

answer: (c) Who

A8

To whom did Mark lend his video game? answer: (c) whom

A9 Which of the cars is parked in the driveway?

answer: (a) Which

A10 To whom should the check be made payable?

answer: (c) whom

A1 Mia left *her* notebook on

the bus. answer: (a) her

A2 The colorful picture of the

flowers is *mine*. answer: (c) mine

A3 The proud parents brought home *their*

new baby girl. answer: (c) their

A4 Will strummed *his* guitar and invited everyone to

sing. answer: (a) his

A5 The computer quickly stores information on *its*

huge memory. answer: (c) its

A6 These warm chocolate chip cookies melt in *your*

mouth. answer: (b) your

A7 Is *your* seat belt always fastened? answer: (a)

your

A8 The fluffy brown puppy is *theirs*. answer: (c)

theirs

A9 *Her* hand shot up when the teacher asked for

volunteers. answer: (b) Her

A10 I didn't get a cheeseburger, so I tasted *hers*.

answer: (c) hers

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A1 I'm sorry, James isn't *in\_* at the moment. Can I take a message? answer: (a) in

A2 We've run *out of* of sugar. Could you please buy some more? answer: (d) out of

A3 I don't know how you *put up* with such noisy brothers. It would drive me crazy. answer: (a) put up

A4 You've borrowed such a great deal of money from me lately. I need to *work out* exactly how much you owe me. answer: (c) work out

A5 Can you *find out* the time of the next train to Munich? answer: (c) find out

A6 That maths exam was incredibly difficult. It took me ages to *work out* some of the answers. answer: (c) work out

A7 I don't mind helping you bake a cake, but just make sure you *put away* everything when you've finished. answer: (b) put away

A8 I'm broke. I have to *come up with* an idea for making money. answer: (d) come up with

A9 Our teacher told us to *get on with* our work quietly. answer: (a) get on with

A10 The government wants to *try out* a new scheme to encourage people to start their own businesses. answer: (b) try out

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Elementary level # 83 (Answer Keys) *Agatha Christie test questions*

A1 Agatha Christie lived with *her* family in England.

answer: (a) her

A2

Agatha Christie *didn't* have a happy marriage. answer: (b) didn't

A3 Agatha Christite *divorced* her husband in 1930.

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answer: (a) divorced

A4

Agatha Christie was a very successful writer of detective *stories*. answer: (c) stories

A5 She *disappeared* for eleven days in December 1926.

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answer: (b) disappeared

A6

The police found her *empty* flat but there was no sign of Agatha Christie. answer: (a) empty

A7 Agatha Christie wrote more than 80 mysteries and sold *over* 300 million books.

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answer: (c) over

A8

People all over the world have *read* Agatha Christie's stories. answer: (c) read

A9 Agatha Christie didn't tell *anyone* why she disappeared in December 1926.

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answer: (b) anyone

A10 Agatha Christie wrote her first detective story in 1920 and became very *successful*.

answer: (c) successful

- A1 We will visit Australia *and* New Zealand during our next vacation. answer: (a) and
- A2 My teeth were hurting *so* I made an appointment to go the dentist. answer: (b) so
- A3 Have you seen *or* heard the latest musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber? answer: (c) or
- A4 I wanted to go to the rock concert *but* all the tickets were already sold out. answer: (b) but
- A5 I wanted to eat sushi for dinner *so* I went to a Japanese restaurant. answer: (b) so
- A6 I wanted to eat fish for lunch *but* the fish and chip shop had closed for the day. answer: (b) but
- A7 I am going to do my homework *and* take a shower when I get home from school. answer: (a) and
- A8 My father wanted to watch a soccer match on television *but* my mother was already watching another program.  
answer: (a) but
- A9 My brother wanted to buy a novel *so* I went to the book store after I finished work.  
answer: (a) so
- A10 I wanted to visit my grandmother last week *but* she had an accident and had to be taken to hospital. answer: (a) but

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Elementary level # 85 (Answer Keys) *Compound words with tooth*

A1 I usually take a *toothbrush* to work so I can clean my teeth thoroughly after I have eaten my lunch.

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answer: (a) toothbrush

A2 My wife hates it if I leave the lid off the *toothpaste* after I have finished brushing my teeth.

answer: (b) toothpaste

A3 It is very dangerous for small children to play with *toothbrushes*.

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answer: (a) toothbrushes

A4

My father told me that I will get a *toothache* if I eat too much chocolate. answer: (b) toothache

A5 "Mum, can you please buy me a new *toothbrush* when you go the supermarket this afternoon?"

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answer: (c) toothbrush

A6

Tomorrow I must go the pharmacy and buy some more *toothpaste*. answer: (a) toothpaste

A7 My daughter woke up screaming in the middle of the night because she had a terrible *toothache*.

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answer: (c) toothache

A8 Nora asked the waiter to bring her a *toothpick* after she had finished eating her dessert.

answer: (b) toothpick

A9 "I can't seem to find the new tube of *toothpaste* that I purchased from the supermarket yesterday."

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answer: (c) toothpaste

A10 My old *toothbrush* is looking very shaggy. I think it's about time to buy a new one.

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answer: (c) toothbrush

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 1 (Answer Keys) *Like a red rag*

A1 Don't talk to him about politics because it's like a *red* rag to a bull.

answer: (c) red

A2

He takes the optimistic view and talks about a *blue* skies scenario. answer: (b) blue

A3 She hasn't worked here very long and is therefore a little *green* on matters of procedure.

answer: (d) green

A4

Now that they have read it in *black and white*, they believe me. answer: (d) black and white

A5 The reason why I feel so *blue* today is because it's my birthday and no-one has sent me any cards.

answer: (b) blue

A6

She lost the company a lot of money last week and as a result has got a *black* mark against her name. answer: (d) black

A7 In this business you cannot afford to make any mistake and must be seen to be lily *white*.

answer: (c) white

A8

As they turned round and ran away, people thought they were *yellow*. answer: (d) yellow

A9 Ask her to help you with your calculations because she's *red* hot at mathematics.

answer: (a) red

A10 I know he doesn't like you because the moment you came in the room I saw him give you a *black* look.

answer: (d) black

- A1 He tends to forget things very quickly and behaves more and more like the typical *absent-minded* professor. answer: (b) absent-minded
- A2 This is a very expensive holiday intended for those with plenty of money as it involves a trip *around* the world. answer: (d) around
- A3 The car is almost ready to collect from the garage but there are just a couple of spare *parts* missing. answer: (a) parts
- A4 They were *accused* of having broken into the stately home and stolen several famous paintings. answer: (c) accused
- A5 The one thing my family will always remember about Grace was the many *acts* of kindness that she showed us in her long life.  
answer: (b) acts
- A6 If you had bought a house about thirty years ago you would certainly find that it had *considerably increased* in value.  
answer: (a) increased
- A7 If you're not careful you'll find that because of your generous nature, she'll start taking *advantage* of you. answer: (b) advantage
- A8 There's a huge *advertisement* in the local paper about the special offers available in the store this weekend. answer: (d) advertisement
- A9 You'll notice that as soon as the children come home from school, the dog will jump up and show its great *affection* for them.  
answer: (b) affection
- A10 Sociologists maintain that some of the films on show today have created a generation of very *frightened* children.  
answer: (a) frightened

A1 There are no problems for me because I find those questions very *easy*.

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answer: (a) easy

A2

Are you going *abroad* for your holidays this year? answer: (c) abroad

A3 They *praised* him for his brave actions.

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answer: (a) praised

A4

He is very lucky to have got himself a *plum* job. answer: (d) plum

A5 They *escaped* from the fire unhurt.

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answer: (b) escaped

A6

After two rings of the bell she suddenly *appeared* in the doorway. answer: (c) appeared

A7 She never spoke about herself and was always very *modest* about the good things she had done.

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answer: (a) modest

A8

He has lots of money and *owns* two houses in the city. answer: (b) owns

A9 One of that child's teeth is very *loose* and will soon fall out.

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answer: (d) loose

A10 They worked hard all day without a *break*.

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answer: (a) break

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 4 (Answer Keys) *Do, make, get, take*

A1 You must decide and *make* up your mind.

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answer: (c) make

A2

What time do you *get* up in the morning? answer: (b) get

A3 At the moment we are trying to *make* for the town centre.

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answer: (c) make

A4

After they had shouted at each other, they decided to *make* it up. answer: (c) make

A5 They are very good friends and *get* on well with each other.

answer: (b) get

A6

The firm has expanded and they want to *take* on extra staff. answer: (d) take

A7 She's good at writing stories for children and is always keen to *make* up new plots.

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answer: (c) make

A8

As we don't have much money at the moment, we've decided to *do* without certain luxuries.

answer: (a) do

A9 We mustn't be late this morning because today is when the new boss is going to *take* over.

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answer: (d) take

A10

Most of the telephone lines were destroyed in the storm last night and so it's almost impossible to *get* through to anybody today.

answer: (b) get

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 5 (Answer Keys) *The Farmer and his Sons*

A1 A farmer had two sons both of whom were not very *industrious* and avoided work if they could.

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answer: (b) industrious

A2 One day the father knew that he was dying and called his two sons to his bed *side*. answer:

(d) side

A3 He wanted his sons to pay as much *attention* to the cultivation of the farm as he had done many years.

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answer: (c) attention

A4 He told them that there was a *hidden* treasure in the land and they would have to look for it when he had gone.

answer: (b) hidden

A5 He told them that they would find it in one of his 3 vine *yards* but he didn't tell them which one it was.

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answer: (a) yards

A6 The sons assured their father that they would work hard to *seek* out the treasure. answer: (c) seek

A7 As soon as their father had died and been *buried*, the sons took out all their farming tools and started to dig the land.

answer: (d) buried

A8 They worked really hard and dug every single *square* metre of their father's land. answer: (b) square

A9 However long they dug and however hard they worked, they *failed* to find the smallest bit of treasure.

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answer: (d) failed

A10 Clearly their father had been a wise man because all the work the sons had done on the land ensured that they had the best *crop* for years.

answer: (c) crop

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 6 (Answer Keys) *A Holiday Report*

A1 Yesterday I *went* to an archeological site because I want to be an archeologist.

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answer: (b) went

A2

The problems I have *with* the language are to do with spelling. answer: (c) with

A3 If I want to pass my exams, I *must* study very hard.

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answer: (b) must

A4

The *worst* thing of all difficulties in a language is vocabulary. answer: (a) worst

A5 I have been *learning* English for 5 years.

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answer: (c) learning

A6

When we walked in to the school, we saw that the students were working very *hard*. answer: (b) hard

A7 Most people don't want to study Latin because it is a *dead* language.

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answer: (c) dead

A8

I've forgotten the name of my teacher but I think it is something like *Smith*. answer: (b) Smith

A9 What is the name of the *thing* you put tea into?

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answer: (b) thing

A10

I *got* a lot of presents for my birthday. answer: (a) got

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 7 (Answer Keys) *Going on foot*

A1 I'm tired of waiting for buses, I'm going there *on foot*.

answer: (b) on

A2

Who said growing up was *fun*? answer: (a) fun

A3 If you want to have your central heating checked, you need a *trained* plumber.

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answer: (b) trained

A4

The moment the lights went out, there were scences of *panic*. answer: (d) panic

A5 Don't be put *off* by his manner, he is really kind hearted.

answer: (c) off

A6

When a film is really boring in the cinema, I tend to nod *off*. answer: (b) off

A7 Have you heard the latest? John and Mary are *getting* married.

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answer: (a) getting

A8 As she had made such an impression on her employers, she was soon offered *promotion*.

answer: (c) promotion

A9 There's a new software program on the market that's supposed to protect your computer from *any virus*.

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answer: (a) virus

A10 As they always tell you the value of shares can go *down* as well as up.

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answer: (c) down

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 8 (Answer Keys) Say vs. Tell

A1 I dare *say* you're right.

answer: (d) say

A2

I've *told* you not to do that many times before. answer: (a) told

A3 That *said*, they walked out of the room in total silence.

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answer: (b) said

A4

You shouldn't take any notice of that because it's only hearsay. answer: (d) say

A5 That's what people are always *saying*.

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answer: (d) saying

A6

What I *say* and what I do are not necessarily the same. answer: (c) say

A7 It's no good trying to persuade me because I'm not *saying* a word.

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answer: (b) saying

A8

Now that would be *telling* but my lips are sealed. answer: (c) telling

A9 *Tell* us that story again!

answer: (b) Tell

A10

I'm afraid I can't *say* for sure but I think it's safe. answer: (c) say

- A1 In the interest of safety the main valve on the machine had to be *shut* off. answer: (d) shut
- A2 In the *closing* moments of the symphony someone's mobile phone started ringing. answer: (b) closing
- A3 The detectives had no problems in solving the crimes as it was clearly an open and *shut* case. answer: (c) shut
- A4 The police officer warned us that the road ahead was *closed*. answer: (d) closed
- A5 In view of the limited amount of information and evidence the case was now considered to be *closed*. answer: (b) closed
- A6 Everything in that shop is now very cheap because they are having a *closing* down sale. answer: (d) closing
- A7 After a number of years as a monk he decided to leave because he felt very *shut* in. answer: (a) shut
- A8 After the terrible experiences that they had been through, the couple *shut* themselves away from the community.  
answer: (a) shut
- A9 The new musical that has had such bad reviews will *close* at the end of this week. answer: (a) close
- A10 I'm afraid that tree will have to come down as it *shuts* out the light in the sitting room. answer: (d) shuts

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 10 (Answer Keys) *At the Restaurant*

A1 The food here is quite good although the menu is quite *basic*.

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answer: (b) basic

A2 I must admit that whenever I've eaten at that restaurant, I've always come away feeling *completely* satisfied. answer: (a) completely

A3 I promise you that dining here will be really an *exciting* experience for you.

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answer: (c) exciting

A4 There's something about the *flavour* of that particular dish that makes it memorable. answer: (a) flavour

A5 It can be very irritating when the waiter *forgets* to bring what you have ordered.

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answer: (b) forgets

A6 If you're really interested, I'm sure the chef will tell you the *ingredients* of that dish. answer: (a) ingredients

A7 As they're special *patrons* of the restaurant, they always get a good table.

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answer: (c) patrons

A8 We got very bad service today and had to *remind* the waiter three times about the drinks.

answer: (d) remind

A9 We simply didn't know what to choose for our main dish so in the end we made a *random* choice.

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answer: (a) random

A10 The restaurant was listed in the guide as it had been *judged* to be of the appropriate standard.

answer: (d) judged

A1 It was one of those plays where the *action* moved at great speed. answer: (d) action

A2 There are different ways of *approaching* Shakespeare's plays and each director makes an individual choice. answer: (c) approaching

A3 One of the greatest actors of the century *created* an unforgettable character in the part of Scrooge from the novel by Charles Dickens. answer: (d) created

A4 Many people go to the theatre not to see a play where the plot is complicated but to listen to the brilliant *dialogue* between the actors. answer: (a) dialogue

A5 You can't compare the *experience* of watching live theatre with watching a film. answer: (b) experience

A6 Are you one of those people who never goes to see a play until you've read the *reviews* in the newspaper? answer: (b) reviews

A7 The *audience* were so carried away with the acting that at the end of the play they all stood up and applauded. answer: (d) audience

A8 There are always special *elements* in her tragedies that move you to tears. answer: (b) elements

A9 However well written the play is, it will never succeed without outstanding *performers*. answer: (a) performers

A10 As always his latest play has been a huge success and all the tickets are *sold out* until August. answer: (c) sold out

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A1 Lightning never strikes in the same place *twice*. answer: (b) twice

A2 If you watch a kettle, it never *boils*. answer: (c) boils

A3 Look before you *leap*. answer: (a) leap

A4 Don't count your chickens before they are *hatched*. answer: (c) hatched

A5 It's all right to tell a *white* lie. answer: (b) white

A6 There's no fool like an *old* fool. answer: (d) old

A7 Let *sleeping* dogs lie. answer: (a) sleeping

A8 Strike while the iron is *hot*. answer: (c) hot

A9 Politeness costs *nothing*. answer: (d) nothing

A10 Never look a gift horse in the *mouth*. answer: (a) mouth

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 13 (Answer Keys) *Popular Garden Idioms*

A1 Never let the *grass* grow under your feet.

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answer: (b) grass

A2

The grass is always *greener* on the other side. answer: (c) greener

A3 Everything is coming up *roses*.

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answer: (a) roses

A4

Poor Mary was a bit of a *wallflower* at the dance. answer: (c) wallflower

A5 He led her up the garden *path*.

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answer: (a) path

A6

Everything in the *garden* is lovely. answer: (d) garden

A7 Money doesn't grow on *trees*.

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answer: (c) trees

A8

A bird in the hands is worth *two* in the bush. answer: (c) two

A9 Come to the point and stop beating about the *bush*.

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answer: (d) bush

A10 Don't trust him, he's a bit of a snake in the *grass*.

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answer: (a) grass

A1 As there are so many dishes on the menu, would you like me to *suggest* something to eat? answer: (b) suggest

A2 They simply couldn't decide which restaurant to choose and so in the end they took a vote and the *majority* decided on a Chinese one.  
answer: (c) majority

A3 We waited one hour for the main dish to *arrive* and then it was the wrong order. answer: (a) arrive

A4 If you really want to enjoy the full flavour of that particular meal, you must remember to *mix* the right balance of sauces together.  
answer: (d) mix

A5 It is always more relaxing to eat in a restaurant where the faces of the staff are *familiar* and know everyone by name.  
answer: (b) familiar

A6 There was a great discussion about which particular type of cuisine the guests would choose and finally they reached a *compromise* and settled on the set menu.  
answer: (c) compromise

A7 It doesn't matter how late you arrive at this restaurant you can always *rely* on a warm welcome from the owner.  
answer: (c) rely

A8 The place was so full of people and tables that the waiter had to *guide* us through the crowds to our table. answer: (b) guide

A9 The problem about writing on food is that however hard you try, you will say what you like and end up being *subjective*.  
answer: (a) subjective

A10 The success of a really good meal is that not only must it taste good but it should also look good and thus *appeal* to your eye.  
answer: (b) appeal

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 15 (Answer Keys) *Hot and Cold*

A1 I've just received his latest detective novel from the publisher so it's what you might call hot *off* the press.

answer: (d) off

A2 You can never tell exactly what she is thinking because she very often *blows* hot and cold over some topics. answer: (a) blows

A3 Although I'd made up my mind to do it last night now I'm not sure and am getting cold *feet* about it.

answer: (b) feet

A4 They like to think they're very important people but politicians just talk a lot of hot *air* most of the time. answer: (c) air

A5 Since the argument we've had about the garden hedge, our neighbours take no notice of us and give us the cold *shoulder* when they see us.

answer: (b) shoulder

A6 As soon as the president was taken ill, the deputy had to take charge and is currently in the hot *seat* now. answer: (a) seat

A7 The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment after it had been established that he had committed the murder in cold *blood*.

answer: (c) blood

A8 I ordered a coffee from the waiter but by the time it had reached me it was *stone* cold. answer: (a) stone

A9 The police have set up a special hot *line* so that people can get in touch to find out about the accident.

answer: (b) line

A10 He's always very uneasy like a cat on hot *bricks* whenever he is waiting to hear the results of the

examinations. answer: (a) bricks

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 16 (Answer Keys) *A Collision - Finish this Story*

A1 I really can't tell what's *going on*.

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answer: (a) going on

A2

The trouble is somebody is *standing in front of me*. answer: (c) standing in front of me

A3 The best thing I suppose is to ask him *to move*.

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answer: (c) to move

A4

That's better I've got a clearer *view now*. answer: (b) view now

A5 It looks from what I can see as if there's been some kind of *collision*.

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answer: (a) collision

A6

Yes, now he's gone I can see that there are two cars in the car park that have *gone into one another*. answer: (c) gone into one another

A7 There are a lot of people there in the car park and they're *waving their arms about*.

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answer: (b) waving their arms about

A8

I'm walking right up to the crowd now to see *what's happened*. answer: (c) what's happened

A9 Now I can see quite clearly that the big red car has *struck the little blue one*.

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answer: (b) struck the little blue one

A10 Oh dear I've just discovered that the little blue one *belongs to me*.

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answer: (a) belongs to me

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 17 (Answer Keys) *Will or Shall?*

A1 Do you know the difference *between will and shall?*

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answer: (a) between will and shall

A2

I can see from the expression on your face that you haven't *got a clue*. answer: (c) got a clue

A3 I think the best way is to tell you a story that *explains the difference*.

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answer: (b) explains the difference

A4

The main difference is that 'I will' *means 'I want to'*. answer: (a) means 'I want to'

A5 If you say 'I shall' then you are talking *about the future*.

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answer: (b) about the future

A6

I want you to imagine that a man is walking *in the country*. answer: (a) in the country

A7 After a few minutes he *reaches a river*.

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answer: (d) reaches a river

A8

There is a man in the river fully clothed who is *in difficulties*. answer: (c) in difficulties

A9 The man in the river keeps *calling out 'I will drown, I will drown'*.

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answer: (b) calling out 'I will drown, I will drown'

A10

The man on the river bank, who is good at grammar, thinks the man really wants to drown, walks on and *lets him drown*.

answer: (c) lets him drown

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 18 (Answer Keys) *The two Butter Frogs*

A1 A long, long time ago there were two frogs who thought it would be a good idea to *go on an outing*.

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answer: (a) go on an outing

A2 They had never left their pond before and to them it was a very big *adventure*. answer: (c) *adventure*

A3 At first they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and for the first time in their lives experienced a *sense of freedom*.

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answer: (d) a sense of freedom

A4 The weather was perfect and the sun never *stopped shining*. answer: (c) *stopped shining*

A5 They found plenty of food and decided to stop and *take a rest*.

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answer: (b) take a rest

A6 In the hot sun they started to feel sleepy and very soon *fell asleep*. answer: (c) *fell asleep*

A7 Suddenly the sound of a cat meowing *made them wake up*.

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answer: (d) made them wake up

A8 They panicked and *fled for their lives*. answer: (b) *fled for their lives*

A9 They ran into a farm house and jumped right into a barrel of milk where they *hopped and hopped in order not to sink*.

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answer: (a) hopped and hopped in order not to sink

A10 Sadly the smaller frog grew tired and drowned but the older one kept on moving about and in *the morning found he was sitting on a barrel of butter*.

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answer: (c) found he was sitting on a barrel of butter

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 19 (Answer Keys) Cross Questions

A1 Jane: Did you know you broke the glass when you *slammed* the door last night?

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answer: (c) slammed

A2

Frank: It couldn't possibly have been me I always shut doors *quietly*. answer: (d) quietly

A3 Jane: I'm sorry you're not telling the truth, you were the last person to *come home*.

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answer: (a) come home

A4

Mike: That doesn't prove anything. Actually I heard the sound of glass *breaking* in the night.

answer: (c) breaking

A5 Jane: You're just making that up – I know you're not *telling the truth*.

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answer: (d) telling the truth

A6

Mike: Honestly, I did hear that kind of noise, I *swear I did*. answer: (a) swear I did

A7 Jane: Sorry you can protest if you like but it doesn't *cut any ice with me*.

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answer: (b) cut any ice with me

A8

Mike: Just a minute what's that note *stuck on the door*? answer: (d) stuck on the door

A9 Jane: It's some kind of note from Joe next door – no I *can't make it out*.

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answer: (a) can't make it out

A10 Mike: Give it to me. Very interesting! He says he broke the glass by accident and *he's deeply apologetic*.

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answer: (b) he's deeply apologetic

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 20 (Answer Keys) *Leave me alone*

A1 Alan: Excuse me *interrupting* but what are you doing?

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answer: (c) interrupting

A2

User: I should have thought it was pretty *obvious*. answer: (a) obvious

A3 Alan: Well, I only asked – there's no need to bite my *head* off!

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answer: (b) head

A4

User: Sorry I didn't mean to be rude but I'm trying to *concentrate*. answer: (c) concentrate

A5 Alan: I see and what is the *task* you are working on?

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answer: (b) task

A6 User: I'm working on those *famous* English tests, which I find very interesting. answer: (c) famous

A7 Alan: Oh, yes I've heard of them. Do they *help* you with your English?

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answer: (c) help

A8

User: Yes, they would do if you didn't *persist* in asking questions. answer: (b) persist

A9 Alan: If that's how you feel, I'll leave you *alone*.

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answer: (c) alone

A10 User: What an excellent idea! Leave me in *peace* and go and write another test.

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answer: (d) peace

A1 Did you hear the story about the woman who said she could tell the *future*? answer: (b) future

A2 I hope you haven't because I'm about to *relate* it to you now. answer: (c) relate

A3 Her name was Mary Smith and she had a *reputation* for telling people what was going to happen. answer: (b) reputation

A4 Somebody once used her advice and made a *fortune* out of buying shares in a small company that did well. answer: (c) fortune

A5 The strange thing was that she never actually used her *gift* to benefit herself. answer: (b) gift

A6 People started to be *suspicious* of her and thought that perhaps she had a secret source of information. answer: (d) suspicious

A7 Some others wanted to try and *catch* her out and prove that she didn't have this special ability. answer: (c) catch

A8 The plan was to pretend to *burgle* her house late one night and see if she was really any good at knowing it was going to happen. answer: (b) burgle

A9 Mike Andrews, whose idea it was, intended to give everything back but he just wanted to *test* her ability. answer: (c) test

A10 As Mr Andrews was about to leave he found a note pinned to his door. It was from Mary Smith advising him to be careful because she has just bought a *ferocious* young guard dog. answer: (b) ferocious

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 22 (Answer Keys) *Wrapped round her finger*

A1 I can't *stomach* those silly people who always go around with their mobile phones glued to their ears.

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answer: (c) stomach

A2 If you think I didn't catch you *eying* that young waitress, you're quite mistaken. answer: (d) *eying*

A3 He is such a coward because whenever it comes to speaking his mind he always *backs* down instead.

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answer: (a) backs

A4 Come on, shake a *leg* we're running late. answer: (c) leg

A5 Don't you think it's about time you put your *foot* down and told them what you really think? answer: (d) foot

A6 Well, unfortunately as I had one glass too many last night, I guess I should go for a *hair* of the dog. answer: (b) a hair

A7 As she's such a nasty little thing, I can see it won't take her long to wrap you round her little *finger*.

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answer: (c) finger

A8 Could you please give me a *hand* I'm afraid I can't handle it by myself. answer: (c) hand

A9 Are you sure your new boss isn't married? – Yes, honestly, I have it straight from the horse's *mouth*.

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answer: (b) mouth

A10 Hey, get up and do your homework you lazy *bones*.

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answer: (a) bones

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 23 (Answer Keys) *The Ants and the Grasshopper*

A1 One winter's day when the sun was shining you could hear the *sound* of great activity.

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answer: (b) sound

A2

What you could hear was the ants who were *busy* drying grain. answer: (c) busy

A3 Sensibly as all ants do, they had *collected* the grain during the summer.

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answer: (d) collected

A4

Their plan was to eat this *provision* during the winter. answer: (a) provision

A5 They were so *engrossed* in their work that they didn't notice a grasshopper.

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answer: (b) engrossed

A6

The grasshopper was so weak he was practically *starving* because he hadn't eaten for ages.

answer: (c) starving

A7 He saw the ants and *begged* them with all the strength he could find to let him have a little food.

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answer: (a) begged

A8

The ants shook their heads at him and asked him why he hadn't *stored* up food in the summer.

answer: (b) stored

A9 The poor grasshopper *confessed* he had spent the whole summer enjoying himself singing and dancing.

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answer: (b) confessed

A10 All the ants laughed and said in that case he would have to dance *famished* to bed in the winter.

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answer: (d) famished

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 24 (Answer Keys) *The Two Dogs*

- A1 A man had two dogs: a hound *trained* to help him with his sports and another to guard the house.  
answer: (a) trained
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- A2 Whenever the hunter came home, he always gave the house dog a large *portion* of what he caught. answer: (c) portion
- A3 The hound dog was very *upset* about this.  
answer: (d) upset
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- A4 He told the house dog he found it very *annoying* having to do all the hard work. answer: (b) annoying
- A5 What made things worse, he continued, was that the house dog never *took* part in any of the hunting.  
answer: (c) took
- 
- A6 All the house dog did was simply to feed himself on the results of the *exertions* that the hound dog undertook. answer: (a) exertions
- A7 The house dog felt he had to *defend* himself in the face of all this criticism.  
answer: (c) defend
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- A8 The house dog asked him not to pick on him if he wanted to *blame* someone. answer: (b) blame
- A9 The house dog told him to criticize their master who had taught him not how to work but how to *depend* on the work of others.  
answer: (d) depend
- A10 The moral of this fable is: you mustn't *reproach* children for the mistakes of their parents.  
answer: (a) reproach

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 25 (Answer Keys) *The Hare and the Tortoise*

A1 One day a hare looked at a tortoise and *ridiculed* the short feet of the tortoise.

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answer: (b) ridiculed

A2

He also made *fun* of the slow pace at which the tortoise travelled. answer: (a) fun

A3 The tortoise agreed that the hare ran as fast as the wind but claimed that he could easily *beat* him in a race.

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answer: (c) beat

A4

It was *agreed* that the tortoise should choose the course and also the end of the race. answer:

(d) agreed

A5 The tortoise never stopped and continued walking at a *steady* pace all the time to the end of the race.

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answer: (c) steady

A6

The hare shot ahead and then decided to *lie* down at the side of the path for a rest. answer:

(b) lie

A7 It wasn't long before the hare fell into a *deep* sleep.

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answer: (c) deep

A8

When he woke up, he couldn't *believe* his eyes because there was the tortoise crossing the finishing line. answer: (b) believe

A9 At the end of the race the tortoise, *exhausted* by all his hard work, was quietly slumbering on the line.

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answer: (c) exhausted

A10 The moral of this fable is: slow but *sure* always wins the race in the end.

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answer: (a) sure

Who has done it?

- A1 The detective story is sometimes called 'whodunit' because the reader has to work *out* who did it, who committed the crime.  
answer: (b) out
- A2 The skill of course of the writing is how many times a reader can be sent up *blind* alleys.  
answer: (c) blind
- A3 Another way of putting this is how many red *herrings* the author can throw in the reader's path. answer: (d) herrings
- A4 The idea is to keep the readers in a permanent state of *suspense* so that they never know what's going to happen next.  
answer: (a) suspense
- A5 As the plot *unfolds*, you find yourself agreeing with one character's solution and then another's. answer: (b) unfolds
- A6 As a result you feel as if you are walking in a *maze* since at each turning you come to a block end. answer: (c) maze
- A7 One of the best known detectives is Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot who uses what he calls his little grey  
*cells* – his brains.  
answer: (b) cells
- A8 Invariably Poirots calls all the *suspects* together in the last part of the story. answer: (d) suspects
- A9 One by one he *eliminates* the innocent until finally the murderer is unmasked. answer: (c) eliminates
- A10 The thing that always surprises me is the fact that the murderer bothers to take *part* in the final meeting. answer: (b) part

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 27 (Answer Keys) *Life on Mars?*

A1 Anyone seeking *evidence* of life on Mars is likely to be disappointed.

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answer: (b) evidence

A2

Scientists have been *combing* through data from an orbiting satellite. answer: (a) combing

A3

It seems that Mars has always been cold and icy and that it's not true that oceans have *formed* on the planet in its early history.

answer: (d) formed

A4

This *twist* in the life on Mars argument comes just when it is closest to Earth in 60.000 years.

answer: (b) twist

A5

Because it is coming so close observers are hoping to settle the argument about life on the planet once and for *all*.

answer: (c) all

A6

A spacecraft is heading for the planet with a device that will *burrow* into the soil to sniff for proof of any life. answer: (c) burrow

A7

Researchers are also looking into the possibility of one day launching a manned *mission* to Mars.

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answer: (b) mission

A8

As the planet gets nearer to the Sun, enormous dust storms can be whipped *up*. answer: (d) up

A9

Unfortunately the dust storms tend to *obscure* the view of the planet.

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answer: (b) obscure

A10 Everyone hopes that Mars will remain dust free otherwise people will only be able to see an *orange blob*.

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answer: (c) blob

- A1 Most students have to try and earn extra money by taking a holiday job. They turn *aside from* their studies and experience the real world for a while.  
answer: (c) aside from
- A2 One long hot summer I turned *to* waiting as my method of getting cash. answer: (b) to
- A3 Perhaps I should turn that word 'waiting' *into* a more specific explanation: I mean being a waiter in a hotel. answer: (c) into
- A4 I had of course turned my hand *to* many jobs during the vacation periods but waiting was certainly the most difficult.  
answer: (a) to
- A5 The one hotel that hadn't turned *down* my application was situated right in the middle of a forest. answer: (b) down
- A6 You turned *into* the drive and saw only hills all around you so it felt like the middle of nowhere. answer: (d) into
- A7 It had been a very large private house that had been turned *into* a small hotel for twenty-five guests. answer: (c) into
- A8 The new owners had had to turn *out* all the rooms which were full of rubbish. answer: (d) out
- A9 The other problem had been to turn *out* an old tramp who had lived in a room upstairs for two years without the knowledge of the old lady who was the original owner.  
answer: (a) out
- A10 The tramp turned *out* to be a distant relative but hadn't said anything to the old lady because he knew she was completely deaf.  
answer: (b) out

- A1 When I turned *up* for work on my first day, the hotel had already been flourishing for 5 years. answer: (b) up
- A2 They were so successful that they were even turning *down* bookings. answer: (d) down
- A3 In fact they were actually turning *away* people. answer: (a) away
- A4 Some people had turned *up* on the off chance. answer: (b) up
- A5 Most of the residents were elderly and so they all invariably turned *in* early most evenings. answer: (c) in
- A6 The waiting was done by me and Doris, who should have turned it *in* years ago and by rights have been a guest herself because of the great age.  
answer: (d) in
- A7 However, as she told me frequently, she had no intention of turning *into* an old fogey herself.  
answer: (c) into
- A8 I suppose breakfast is the most difficult task to turn your hand *to* because there are so many variations of drink, cereal, egg and bread.  
answer: (b) to
- A9 You had to stand there for ages while each guest made up their mind, turning *over* the choices in their minds. answer: (b) over
- A10 After a long wait like that very often they would simply turn *down* everything and simply ask for a cup of tea. answer: (a) down

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 30 (Answer Keys) Story (3)

A1 One morning an old lady turned *up* at the dining room and sat down.

answer: (b) up

A2 She sniffed at the air full of breakfast smells, got up, turned *around* and walked out again.

answer: (d) around

A3 Apparently she had completely forgotten that she'd already eaten breakfast that day. I turned *aside* to hide my smile.

answer: (d) aside

A4 Unfortunately Doris caught me at it. 'Don't you turn your nose *up* at the old dears', she rebuked me. answer: (a) up

A5 'You'll be like that one day' she continued, Just you wait'. I turned *back* to apologize.

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answer: (b) back

A6 Sadly Doris had already turned her back *on* me and gone back to the kitchen. answer: (c) on

A7 She rather turned *against* me after that.

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answer: (b) against

A8 These days I wish I could turn the clock *back* and tell Doris how right she was! answer: (d) back

A9 You see I've just turned all the lights *out* ready for the night.

answer: (a) out

A10 I'm now ready to turn *in* for the night but the worrying thing is I just can't remember what I had for supper. answer: (c) in

A1 I'm sorry that looks awful – those two colours *clash*.

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answer: (c) clash

A2 After what you've *experienced*, I'm sure you need a holiday. answer: (d) experienced

A3 We won't *discuss* that now but I don't think we can avoid the subject much longer.

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answer: (a) discuss

A4 I don't think much of him now that I've heard what he has done to his family. answer: (d) I don't think much of him

A5 My advice to you is to make your mind up before it's too late and simply *take the opportunity now*.

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answer: (c) take the opportunity now

A6 I'm afraid you've left that food too long out of the fridge and now it's *become rotten*. answer: (b) become rotten

A7 There were so many members of the political party who had *opposed* the leader that he *resigned*.

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answer: (d) opposed

A8 Don't wait for me because I can't come yet so you *go before me* and I'll join you later. answer: (a) go before me

A9 If petrol prices *increase* any more, I shall have to use a bicycle.

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answer: (c) increase

A10 I'm sorry I interrupted you, please *continue* from where I so rudely stopped you.

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answer: (a) continue

A1 George Turnip was a highly respected vegetarian but the press were making serious *allegations* about him. answer: (d) allegations

A2 George denied everything and said he would *sue* any newspaper which dared to print stories about him. answer: (c) sue

A3 George had a very well paid contract with a television advertiser of garden peas and he didn't want to fall out *with* the company. answer: (b) with

A4 The contract stated that he would never eat any meat *whatsoever*. answer: (a) whatsoever

A5 Wherever George went, journalists would follow him to try and find a way to *expose* him. answer: (c) expose

A6 Even in his own house he was not safe because cameras would *spy* on him. answer: (a) spy

A7 Once he was photographed eating in his dining room and the caption read: 'A picture of a *fraud* eating sausages'. answer: (d) fraud

A8 As it turned out these were not sausages but in fact very big carrots and the photographer had to pay enormous *damages*. answer: (c) damages

A9 In the end the pressure became too much for George and he confessed his *guilty* secret. answer: (b) guilty

A10 He admitted eating a meat pie every day. As the news headlines announced: '*Bogus* vegetarian eats his own words'. answer: (a) Bogus

A1 I don't care what you say, I reckon I could beat you at chess *any* day of the week.

answer: (b) any

A2

At the *end* of the day it's what you believe in that's important. answer: (d) end

A3 It's getting late now and I'm very tired so I think we'll *call* it a day.

answer: (c) call

A4

After all the discussions and debates it was our speaker who *won* the day. answer: (b) won

A5 It just didn't stop raining throughout our holiday, day in day *out*.

answer: (d) out

A6

Don't worry your bad luck will soon end. Remember every *dog* has its day. answer: (a) dog

A7 After a very long engagement Mike and Mary decided at last to *name* the day.

answer: (c) name

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A8

It wasn't long ago when I last saw her – it was only the *other* day. answer: (d) other

A9 I don't know exactly when we'll go but we really must visit them one of *these* days.

answer: (b) these

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A10 Despite all the problems and difficulties Charlie turned up at last minute and *saved* the day.

answer: (c) saved

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 34 (Answer Keys) Yes, Yes, Yes

A1 I am sure you made the right choice and I *wholly* support your decision.

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answer: (d) wholly

A2

You can *rely* on me, have no fear about that! answer: (b) rely

A3 No matter what happens, you must remember that I'm *with* you all the way.

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answer: (c) with

A4

I know that they have all abandoned you one by one but I hope you won't forget I've *stuck* by you from the beginning.

answer: (d) stuck

A5 I am convinced you are *absolutely* right to take that action and should ignore any opposition.

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answer: (a) absolutely

A6

When it comes to the vote, you can *count* on me to support you. answer: (b) count

A7 Even if things get difficult, I will not *waver* or hesitate to stand up for you.

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answer: (c) waver

A8

He was delighted that she hadn't *turned* him down when he proposed to her. answer: (b) turned

A9 The bank manager smiled and announced that his application for a loan had been *approved*.

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answer: (a) approved

A10 The pair of you have my *blessing* and I hope you have a happy marriage together.

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answer: (c) blessing

A1 She was slowly going *out of* her mind with worry until she heard her daughter was safe and well. answer: (c) out of

A2 I do think you should *bear* this in mind before you seriously think about changing jobs. answer: (d) bear

A3 I'd honestly never heard such an outstanding performance of that symphony – it simply *blew* my mind. answer: (a) blew

A4 The police officer asked him why he hadn't reported the matter earlier and he said simply that it had never *crossed* his mind.  
answer: (b) crossed

A5 I'm inclined to give her a *piece* of my mind considering all the trouble she has caused this month. answer: (c) piece

A6 It's clear as they say that great minds think *alike* because we have both come to exactly the same conclusion. answer: (d) alike

A7 He has a one *track* mind as all he ever talks about is money, money, money. answer: (a) track

A8 I just can't decide whether to go on holiday this week or later in the year. I'm really in *two* minds about it. answer: (c) two

A9 There, I knew there was something I had to do today and now it's completely *slipped* my mind. answer: (d) slipped

A10 I tried to show an interest in her future career but she simply told me to mind my own *business*. answer: (b) business

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A1 Why didn't you *turn* up for work yesterday?

answer: (b) turn

A2

To be honest I was feeling a bit *run* down. answer: (d) run

A3 Well, I don't think that's a very good reason and you must *come* up with a better explanation.

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answer: (a) come

A4

I'm sorry I'm not sure I can *put* it across any better. answer: (b) put

A5 Now, I must insist as your supervisor if you really want to *get* on in your career, you must tell me the truth.  
answer: (c) get

A6

All right I *give* up, I'll tell you the truth. answer: (d) give

A7 Now, you're being sensible – *carry* on.

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answer: (c) carry

A8

Well, I won't *make* up any more excuses. I wasn't here yesterday because I went to a football match. answer: (a) make

A9 Thank you for your honesty. Now *pick* up that piece of paper.

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answer: (c) pick

A10

Right. What's this? Oh no, you're *throwing* me out of the firm. answer: (b) throwing

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 37 (Answer Keys) *Keeping it Quiet*

A1 As it was very late when he came home he was as quiet as a *mouse* in order not to wake anybody up.

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answer: (b) mouse

A2 As she was on a very dangerous mission for the government she had to keep *mum* about what she did for a living.

answer: (d) mum

A3 There were lots of rumours about what the son had done but as it was a very wealthy family the father tried very hard to *hush* everything up.

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answer: (b) hush

A4 If you want me to say nothing about it, I promise that if anybody asks then my lips are *sealed*.

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answer: (d) sealed

A5 As far as I'm concerned to be away from traffic, phones and radios on holiday is perfect bliss because to me silence is *golden*.

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answer: (a) golden

A6 The so-called *silent* majority are the vast number of people who don't actually go out on the street and protest.

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answer: (c) silent

A7 The hall was full of people anxious to hear what the speaker was going to say and in the few seconds before he started it was so quiet you could hear a *pin* drop.

answer: (a) pin

A8 The rescuers tried desperately to listen out for people trapped in the wreckage but sadly the cries of those trapped were *inaudible*.

answer: (d) inaudible

A9 The villagers complained about the noise from the daily bell ringing practice from the church and asked if it could somehow be *muffled*.

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answer: (c) muffled

A10 In view of the embarrassment that might be caused if the story came out, she promised not to *breathe* a word about it.

answer: (b) breathe

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 38 (Answer Keys) A Crying Shame

- A1 It's no good worrying about that now because the damage is done and it's no good crying over spilled *milk*.  
answer: (d) milk
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- A2 It really is a crying *shame* that after all that money has been spent, the project is now being abandoned. answer: (b) shame
- A3 As a child she would burst into tears at every problem and so she soon got known as a regular *crybaby* at school.  
answer: (c) crybaby
- A4 It really was a large and spacious garden but it cried out *for* something colourful to be planted.  
answer: (a) for
- A5 We had great hopes of being able to invite the distinguished writer to our meeting but he cried *off* at the last moment.  
answer: (d) off
- A6 For crying out *loud* how many times do I have to tell you how to work that machine? answer:  
(b) loud
- A7 I'm all in favour of ambition but I think when he says he'll be a millionaire by the time he's 25, he's simply crying for the *moon*.  
answer: (d) moon
- 
- A8 The trouble is that he's cried *wolf* so often that now he's in real trouble, nobody believes him.  
answer: (a) wolf
- A9 George is now 70 and he reckons that working conditions for the average office clerk today are a *far* cry from when he first started work.  
answer: (c) far
- A10 There was a noisy crowd of about a dozen people in *full* cry chasing after the child who'd stolen an apple from the fruit market.  
answer: (b) full

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 39 (Answer Keys) *Speaking: At the Theatre*

A1 Ladies and gentlemen, I want to thank you for your *appreciation* of our performance.

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answer: (b) appreciation

A2 We have done this play many times in different towns but your *applause* has been the greatest so far. answer: (d) applause

A3 We will always remember the way you stood up and *clapped* at some of the speeches in the play.

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answer: (a) clapped

A4 Our leading actor is unable to come on the stage at the moment because he is *overcome* with emotion. answer: (c) overcome

A5 Don't worry I'm sure it's only *temporary* and that he'll soon recover before the next performance.

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answer: (b) temporary

A6 That is the reason why I am standing here and making this short *speech*. answer: (d) speech

A7 The leading lady is also absent from our stage and you can probably hear her *sobbing* her heart out as I speak.

answer: (a) sobbing

A8 I think that the main *reason* for all this emotion is probably the way you have reacted to the play. answer: (b) reason

A9 You see throughout our *current* season we have never received so much laughter as we have from you.

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answer: (c) current

A10 The reason for this is possibly that you thought it was a *comedy* but in fact it is a tragedy.

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answer: (b) comedy

- A1 Will the driver of the blue Ford Fiesta XYZ 343 please *move* their car. answer: (b) move
- A2 The reason for this is that the Fiesta is *preventing* our delivery lorry from leaving the premises. answer: (c) preventing
- A3 We ask the *owner* of this vehicle to go back to their car as soon as possible and park their car in another space. answer: (d) owner
- A4 This is a customer *announcement*. We have a special offer at the moment on bananas. answer: (b) announcement
- A5 For the next hour it will be possible to buy just one *bunch* of bananas and get one more free. answer: (a) bunch
- A6 Further to our *request* for the Ford Fiesta to be reparked, this matter is now very urgent. Our lorry cannot get out. answer: (c) request
- A7 We have to inform our customers that the store will be closing in half an hour's *time*. answer: (b) time
- A8 We would like to *remind* our customers that over the Christmas period we will be closing an hour earlier than usual. answer: (d) remind
- A9 There are now only ten minutes remaining for you to make your *purchases* and go to the checkout. answer: (a) purchases
- A10 A final *message* for the driver of the Ford Fiesta: there is no need now to repark as our delivery lorry has done that for you! answer: (b) message

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 41 (Answer Keys) *Speaking: At the Station*

A1 The train now *standing* at the platform 6 is the 10.45 for London.

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answer: (b) standing

A2 Unfortunately it is now 11 o'clock and so there is a *delay* of 15 minutes already. answer: (d) delay

A3 The train at platform 14 cannot leave because there is a power *failure* on that particular line...

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answer: (a) failure

A4 The train for London at platform 6 is still there and is not *expected* to leave for at least 20 minutes. answer: (b) expected

A5 The small cafe situated near platform 6 is now *offering* free cups of tea to those waiting for the London train.

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answer: (c) offering

A6 Severe storms last night together with heavy rainfall means that some of the lines of the station are now *waterlogged*.

answer: (a) waterlogged

A7 We thought for a moment that the 10.45 for London might be about to catch fire but it was a *false alarm*.

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answer: (b) false

A8 This is a general notice for all passengers: the restaurant in the main *concourse* is now open.

answer: (c) concourse

A9 There was in fact a small fire in the train on platform 6 but we're glad to tell you that the flames have been *extinguished*.

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answer: (d) extinguished

A10 We regret to announce that the 10.45 for London is now out of service because the driver is having a nervous

*breakdown*. answer:

(a) breakdown

A1 Welcome to Radio News and now over to our *reporter* who's covering the procession this morning. answer: (b) reporter

A2 Hi listeners, I should explain that I have a *bird's* eye view of this magnificent sight as the parade passes underneath me. answer: (c) bird's

A3 To tell you the truth I shouldn't be *perched* up here on top of this large statue of Field Marshal Smith. answer: (d) perched

A4 There is a long line of soldiers on horseback marching to the sound of a *brass* band. answer: (b) brass

A5 It really is quite uncomfortable up here and there's a policeman *staring* at me, which I don't like. answer: (c) staring

A6 After the soldiers I can see a group of circus *performers* who are jumping and dancing as they go. answer: (d) performers

A7 Next I can see some pensioners slowly moving along the road and some can't walk and are in *wheelchairs*. answer: (c) wheelchairs

A8 That policeman is getting out his *notebook* and walking near the statue I'm sitting on. answer: (a) notebook

A9 It has started to rain and I shall get *soaked* to the skin if I stay much longer up here. answer: (d) soaked

A10 Oh dear, listeners, I shall have to return you to the studio because the policeman says he is going to *arrest* me. answer: (b) arrest

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 43 (Answer Keys) *Speaking: The Wedding*

A1 Ladies and gentlemen it is a very great privilege for me to be asked to make a speech about the bride and her *groom*.

answer: (d) groom

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A2 I have known Sally and Paul since we were at school *together*. answer: (b) together

A3 Most people considered that they were *made* for each other even in those days.

answer: (c) made

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A4 The other students described them as Romeo and Juliet and used to make fun of them behind their *backs*. answer: (d) backs

A5 Neither of them was at all *deterred* by this sort of behaviour as they just grew fonder of each other.

answer: (a) deterred

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A6 The teachers had a *soft* spot for them too and were sympathetic if there was any trouble between them. answer: (c) soft

A7 Then they both left school and both started working, as you can *imagine*, for the same company.

answer: (b) imagine

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A8 When the announcement was made about their *engagement*, there was a big celebration.

answer: (c) engagement

A9 No one was surprised because everyone took it for *granted* that one day they would marry.

answer: (d) granted

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A10 Mind you I was surprised because you see I find it quite *unbelievable* why on earth she didn't marry me.

answer: (a) unbelievable

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 44 (Answer Keys) *Speaking: Political Party*

A1 Fellow citizens I am honoured to be *invited* to speak to you tonight about my party.

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answer: (d) invited

A2 As you probably know the Tranquillity Party stands for peace and *quiet* in the countryside.

answer: (b) quiet

A3 In our publicity, unlike our political *opponents*, we do not make a lot of noise about our policies.

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answer: (c) opponents

A4 We want people to live in harmony with each other and to settle *disputes* amicably. answer: (d) disputes

A5 You may be interested to know that we are holding a *rally* in the centre of our town this weekend.

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answer: (a) rally

A6 Naturally all the *participants* are requested to be as peaceful as possible and above all not to shout. answer: (b) participants

A7 At the moment we are trying very hard to increase our membership which *presently* stands at 500.

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answer: (c) presently

A8 *Admittedly* this is a very small figure in comparison with the other major political parties.

answer: (b) Admittedly

A9 But then you all have turned *up* tonight and that proves there is growing interest in our ideals.

answer: (c) up

A10 In *spite* of the terrible weather you have come along tonight, ladies and gentlemen, and I should like to thank

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all four of you for coming. answer: (a) spite

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 45 (Answer Keys) *Cinemas*

A1 Her latest film *attained* its object in a very short space of time, which was to shock.

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answer: (c) attained

A2 The critics *continue* to praise the work of this director whatever films he makes. answer: (b)  
continue

A3 The film was the first to show conditions in which poor people lived and as such was to  
*influence* future directors.

answer: (a) influence

A4 The only reason for them going to the cinema on that day was to find some form of  
*entertainment*. answer: (d) entertainment

A5 The director's intention in making the film was to try and *represent* simplicity as seen by a child.

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answer: (c) represent

A6 The fans outside the cinema on the first showing of the film were unwilling to *disperse* until all  
the stars had gone home.

answer: (d) disperse

A7 The delay in *releasing* the film to the general public was because certain scenes were  
considered tasteless.

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answer: (c) releasing

A8 The theme of the second film is quite simply a *continuation* of the first. answer: (b) continuation

A9 In the making of the film the direction is quite *separate* from the financing of the project.

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answer: (a) separate

A10 Very often someone will give a *description* of a film and when you see it for yourself, it's quite  
*different*.

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answer: (d) description

A1 Personally I don't believe a word of it and if you want my opinion I think it's all stuff and *nonsense*. answer: (c) nonsense

A2 You know the kind of things politicians talk about: health care, education, welfare and stuff *like* that. answer: (d) like

A3 He'd carefully avoided having any alcohol until he was twenty-five and then he had a small drop of the *hard* stuff. answer: (a) hard

A4 You shouldn't really have any difficulties with the work they're doing as it's very basic in fact you could call it *kids'* stuff. answer: (c) kids'

A5 It's quite clear she's studied the subject very thoroughly and when she lectured, you could tell she *knew* her stuff. answer: (a) knew

A6 Now remember when you get up to speak, we're all relying on you to impress everyone and we expect you to *do* your stuff. answer: (d) do

A7 It's very difficult to make him enjoy himself, relax and take it easy because he always behaves like a stuffed *shirt*. answer: (b) shirt

A8 *That's* the stuff! I want to hear it loud and clear and as much of it as you can manage. Well done!

answer: (c) That's

A9 If you really want to lose weight, the only way is to eat less and stop stuffing your *face* every five minutes! answer: (b) face

A10 It came as a great shock to him when he heard the news and quite *knocked* the stuffing out of him for days. answer: (c) knocked

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 47 (Answer Keys) *Hear my Story*

A1 Personally I don't believe a word he told us because I think it was just a *tall* story.

answer: (c) tall

A2 I'm afraid it was the *same* old story with her all over again because she's started arriving late at work again. answer: (a) same

A3 It was a bit of a *sob* story really because she told us how her boyfriend had left her, she'd lost her job and she had nowhere to live.

answer: (d) sob

A4 I don't really approve of all this discussion about people behind their backs – it's a bit like *telling* stories. answer: (b) telling

A5 The story *goes* that he's just married for the fourth time but I don't really believe it.

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answer: (d) goes

A6 To *cut* a long story short, I'll come straight to the point and tell you exactly what happened.

answer: (a) cut

A7 She did write one or two novels but she is best known for her excellent *short* stories.

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answer: (b) short

A8 It's a brilliant film as far as the images are concerned but the story *line* is a bit weak. answer: (d) line

A9 He started off from a very simple background and then worked his way up to be President of the bank – a genuine *success* story.

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answer: (a) success

A10 In early civilisations it was the story *teller* to whom everyone went to hear what had happened in the past.

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answer: (d) teller

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 48 (Answer Keys) *High and Low*

A1 She's *on* a high at the moment because everything is going her way.

answer: (b) on

A2 I have high *hopes* that we will succeed with our project in view of all the interest we have received.

answer: (c) hopes

A3 It's high *time* we left if we really want to be there on time.

answer: (d) time

A4 You'll just have to get used to these highs and *lows* as it's all part of being in business.

answer: (b) lows

A5 Now that he's become office manager you can't even talk to him – he's so high and *mighty*.

answer: (a) mighty

A6 The really high *spot* of the evening's entertainment was when two clowns came into the ring and started throwing things at each other.

answer: (d) spot

A7 He left the safe door unlocked last night so I reckon he'll be for the high *jump* this morning.

answer: (c) jump

A8 It's always the same when you break one of the rules of the office, she gets on her high *horse* and starts shouting at you.

answer: (d) horse

A9 The moment she joined the staff you just knew she was a high *flier* and it was no surprise when she got promotion within six weeks.

answer: (b) flier

A10 They wanted to make sure that their small daughter shared in the meal and so they asked the restaurant to provide a high *chair*.

answer: (c) chair

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 49 (Answer Keys) *A Night Out*

A1 The other night we went out to the cinema or the *movies* as they would say in the USA.

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answer: (d) movies

A2

Nothing unusual you might say but we haven't visited a cinema for *ages*. answer: (b) ages

A3 The subject *matter* of the film concerned the American Civil War in the 1860's.

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answer: (a) matter

A4

At least that was *supposed* to be the background although the main interest was in something else. answer: (d) supposed

A5 It will come as no *surprise* to you I'm sure if I tell you that this interest was in a love affair.

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answer: (b) surprise

A6

The young couple in the story only meet about three times but still manage to *fall* deeply in love. answer: (c) fall

A7 When you see the first kiss on the *screen* and you are sitting in row four, it can be very dramatic.

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answer: (d) screen

A8

Everything is so much bigger than you expect and you are constantly *turning* your head from side to side. answer: (c) turning

A9

And the sound is much greater too. During the war scenes I was jumping up and down out of my seat like a *Jack* in the box at every explosion.

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answer: (b) Jack

A10 The following evening we were back again watching television but after the cinema it's never *the same again*.

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answer: (a) same

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 50 (Answer Keys) *Lots of Pieces*

A1 Charlie didn't have much in the way of property – just *bits* and pieces.

answer: (c) bits

A2

In fact this was a piece of *luck* for Charlie as it happened. answer: (d) luck

A3

Because when the *villain* of the piece arrived in the shape of a burglar to steal something, he didn't find anything valuable.

answer: (a) villain

A4

Charlie came home when the burglar was still there but he didn't *go* to pieces, he stayed calm. answer: (c) go

A5

The burglar also had an assistant with him who clearly didn't want to get involved and have a piece of the *action* and fled.

answer: (b) action

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A6

Charlie decided he would say exactly what he thought of the burglar and give him a piece of his *mind*. answer: (d) mind

A7

He told him he was a wicked person and further he was a *nasty* piece of work.

answer: (b) nasty

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A8

The burglar explained that he didn't have a proper job and only did piece *work*. answer: (c) work

A9

Charlie laughed and said he was doing the same now – it was *all* of a piece with burgling.

answer: (d) all

A10

Eventually the police arrived and were pleased to see Charlie was still all right and in *one* piece. answer: (a) one

- A1 This castle has been here since the 16th century and hasn't really changed – it has stood the test of *time*. answer: (b) time
- A2 The law that has just been passed may be useful but we don't know until we've *put* it to the test. answer: (d) put
- A3 I think you're wise to find out first before you agree and believe it's a good idea to test the *waters* first. answer: (a) waters
- A4 No-one knows whether he'll succeed in his attempt to get compensation as it's a bit of a test *case*. answer: (c) case
- A5 Obviously before you buy a car, you'll be allowed to test *drive* it first. answer: (b) drive
- A6 These are indeed *testing* times for the government as people are deciding whether to vote for them in the next election. answer: (c) testing
- A7 He was one of the most experienced of the company's test *pilots* who decided whether a plane was safe to fly. answer: (d) pilots
- A8 In the story of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde we see the hero mix something up in a test *tube* and then drink it. answer: (a) tube
- A9 The aircraft engine had to be placed in a test *bed* to make sure that it worked properly. answer: (c) bed
- A10 In order to make sure that your television is tuned properly there is a coloured test *card* on the screen. answer: (d) card

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 52 (Answer Keys) *Cliches*

A1 She's got the kind of job that seems to keep her occupied all the time – 24-7.

answer: (d) 7

A2

*Absolutely*, I couldn't agree with you more. answer: (d) Absolutely

A3 I really think we should talk about the subject we wanted to in the first place and *address* the issue.

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answer: (c) address

A4

It's difficult to say exactly how many people are involved but I would say *around* 50. answer:

(a) around

A5 It was one of those sights that you never forget it was *awesome*.

answer: (b) awesome

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A6

We don't know precisely how much it will cost but I could give a *ball park* figure of 6 million dollars. answer: (c) ball park

A7 I agree with what you say, *basically* but ...

answer: (b) basically

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A8

You fill in those forms on a weekly *basis*. answer: (d) basis

A9 I hope you will be patient and *bear* with me a minute.

answer: (c) bear

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A10 It's difficult to see how to get out of this situation because we're between a rock and a *hard* place.

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answer: (b) hard

A1 He's one of those people who can't bear being seen to be wrong in fact of losing *face*. answer: (c) face

A2 We haven't made any progress this year and are in a sense going backwards and losing *ground*. answer: (d) ground

A3 Please don't lose *heart* because I'm sure you'll succeed in the end. answer: (a) heart

A4 The important key to success in this business is strong management because if you lose your *grip*, then you're in real trouble. answer: (d) grip

A5 She panicked when she skidded on the ice, lost her *head* and crashed into the tree. answer: (c) head

A6 Yes, it's a slight problem but quite honestly I wouldn't lose any *sleep* over it if I were you. answer: (b) sleep

A7 I followed as much as I could of his arguments but then I gave up because I'd completely lost *track* of what he was saying. answer: (d) track

A8 After he'd wasted all his money, got into debt and then ended up in prison, his family began to regard him as a bit of a lost *cause*. answer: (c) cause

A9 To be frank I find these philosophical discussions too deep for me and many of the points are lost *on* me. answer: (b) on

A10 Putting all your money in that enterprise is futile it's like playing a losing *game*. answer: (d) game

A1 The trouble with him is that if you push him too far, he's likely to shout at you and lose his *cool*. answer: (c) cool

A2 There's no hope for him now because he's lost his *marbles* and has gone completely crazy. answer: (d) marbles

A3 At the very last minute she broke down in tears and lost her *nerve*. answer: (b) nerve

A4 First he started shouting and then he began to throw things round the room and it was clear he had just lost his *rag*. answer: (a) rag

A5 Despite his great age we realized that he'd not lost his *touch* because he was still able to deliver a wonderful speech. answer: (c) touch

A6 Do you mind repeating that last bit again as I seem to have lost the *thread* of your argument? answer: (d) thread

A7 When it came to dividing the profits we lost *out* because we didn't get our fair share. answer: (b) out

A8 As she was walking across the tight rope at the circus she lost her *balance* and fell to the ground. answer: (c) balance

A9 After a while I got fed up with the film and began to lose *interest* in the story. answer: (d) interest

A10 There's no harm in trying your luck there because after all you have *nothing* to lose. answer: (b) nothing

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 55 (Answer Keys) *How to ask a question*

A1 May I ask you whether you have had a chance to *consider* my case?

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answer: (b) consider

A2

Can I *put* it to you that the delay you have caused is not reasonable? answer: (d) put

A3 Could I know why the business has *taken* so long to conclude?

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answer: (c) taken

A4 May I make another *attempt* to ask you to explain the situation more clearly? answer: (b) attempt

A5 I would be most interested to know why the committee has turned *down* my proposal.

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answer: (a) down

A6

We should be delighted to find out when the new scheme comes into *effect*. answer: (b) effect

A7 How much is the new car *going* to cost me?

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answer: (d) going

A8

When are you thinking of buying a *new* washing machine? answer: (b) new

A9 What has *happened* to your New Year resolution to stop smoking?

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answer: (c) happened

A10 Why do you always *interrupt* me when I try to ask a question?

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answer: (d) interrupt

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 56 (Answer Keys) *How to attract someone*

A1 I say, you've just *trodden* on my foot!

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answer: (d) trodden

A2

Look out, there's a car *approaching* on your left. answer: (b) approaching

A3 Just a minute, you have just *broken* my case.

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answer: (d) broken

A4

Mind, the doors are *closing*. answer: (c) closing

A5 Watch it, you almost *poked* my eye out with that umbrella.

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answer: (b) poked

A6

Be careful, there's a large *gap* between the platform and the train. answer: (a) gap

A7 Hallo, do you see what you did to that *pile* of books when you walked past?

answer: (c) pile

A8

Hang on, you've given me the wrong *change*. I gave you a ten-pound note. answer: (b) change

A9 Stop, that man's just gone *off* with my wallet!

answer: (a) off

A10

Excuse me, but you have *left* your car lights on. answer: (b) left

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 57 (Answer Keys) *How to compliment*

A1 You look *stunning* in that dress, Amanda. How beautiful you are.

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answer: (b) stunning

A2

I can honestly say I haven't had such a *delightful* meal for ages. answer: (c) delightful

A3 I must get to know the name of your *tailor's* so that I can buy a suit like that.

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answer: (d) tailor's

A4 I must *congratulate* you on your performance in the play – it was remarkable. answer: (c) congratulate

A5 One can tell immediately that you are a *professional* by the accomplished way you perform.

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answer: (d) professional

A6 I honestly can't believe that you are *old* enough to have such grown up children. answer: (b) old

A7 Even if I *practised* for a hundred years, I couldn't possibly reach your standard.

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answer: (c) practised

A8

You certainly don't look your *age*. What's your secret? answer: (b) age

A9 It's always a *pleasure* talking to you – you know so much!

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answer: (d) pleasure

A10

Thank you very much for your letter. As always it's *fun* to read. answer: (a) fun

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 58 (Answer Keys) *Modal Medley*

A1 I know I *can* do it because I have done it before.

answer: (c) can

A2

You really *should* see that film because I know you'll like it. answer: (b) should

A3 It's quite clear that you *want* to visit their house, so why don't you?

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answer: (c) want

A4 It's the right thing to do in this situation and it's my belief that you *ought* to go. answer: (c) ought

A5 I say to myself each morning I really *must* write that letter.

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answer: (b) must

A6

*May* I have your permission to leave the meeting early? answer: (c) May

A7 You should take an umbrella with you today, it *might* rain later.

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answer: (b) might

A8

Don't worry they *will* eventually succeed, I assure you. answer: (a) will

A9 Now there's no argument here. You *have* to finish on time because you have no choice.

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answer: (c) have

A10 Could you really help me? If so, I should be most grateful.

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answer: (a) Could

Christmas Postman (1)

First, read the lesson [www.english-test.net/lessons/34/index.html](http://www.english-test.net/lessons/34/index.html)

A1 My main *reason* for becoming a temporary postman during the Christmas holiday period.

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answer: (d) reason

A2

Was because I had amassed some rather large *bills*. answer: (c) bills

A3 And what was more *important* I had got no money.

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answer: (b) important

A4

My trainer was a postman by the *name* of Ted. answer: (c) name

A5 With a life time of *experience* in doing all the walks in the town.

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answer: (a) experience

A6

It was all a question of *order*, he said and then he explained answer: (d) order

A7 the moment I got into the *sorting* office.

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answer: (d) sorting

A8

He didn't want any of his *trainees* to imagine that being a postman was an easy job. answer:  
(c) trainees

A9 He was *fed* up with people he met every so often

answer: (b) fed

A10 who claimed it was a part-time job because it was all finished by mid-day.

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answer: (c) claimed

Christmas Postman (2)

First, read the lesson [www.english-test.net/lessons/34/index.html](http://www.english-test.net/lessons/34/index.html)

A1 He described the *sequence* very carefully.

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answer: (b) sequence

A2 The first thing was to be *punctual* since you started at a time when most people were asleep.

answer: (a) punctual

A3 Immediately you arrived you had to start sorting the mail into different pigeon *holes*.

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answer: (d) holes

A4 Sometimes you found some *terrible* handwriting and didn't know where the letter should go.

answer: (c) terrible

A5 He was always criticising teachers for not teaching children to write *properly*.

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answer: (d) properly

A6 These letters should be put to one side and old Charlie, the handwriting *expert*, would look through them later. answer: (a) expert

A7 The next *step* was to draw some cold water, fill the kettle and make a cup of tea.

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answer: (b) step

A8 Ted was always calm and optimistic. He never let himself get *depressed* by the job. answer: (c) depressed

A9 He left me alone for an hour to follow his method and asked me to call him if I *encountered* any difficulties.

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answer: (a) encountered

A10 As he had been very busy in his house since two that morning *because* of a burst water pipe, he went to have a rest.

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answer: (d) because

Christmas Postman (3)

First, read the lesson [www.english-test.net/lessons/34/index.html](http://www.english-test.net/lessons/34/index.html)

A1 At first I got on famously finding the right pigeonholes, checking Ted's list and putting the letters in *bundles*.

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answer: (b) bundles

A2 After about two hours of this my internal battery started to get low and I found myself losing *patience*. answer: (d) patience

A3 It was at this stage that Ted came in quickly *encouraging* me to finish and get on the road.

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answer: (d) encouraging

A4 The post office in this country district didn't use vans because of the *expense*. answer: (c) expense

A5 I had to *make* do with a bicycle that looked as though it had been hit several times.

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answer: (b) make

A6 Once out in the open air I experienced a violent *shower* but soon the sun came out. answer: (d) shower

A7 The shouts of joy coming from some houses as I put the mail through the letter *box* made up for the discomfort and.  
answer: (c) box

A8 I was beginning to feel like a *real* Father Christmas. answer: (b) real

A9 I then came to number 56 that Ted had *warned* me about. They had a ferocious dog.  
answer: (a) warned

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A10 The only way to *deal* with this one, Ted recommended, was to rush at the door, shove the letters through the

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door and go away as quickly as possible. answer: (d) deal

- A1 I did just that but in my *haste* I dropped a small packet that fell into a puddle. answer: (b) haste
- A2 I didn't have the courage to make another assault on the house. Instead I took it home to *dry* it out. answer: (d) dry
- A3 I knew if I told Ted he would talk a lot about being strictly against the rules but I was convinced it didn't *matter*. answer: (c) matter
- A4 In my kitchen I looked at the address and saw the recipient was a Master Richard. I was ashamed of my *cowardice* answer: (b) cowardice
- A5 and thought I was depriving a young child of his Christmas present from some loving *relative*. answer: (a) relative
- A6 I rubbed the package with a towel and went quickly again to number 56 hurrying down the path in the true *spirit* of the season, answer: (d) spirit
- A7 clutching the precious bundle in my hand I *thrust* it through the letter box answer: (c) thrust
- A8 expecting to hear a happy *yelp* of surprise from young Richard. As I hurried away answer: (a) yelp
- A9 to the sound of the *barking* dog, I knocked by accident the garden gate just in time to hear a voice shouting: answer: (c) barking
- A10 Master Richard! When will that woman realise I'm over fifty and can't *stand* knitted socks! answer: (d) stand

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 63 (Answer Keys) *Tick Tock*

A1 They're trying very hard to finish in time and they're working *against* the clock.

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answer: (d) against

A2

You have to turn this from left to right – in other words clockwise. answer: (b) wise

A3 I'm afraid you can't make yourself any younger and turn the clock *back*.

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answer: (c) back

A4 You can always be sure that there'll be a delivery today as the service is as regular as clockwork. answer: (d) work

A5 It's an amazing system so that at whatever time of day you can always get a response as the staff are there *round* the clock.

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answer: (b) round

A6 What time do you start work or more exactly when do you clock *on*? answer: (a) on

A7 When do you finish work or more exactly what time do you clock *off*?  
answer: (b) off

A8 I've clocked *up* about an additional 20 hours this week in overtime pay. answer: (c) up

A9 The competition is very strong as each team wants to be fastest and *beat* the clock.  
answer: (d) beat

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A10 She's not really interested in her job and just waits for the end of the day to come. She's just <sup>a clock</sup> watcher.  
answer: (a) watcher

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 64 (Answer Keys) *Company Decisions*

- A1 I strongly recommend you make a checklist of points to consider *when* deciding which method of payment to accept.  
answer: (a) when
- A2 How long do you think it will take *before* we'll be in a position to implement the changes to our distribution system?  
answer: (d) before
- A3 Yesterday the project manager suddenly announced that the launch of the new promotion campaign had been *postponed* because of software problems.  
answer: (c) postponed
- A4 Because of their expertise the two young engineers have been *offered* the opportunity to join our staff. answer: (c) offered
- A5 One of the indicators of success in any business is how *many* types of communication channels they use.  
answer: (b) many
- A6 An effective customer support system should be *regarded* as the nerve centre of all company communication. answer: (a) regarded
- A7 It goes without *saying* that there are more goals that can be achieved with your business than simply generating revenue.  
answer: (b) saying
- A8 A company's success will largely depend *on* how far ahead into the future it can forecast.  
answer: (a) on
- A9 In addition to an organisation's vision and ability to set goals it is also *vital* that every team member feels part of a unit.  
answer: (d) vital
- A10 Especially large corporations *operating* on an international scale create and pursue a human resources policy  
covering many different aspects. answer: (b) operating

Save Our Animals (1)

First, read the lesson [www.english-test.net/lessons/36/index.html](http://www.english-test.net/lessons/36/index.html)

A1 From a very early age Cathy had been passionate *about* animals.

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answer: (c) about

A2 She used to hob nob (socialise) with people who *thought* the same way as she did.

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answer: (d) thought

A3 These people were not at all fuddy duddy (uninteresting) or indeed hoity toity (supercilious) and their main interest in life was to *ensure* that all animals were well treated.

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answer: (a) ensure

A4 She soon got to know one of the local big wigs (important people) in a local organisation *aimed* at stopping cruelty to animals.

answer: (b) aimed

A5 He had been in his hey day (at his most successful time) an important *figure* in a government department for agriculture.

answer: (d) figure

A6 In fact because he had refused to kow tow to (accept without question) some of the official regulations, he had been forced to take *early* retirement.

answer: (c) early

A7 But as far as Cathy was concerned, he was the bee's knees (someone to admire) and when she left school, she went to work as his assistant in the Society for the Protection of Animals.

answer: (d) as

A8 Her parents however were not at all pleased *about* where she had decided to work.

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answer: (a) about

A9 They lived in a des res (very attractive house) and her father, John Fortune, who was really a bit of a fat cat (wealthy businessman) thought that all this animal *business* was a lot of hocus

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answer: (b) business

A10 Cathy and her father had several pow wows (conversations) about her decision but it usually *ended* up with a lot of argy bargy (arguments).

answer: (c) ended

Save Our Animals (2)

First, read the lesson [www.english-test.net/lessons/36/index.html](http://www.english-test.net/lessons/36/index.html)

- A1 What her mother and father *objected* to most was the endless tittle tattle (gossip) in the village about a young woman working for this hot shot (well known entrepreneur),  
answer: (d) objected
- A2 who was also *regarded* by some as a bit of a wheeler dealer (someone who does business in an underhand way).  
answer: (c) regarded
- A3 Cathy didn't believe any of this and was delighted to be working for Geoffrey Winton if for no other *reason* than that living at home was very humdrum (boring).  
answer: (a) reason
- A4 The rest of the organisation thought that she and Winton were a dream team (ideal partners) because she was enthusiastic and he was very *experienced*.  
answer: (d) experienced
- A5 After all she thought her brother was enjoying himself and had gone *abroad* to work in America as a result of the brain drain (talented people leaving their own country to work for better pay  
answer: (b) abroad
- A6 One morning there was quite a hubbub (loud noise and activity) in the Fortune *household* when Cathy came rushing into the sitting room helter skelter (running at great speed).  
answer: (c) household
- A7 and announced what she thought was a cheerful earful (a good piece of news) and that was she had been invited to attend a *demonstration* in the capital.  
answer: (d) demonstration
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- A8 As far as her father was concerned this was *simply* double trouble (two problems) – first working for Fortune and now getting involved in a demonstration.  
answer: (a) simply
- A9 As far as he was concerned this would be a *waste* of time because the speakers at the rally would just talk mumbo jumbo (nonsense).  
answer: (c) waste
- A10 But Cathy had made up her *mind* and the next morning wham bam (very quickly) she caught the early train  
and went off to the rally. answer: (b) mind

Save Our Animals (3)

First, read the lesson [www.english-test.net/lessons/36/index.html](http://www.english-test.net/lessons/36/index.html)

- A1 On the train journey she began to think about what her father had said with his *reference* to the rag bag (muddled collection) of ideas in her organisation.  
answer: (c) reference
- A2 And if she was really *honest* with herself she was beginning to have a teenie weenie (very small) feeling of doubt as to whether she was doing the right thing.  
answer: (c) honest
- A3 She just wished that her father could *try* and be even steven (fair) about her side of the argument.  
answer: (a) try
- A4 But as soon as she reached the meeting point for the rally, there was no time for day *dreaming*.  
answer: (d) dreaming
- A5 At the beginning it was a bit harum scarum (disorganised) and people were running higgledy piggedly (in different and chaotic directions) but soon everything *settled* down,  
answer: (c) settled
- A6 and people who had been running about pell mell (in confusion) were now standing *still* and listening to the speeches.  
answer: (b) still
- A7 She felt *reassured* and was pleased she had come to the demonstration.  
answer: (d) reassured
- A8 And then one incident at the end of the rally convinced her that she had *taken* the right decision to work for the organisation.  
answer: (c) taken
- A9 A police officer on horseback was *controlling* the crowds and she found herself being gently moved by the horse.  
answer: (a) controlling
- A10 As it drew near she found she was asking herself *aloud* whether she had done the right thing. She looked at the horse and it was actually nodding its head and she could have sworn it said okie dokie (all right).

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 68 (Answer Keys) *Simple Present (1)*

A1 Andrew Smodley is a natural worrier. It is something he has *inherited* from his father – the king of all worriers.

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answer: (d) inherited

A2 But then there are those who are never happy unless they have a problem to *solve*. answer:  
(b) solve

A3 Andrew worried about the weather, the state of the pound, his health, the cost of *living* and once he even worried because he thought he wasn't worrying enough.  
answer: (c) living

A4 But that was in the past. Things have changed because something happened to him exactly two years *ago*. answer: (a) ago

A5 It was in the spring when leaves appear on trees and nature prepares herself for renewal. Other things happen too – people *fall* in love.  
answer: (d) fall

A6 Now Andrew doesn't have a romantic *disposition*. He never looks up at the leaves starting to grow, sighs and says: "Ah, here comes the spring!"  
answer: (b) disposition

A7 He simply thinks to himself: "I live in a small village by a little stream and *around* this time of year lots of creatures start to wake up and make a lot of noise."  
answer: (c) around

A8 "In London, which *stands* on the river Thames, people make a lot of noise all the time."  
answer: (a) stands

A9 I apologise for the simplicity of these *statements* but I want to illustrate the unimaginative nature which Andrew possesses.  
answer: (d) statements

A10 Towards the end of this story I give examples to show the extent of the change he *underwent*.  
answer: (b) underwent

- A1 The other *character* in this anecdote is a young woman called Sally Fairweather. answer: (c) character
- A2 She too lives in this *tiny* and remote village where Andrew has his cottage. answer: (b) tiny
- A3 Now Sally is an entirely different kettle of fish. Her philosophy runs as follows: "Worrying never gets you anywhere and life is too short to *waste* time imagining the worst." answer: (d) waste
- A4 In a word she is the complete *opposite* in temperament of Andrew. Here comes another cliché: opposites attract. answer: (a) opposite
- A5 But you must remember that two years ago the two main characters hadn't met, which was surprising when you consider the close *proximity* of Andrew's cottage and Sally's. answer: (b) proximity
- A6 If you take the first left after the post office, you come to Sally's place and if you take the second *turning* to the right after that you come to the cottage where Andrew lives. answer: (d) turning
- A7 The next participant in this village drama is the weather, which *plays* a very significant part in English life. answer: (c) plays
- A8 It was late April and the sun had disappeared behind dark heavy rain clouds but Andrew had already set *off* for the local pub. answer: (b) off
- A9 Naturally he had his umbrella with him and a heavy coat *following* that aphorism his mother always used: "Never cast a clout (remove an article of clothing) before May is out." answer: (d) following
- A10 Fortunately he made it to the pub before the storm *broke*. answer: (a) broke

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 70 (Answer Keys) *Simple Present* (3)

- A1 The moment he crossed the doorstep, an old school friend comes up to Andrew, *offers* to buy him a drink and tells him not to look so worried.  
answer: (d) offers
- A2 Andrew showed him the headlines: "Petrol prices rise again" – "But you haven't got a car" said his friend – "I know" retorted Andrew – "still it means everything *else* will go up in price, too."  
answer: (b) else
- A3 Everyone in the pub looks *suitably* depressed at this remark and begins to think of all the price increases that will follow.  
answer: (c) suitably
- A4 The *gloom* is palpable. Then suddenly the door bursts open and in walks our heroine, Sally looking like a drowned rat.  
answer: (d) gloom
- A5 Most people in the pub think to themselves: "What a pretty girl!" Andrew sees her as someone who is *drenched* and needs help.  
answer: (a) drenched
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- A6 He walks over to her and asks if she is *all* right.  
answer: (c) all
- A7 For probably the first time in his life Andrew actually *transferred* his worry from himself to someone else.  
answer: (b) transferred
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- A8 And he mixes her a *special* drink to protect her from a possible cold.  
answer: (d) special
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- A9 The conversation went as follows: "I hear you live in this village, too" – "How do you *know*?" asked Andrew.  
answer: (c) know
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- A10 But Sally changed the subject. "This drink tastes delicious. How did you make it?" – "I put a drop of ginger ale and a piece of lemon in the alcohol and then *stir* thoroughly."  
answer: (a) stir

- A1 I always keep those two *ingredients* with me when I go out at night. answer: (c) ingredients
- A2 Suddenly Sally looked at her watch: "I must *fly*. My train leaves in ten minutes." answer: (a) fly
- A3 "Don't forget to take those two tablets I *suggested* and let me know how you are." answer: (d) suggested
- A4 "I'll *let* you know as soon as I come back from London." And then she went. answer: (b) let
- A5 Immediately Andrew started to worry. He didn't know her name. He didn't know her address and he felt strange. He *checks* his pulse. He tests his mental faculties: "Two and two make four." answer: (c) checks
- A6 It was a different sort of worry that was *almost* a concern. He wants to see her again. answer: (d) almost
- A7 *Within* seconds he rushed out of the pub leaving his coat behind, ran into the pouring rain with no umbrella. answer: (b) Within
- A8 What was *happening* to him? He saw Sally standing on the platform getting into the train and the train leaving the station. answer: (a) happening
- A9 He jumps down from the platform onto the *track* and waves at the train driver to stop. The train stops and Andrew gets onto it. answer: (c) track
- A10 Six weeks *after* this extraordinary episode Sally got married. answer: (b) after

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 72 (Answer Keys) *Simple Present* (5)

A1 Andrew doesn't *worry* any more now.

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answer: (d) worry

A2

He *stays* calm. answer: (b) stays

A3 The obvious time when people *expected* him to start worrying was.

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answer: (c) expected

A4 during the wedding *ceremony* in the village church just over two years ago. answer: (a) ceremony

A5 As he says, "I know what everyone was *thinking*."

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answer: (b) thinking

A6

They thought I would go to *pieces*. answer: (d) pieces

A7 But I was perfectly relaxed and I *owe* it all to Sally. She is certainly a wonderful wife.

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answer: (c) owe

A8

She smiled at me when we were standing *at* the altar. answer: (b) at

A9 and I stopped worrying from that moment *on*.

answer: (a) on

A10 You can see me *looking* relaxed in the newspaper pictures especially that one with the caption: "ANDREW

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SMODLEY HANDS THE RING TO SALLY FAIRWEATHER'S FUTURE HUSBAND." answer: (c) looking

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 73 (Answer Keys) Tenses (1)

A1 I *would have* come if I had had time.

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answer: (c) would have

A2

This time tomorrow you *will be* sitting in a deck chair on the beach. answer: (d) will be

A3 Before you telephoned, I *was* watching television.

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answer: (a) was

A4

After the storm *had* finished, many people were found lying in the street. answer: (b) had

A5 Tomorrow we *are* taking the day off.

answer: (d) are

A6

Where did you *go* for your holiday in the end? answer: (c) go

A7 I must admit you *have* tried but I'm afraid the answer is still no.

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answer: (d) have

A8

Sometimes I wonder if I *shall* ever succeed. answer: (b) shall

A9 How many times *have* you been there?

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answer: (c) have

A10 She's *been* working there since she left school.

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answer: (d) been

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 74 (Answer Keys) Tenses (2)

A1 It's time we *went*.

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answer: (b) went

A2

I honestly couldn't follow a word you *were saying*. answer: (c) were saying

A3 He asked me what I *was* doing there.

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answer: (d) was

A4

I've just *been told* that the price has gone up again. answer: (c) been told

A5 She was annoyed that she *had been* spoken to like that.

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answer: (a) had been

A6

I've just been *reading* here that man has been released. answer: (b) reading

A7 If you were stopped by the police for speeding, what *would* you do?

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answer: (d) would

A8

Long *live* the King! answer: (a) live

A9 If I get there early enough, I *shall* save you a seat.

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answer: (d) shall save

A10 When I'm in town, I *miss* listening to the birds.

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answer: (b) miss

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 75 (Answer Keys) Tenses (3)

A1 Ah there you *are!* I wondered where you were.

answer: (c) are

A2

She said she'd help him if she *could*. answer: (a) could

A3 He told them he *would be* starting work the next day.

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answer: (c) would be

A4

I had instructions that I *was* to leave the door unlocked when I came home. answer: (d) was

A5 He refused to go until he *had* seen all the paintings.

answer: (a) had

A6

Don't worry even if you make a mistake because if you *do*, it doesn't matter. answer: (c) do

A7 He *is always doing* silly things like this. Take no notice now.

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answer: (d) is always doing

A8

The man who *was* walking down the road just then, lives next door. answer: (c) was

A9 It doesn't make sense. I can't understand why he *shouted* at you last night.

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answer: (d) shouted

A10 Come on tell me honestly what you *want* to do now.

answer: (b) want

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 76 (Answer Keys) *Hotchpotch*

A1 As we've got plenty of time to *kill* before the train comes, let's have a coffee.

answer: (d) kill

A2 If you mention someone's mistakes in public, it can only be regarded as very *tactless*. answer:

(a) tactless

A3 I didn't think he looked very well when we last saw him – in fact he was really out of *sorts*.

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answer: (c) sorts

A4 He's the sort of person who never worries about anything and has a happy *go-lucky* disposition. answer: (d) go-lucky

A5 I don't know what's the matter with me today I suppose I'm feeling under the *weather*.

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answer: (c) weather

A6 There's a very informative programme on the radio tonight on *current* affairs. answer: (b) current

A7 He didn't reveal his name with his first book and published it under a *pseudonym*.

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answer: (d) pseudonym

A8 He spoke the language in a regional *dialect*, which made it impossible for me to understand him. answer: (d) dialect

A9 I sometimes find that the *commercials* made by the advertisers are more interesting than the actual television programmes themselves. answer: (a) commercials

A10 Now remember don't be late with your thesis and don't forget the *deadline* is Tuesday week.

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answer: (c) deadline

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 77 (Answer Keys) *Student Teacher Dialogue (1)*

A1 Teacher: So you want to learn *to speak* English?

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answer: (c) to speak

A2

Student: Yes, I want to be able to speak *well*. answer: (b) well

A3 Teacher: I don't see that as a *problem*.

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answer: (d) problem

A4

Yes, that's *easy* for you to say. answer: (c) easy

A5 Teacher: What *makes* you say that?

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answer: (a) makes

A6

Student: Just because you are a *native* speaker. answer: (b) native

A7 Teacher: I understand what you *mean*.

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answer: (d) mean

A8

Student: So what am I *going* to do? answer: (c) going

A9 Teacher: Well, if you *like*, I could give you lessons next week.

answer: (b) like

A10 Student: That *sounds* very good to me. I'll see you next week.

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answer: (d) sounds

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate  
level # 78 (Answer Keys) *Student Teacher Dialogue (2)*

A1 Teacher: So what do you know *about*  
prepositions? answer: (c) about

A2 Student: Well I know that they usually come *before* a  
noun. answer: (b) before

A3 Teacher: Very good. Which do you find the *most*  
difficult? answer: (d) most

A4 Student: If I had to choose one, I would  
*pick* in. answer: (b) pick

A5 Teacher: The thing to *remember* is that in usually means inside a place or  
a position. answer: (a) remember

A6 Student: I see. But what's the difference *between* in  
and into? answer: (c) between

A7 Teacher: Ah you see whereas in means you are there inside *however* into means you enter  
as: You go into the room.  
answer: (d) however

A8 Student: Another problem is I don't understand *why* there are two words sounding the same –  
T and one O and T double O.  
answer: (c) why

A9 Teacher: Good question. T and one O is the preposition and T and double O often means  
extra as in: This exercise is too difficult. And don't forget the third word also sounding the  
same – the *number* two.  
answer: (d) number

A10 Student: Oh, no two is *enough* thank you very  
much! answer: (a) enough

A1 Teacher: Can you explain to me when you *use* the Past Simple and when the Present Perfect? answer: (d) use

A2 Student: I think the past simple is for a *definite* time in the past and the present perfect is when you don't know when it was.  
answer: (a) definite

A3 Teacher: Excellent. Now if I wanted to describe my time in Paris in 1999 with the verb 'stay', what *would* I say? answer: (b) would

A4 Student: I think it is I stayed in Paris in 1999. Is that all *right*? answer: (d) right

A5 Teacher: Absolutely perfect. Now what *about* the Present Perfect Continuous? answer: (c) about

A6 Student: That's one I never understand *however* hard I try. answer: (b) however

A7 Teacher: Well if you started living in Paris in 1999 and you are still there, you say; I have been living there *since* 1999.  
answer: (a) since

A8 Student: Yes, I see I think I understand but you have *too* many tenses in English! answer: (d) too

A9 Teacher: Right *just* one more. Tell me which form you use if you are going to leave Paris and you tell someone about the length of time from your arrival till now.  
answer: (b) just

A10 Student: Oh, that's easy. I say: I have lived here for 6 years. I can see from the *expression* on your face I am right.  
answer: (c) expression

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A1 They've been seeing each other for 6 months now or, as we used to say, they've been walking *out* together. answer: (b) out

A2 The trouble with you is you let your boss do exactly what he wants and let him walk all *over* you. answer: (d) over

A3 He never looks where he's going and as a result is always walking *into* things. answer: (c) into

A4 He came into the room, shouted at everybody and then left the room walking *off* in a really bad temper. answer: (b) off

A5 I'm sorry to say that the safe has been broken into and someone's walked *off* with all the money. answer: (d) off

A6 They took no notice of the accident and simply walked *by*. answer: (a) by

A7 A total stranger walked *up* to me and asked if I could lend him some money. answer: (c) up

A8 They have an expression in Australia when a famous person mixes with the crowd, they say they're going on a *walkabout*. answer: (d) about

A9 The manager was terrified that his employees would stop work and walk *out* without warning. answer: (c) out

A10 knew we shouldn't have trusted them because they suddenly left and walked *out* on us. answer: (b) out

- A1 Charlie always thought he was the *bee's* knees because he had a very good opinion of himself. answer: (c) bee's
- A2 Even when he won the *wobbly* knees competition at a holiday camp he wasn't ashamed – he just loved it. answer: (b) wobbly
- A3 He'd learnt to think he was important from an early age *at* his mother's knee. answer: (d) at
- A4 His father told him he was special as he dandled him *on* his knee. answer: (b) on
- A5 Then he met Maria as a grown up and fell in love as a sort of knee *jerk* reaction almost without thinking. answer: (c) jerk
- A6 You see he'd known her once as a small child when he was knee *high* to a grasshopper and now they met as adults.  
answer: (a) high
- A7 They met at a mutual friend's party where everyone was having a great time in a kind of knees *up*. answer: (d) up
- A8 Shortly after that he *went* down on one knee and proposed marriage to her and she accepted him. answer: (b) went
- A9 After they were married, Charlie had to work very hard and he was always knee *deep* in decorating and painting the house.  
answer: (a) deep
- A10 What poor Charlie didn't know before was that Maria loved telling others what to do and so he had to do as he was told and *bend* the knee.  
answer: (d) bend

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 82 (Answer Keys) *Paper expressions*

A1 It's almost completed now because all we have to do is sign a few documents and then the *paperwork* is finished.  
answer: (b) work

A2 They've tried to keep the truth from you but nothing's changed as all they've done is paper *over* the cracks. answer: (d) over

A3 If you keep the window open all the time, you'll need something heavy like a *paper-weight* to stop things blowing away.  
answer: (c) weight

A4 The professor is *delivering* an important paper on sociolinguistics tonight in the main hall.  
answer: (b) delivering

A5 I shouldn't worry too much about him. He looks very frightening but underneath he's really a *paper tiger*.  
answer: (a) tiger

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A6 The reason why I knew all about the story in the village is because it was on the front page of the *local* paper. answer: (d) local

A7 As soon as the story about the scandal became known, it didn't take long to *hit* the papers.  
answer: (c) hit

A8 You really shouldn't *believe* everything you read in the papers. answer: (a) believe

A9 She makes a loaf of bread last a very long time because she cuts each slice paper *thin*.  
answer: (d) thin

A10 Do you know how many *rolls* of wallpaper is needed to decorate this room?  
answer: (b) rolls

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A1 Where *are you going* tonight?

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answer: (c) are you going

A2

That *is* my business. answer: (a) is

A3 Sorry, I *don't* mean to be rude.

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answer: (d) don't

A4

That's all right. answer: (b) That's

A5 I hope I *haven't* offended you.

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answer: (c) haven't

A6

No, I promise you. You *didn't* offend me at all. answer: (d) didn't

A7 So, I've got an idea.

answer: (c) I've

A8

OK. *Tell* me about it. answer: (a) Tell

A9 I *thought* possibly we could go out together, tonight.

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answer: (d) thought

A10

That *sounds* a good idea to me. answer: (c) sounds

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 84 (Answer Keys) *English Tenses*

A1 Mike: Please go away. I'm *writing* a letter. I need some quiet.

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answer: (c) writing

A2 Sarah: I *promise* I won't make a sound.

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answer: (a) promise

A3 Mike: That's what you always *say*.

answer: (d) say

A4 Sarah: I know but this time I *mean* it.

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answer: (b) mean

A5 Mike: I don't honestly think you *are* telling the truth.

answer: (c) are

A6 Sarah: At least *give* me a chance.

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answer: (a) give

A7 Mike: If I *do*, I know I shall regret it.

answer: (b) do

A8 Sarah: No, you *won't*.

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answer: (d) won't

A9 Mike: All right. You *can* stay as long as you don't make any noise.

answer: (c) can

A10 Sarah: Thank you very much. I shall be as quiet as a mouse but I'll just  
put the TV on. answer: (b) I'll

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 85 (Answer Keys) *Conditional Tenses*

A1 If I *were* you, I wouldn't risk it.

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answer: (d) were

A2 If they had waited another month, they could probably *have got* a better price for their house

answer: (c) have got

A3 It's quite simple really. When it's cold, water *freezes*.

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answer: (c) freezes

A4

If he decides to accept that job, he *will regret* it for the rest of his life. answer: (d) will regret

A5 If you *are thinking* of applying for that job, my advice is: forget it.

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answer: (a) are thinking

A6

If he hadn't been driving so fast, he *wouldn't* have hit the motorcyclist. answer: (c) wouldn't

A7 *Had* he been more careful, he would have spotted the mistake.

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answer: (b) Had

A8

If she goes on passing her exams, *she'll* soon be qualified to practise as a lawyer. answer: (d) she'll

A9 If I pay you twice as much, will you *be able* to finish by Tuesday?

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answer: (c) be able

A10 *If only* I'd invested in that company, I'd *have become* a millionaire by now.

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answer: (b) have become

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 86 (Answer Keys) *Sleep Expressions*

A1 Mr. Wally's class was so monotonous today I couldn't help *dozing off* a few times.

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answer: (b) dozing off

A2 Cold medicines usually make me feel *drowsy* I feel like I don't have energy to do anything.

answer: (d) drowsy

A3 Janine! Where were you? I've been looking all over for you. – Sorry, mom! I was reading a book by the tree over the lake, fell *asleep* and lost track of the time.

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answer: (c) asleep

A4 In winter time, bears hide themselves in caves and *hibernate*. answer: (a) hibernate

A5 What time do you usually go to *sleep* at night? – Hmm... usually at about midnight.

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answer: (c) sleep

A6 I feel so *sleepy* today. I should have gone to bed earlier last night. answer: (b) sleepy

A7 My neighbor likes *to take a nap* every day after lunch.

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answer: (c) to take a nap

A8 My daughter is having a *slumber* party tonight at our house. answer: (d) slumber

A9 Every time he gets back from work, my husband likes to sit in his armchair and *rest* for a few minutes before dinnertime.

answer: (b) rest

A10 Caitlin was an extremely hyper kid. When taking care of her, her mom hardly ever had time to *relax*.

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answer: (a) relax

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 87 (Answer Keys) *English tense explanations*

A1 I want to try and carry out an *experiment*.

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answer: (d) experiment

A2

My *plan* is to explain the different uses of the tenses. answer: (b) plan

A3 The main question is knowing where you *start*?

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answer: (c) start

A4

As you *probably* know there are many tenses in English. answer: (a) probably

A5 The problem is *how* you can tell the difference

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answer: (b) how

A6

between, for *example*, the Present and Present Perfect. answer: (d) example

A7 But I should *stop* myself from talking about

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answer: (c) stop

A8

particular tenses *before* I've talked about tenses in general. answer: (b) before

A9 Please *forgive* me for going on to the middle of my story

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answer: (a) forgive

A10 when I should be thinking about the *beginning*.

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answer: (d) beginning

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 88 (Answer Keys) *English tense explanations (2)*

A1 So let's go *back* to the beginning.

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answer: (b) back

A2

The *first* thing to remember is answer: (d) first

A3 that each tense has two *forms*.

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answer: (c) forms

A4

*They* are the Simple and the Continuous. answer: (b) They

A5 We can say: he goes to work Monday to Friday and that *describes* a habit and is the Present simple tense.

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answer: (a) describes

A6

This is something he *does* every day. answer: (c) does

A7 He lives in a small house that's another *illustration*.

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answer: (b) illustration

A8

Now we come to the other part and we *call* that continuous. answer: (a) call

A9 We say: he is walking home now and that means at this *moment* and is the Present continuous tense.

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answer: (c) moment

A10 In this way we describe what is *happening* now.

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answer: (d) happening

Idioms with the phrasal verb come

- A1 First impressions are important because how you *come across* initially can be as important as what you say. answer: (d) come across
- A2 I just can't seem to be able to find a good personal assistant as they are so hard to *come by*. answer: (a) come by
- A3 When disaster strikes, will your insurer *come through* for you? answer: (c) come through
- A4 If you have eaten a banana in the last 2-3 days and *come down with* a fever followed by a skin infection, you should seek urgent medical attention! answer: (c) come down with
- A5 In terms of personality she's certainly *come along* well since she changed her attitude. answer: (a) come along
- A6 Menopause symptoms may *come back* after stopping menopausal hormone therapy. answer: (b) come back
- A7 Making the decision to *come out* about your sexual preferences can sometimes be scary and stressful. answer: (c) come out
- A8 I was just wondering how astronomers *come up with* their facts when you realise just how far away the stars are. answer: (b) come up with
- A9 It was reported that the Government is expected to *come up with* stringent norms to prevent "predatory takeovers" of Indian private banks. answer: (b) come up with
- A10 My boyfriend wants to *come over* when nobody is at home, and I'm scared it might well lead to something else! answer: (d) come over

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 90 (Answer Keys) *Idioms with the phrasal verb look*

A1 Students were instructed to use the Internet to *to look up* some information about Australia for the class project.

answer: (d) to look up

A2 The treasurer assured his constituents that he would *look into* the scandal shortly after the results of the general election were made public.

answer: (a) look into

A3 My attorney advised me *to look over* the terms and conditions of the insurance policy several times so that I was fully aware of what I was getting myself into.

answer: (b) to look over

A4 I have always *looked up to* my grandfather because he has lived such an amazing life.

answer: (c) looked up to

A5 I *looked for* my laptop in car, in my office and even under the bed, but I couldn't find it anywhere.

answer: (b) looked for

A6 Airport authorities advised passengers to *look out for* suspicious looking people passing through the international terminal.

answer: (b) look out for

A7 The view from the penthouse suite of the five star hotel *looks out* over the Pacific Ocean.

answer: (c) looks out

A8 Students were given five minutes to *look through* the examination paper before they were told to start writing.

answer: (b) look through

A9 My family finally made the painful decision of admitting my grandmother to a nursing home as she is no longer capable of *looking after* herself.

answer: (d) looking after

A10 When I blamed the hospital for giving me the wrong medicine, the management *looked into* the matter very carefully.

answer: (c) looked into

A1 I'll cook supper *as soon as* I come home.

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answer: (d) as soon as

A2

I want to finish my work *before* we go out. answer: (c) before

A3 She's going to look after the cat *while* I'm away on holiday.

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answer: (b) while

A4

I'll email you *as soon as* I arrive. answer: (a) as soon as

A5 We'll find a hotel *when* we arrive in Jakarta.

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answer: (c) when

A6

She won't speak to her boyfriend *until* he apologizes. answer: (d) until

A7 Drink your coffee *before* it gets cold.

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answer: (d) before

A8

Don't cross the road *until* you see the green man. answer: (d) until

A9 I'll give you a ring *when* we get back from our vacation.

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answer: (c) when

A10 Our doctor advised us to have malaria vaccinations *before* we travel to Lombok. answer: (b) before

- A1 Englishmen can't always quite *bring off* wearing shorts. answer: (a) bring off
- A2 There are some "natural" methods that you can try to *bring on* labour if you and your baby are in good health. answer: (b) bring on
- A3 I want to *bring over* the dinner tonight so that you don't have to worry about feeding your kids. answer: (d) bring over
- A4 The Central Coast of New South Wales has been described as a great place to *bring up* children. answer: (d) bring up
- A5 Custom frames can help to improve the look of your artwork and thus *bring out* the best. answer: (a) bring out
- A6 U2 will not *bring forward* the online release of the band's new album, following news that it has leaked onto the Internet. answer: (b) bring forward
- A7 The Super Bowl champion Steelers have decided to *bring back* fullback Verron Haynes for at least another two seasons. answer: (d) bring back
- A8 The slips fieldsman moved quickly to his left and then flung himself further left-wards to *bring off* a spectacular catch. answer: (b) bring off
- A9 How much money do I need to *bring over* to your house for the poker game tonight? answer: (b) bring over
- A10 If natural disasters have anything good about them, it may be the compassion they *bring out* in people. answer: (a) bring out

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 93 (Answer Keys) Question / Response Test

A1 When do you have to pick John up at the airport? *I should be there at about five o'clock.*

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answer: (c) I should be there at about five o'clock

A2 What are you going to buy your wife for Christmas? *A bottle of perfume.* answer: (b) A bottle of perfume

A3 How many people are coming to the birthday party? *We're expecting about 25 people.*

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answer: (c) We're expecting about 25 people

A4 What are you doing tonight? *I think I'm going to a movie with Susan.* answer: (c) I think I'm going to a movie with Susan

A5 How was your honeymoon? *It was great.*

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answer: (a) It was great

A6 What is your favorite kind of food? *I like Italian food.* answer: (b) I like Italian food

A7 Who is coming to the business conference? *The management team and the personnel department are coming for sure.*

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answer: (a) The management team and the personnel department are coming for sure

A8 What are your thoughts on yesterday's meeting? *I'm glad we covered the human resources' issue.*

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answer: (b) I'm glad we covered the human resources' issue

A9 When are you going to the party? *We're going right after work.*

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answer: (c) We're going right after work

A10 Where is the best place to go for a drink? *The little pub around the corner has great beer on tap.*

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answer: (b) The little pub around the corner has great beer on tap

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 94 (Answer Keys) *Short Idioms Exam*

A1 After their argument, John didn't know if Rick was a friend or *foe*.

answer: (d) foe

A2

Many Christians believe your body and *soul* belong to God. answer: (a) soul

A3 Joanne left abruptly – without rhyme or *reason*.

answer: (b) reason

A4

Ben estimated how much wear and *tear* the new tires could handle. answer: (a) tear

A5 He is head over *heels* about his new girlfriend.

answer: (d) heels

A6

He bent over *backwards* to please his boss but the manager was never satisfied. answer: (b) backwards

A7 Nicole's promotion and added workload kept her as busy as a *bee*.

answer: (d) bee

A8

Mandy's children are her flesh and *blood* so they always come first on her priority list. answer: (a) blood

A9 On Jen and Brad's very first date, she could tell he was as cunning as a *fox*.

answer: (c) fox

A10 Before Tom headed into the forest, he made sure he had packed his bow and *arrows*.

answer: (d) arrows

A1 Boy: I want to buy a fish.

Woman: Do you want a tropical fish or a cold water one?

Boy: I want a really colorful fish. Can you show me some of the tropical fish you have?

Question: What is the boy looking for? *A tropical fish.*

answer: (c) A tropical fish

A2 Ray: I need a vacation.

Toni: How about Mexico? I heard it's beautiful at this time of year.

Ray: Maybe, but I was hoping for somewhere a little cooler.

Question: *Where does Ray want to go?* A place that has a cooler climate than Mexico.

answer: (b) A place that has a cooler climate than Mexico

A3 Mary: Did you have fun at the barbeque last night?

Linda: Yes, I thought the games were a great touch.

Mary: Me too. I especially liked the three-legged race.

Question: What did Linda like about the barbeque? *The games.*

answer: (c) The games

A4 Michael: My wife and I bought some great house plants yesterday.

Maria: Really. Do you have a lot of sunlight in your house?

Michael: No, so we bought some plants that have low-light requirements.

Question: What kind of plants did Michael buy? *Plants that don't need a lot of sunlight.*

answer: (c) Plants that don't need a lot of sunlight

A5 Frank: I'm going to take my wife to Table Top Mountain this weekend.

Mark: That sounds interesting. Is it far?

Frank: Not too far. It will be about a three-hour drive from here.

Question: How are Frank and his wife traveling to Table Top Mountain? *By car.*

answer: (b) By car

A6 Anne: Do you know the new girl in the mailroom?

Richard: No, but I think she's Cathy's friend.

Anne: We should ask Cathy to introduce us at lunch.

Question: What department is the new girl in? *The mailroom.*

answer: (c) The mailroom

A7 Ron: Do you think the business conference went well?

Sarah: Yes, but next year I think the planners should include more about global technology.

Ron: I agree. We should know more about that.

Question: What area does Sarah want to include in next year's conference? *Technology around the world.*

answer: (b) Technology around the world

A8 Harry: What time does your flight leave?

Deb: Our departure is scheduled for 7:45 in the morning. Could you take me to the airport?

Harry: Sure. We'll have to leave the city at about 5 o'clock then.

Deb: Sounds good.

Question: What time does Sue's flight leave? *7:45 am.* answer: (a) 7:45 am

A9 Axel: Do you know anything about Thai cuisine?

Caroline: Yes, I love Thai food. Why?

Axel: My in-laws are taking my wife and I out to a Thai restaurant tonight. They really like that kind of food.

Question: Who is going for dinner at the Thai restaurant? *Axel, his wife and her parents.*

answer: (b) Axel, his wife and her parents

A10 Jane: How many people were at Brad's wedding?

Bruce: Oh, there must have been at least 150 people there. The reception hall was really big and it was nearly full of guests. We had a great time.

Jane: That's great.

Question: How many people were at Brad's wedding? *About 150 people.* answer: (b) About 150 people

موسسه تحقیقاتی آرمان

A1 I asked if *anyone* wanted an ice cream?

answer: (a) anyone

A2 Did *anyone* phone me when I was out?

answer: (a) anyone

A3 You're face looks horribly familiar. Haven't I seen you *somewhere* before? answer: (c) somewhere

A4 She left the room without saying *anything*. answer: (d) anything

A5 I have never been *anywhere* more beautiful than Thailand.

answer: (a) anywhere

A6 Who was at the party? *Everyone*. Pete, Anne. Mark, Barry, all the Pearsons, Sally Masters and Sally Bennett. answer: (c) Everyone

A7 What would you like to eat for lunch? *Anything*. I don't mind. answer: (d) Anything

A8 Where do you want to go on holiday? *Anywhere* with a beach. I don't care where we go as long as it's sunny and has got a nice sandy beach.

answer: (a) Anywhere

A9 I have *nothing* to say to you. Goodbye. answer: (a) nothing

A10 I felt so embarrassed. I was sure that *everyone* was looking at me. answer: (c) everyone

دوسرے تصفیقاتی آزمون

A1 After years of working for a shoddy employer I was finally able to *break away* from that company and set up my own business.  
answer: (b) break away

A2 Nasa is currently in the process of trying to work out how to avoid any more of its spaceships from *breaking up* on re-entry to Earth.  
answer: (d) breaking up

A3 Residents living in the immediate vicinity of the prison were told to be on the look out for a group of criminals who recently *broke-out* out of gaol.  
answer: (c) broke-out

A4 It can be very difficult for youg couples to *break up* a marriage when there are young children involved. answer: (d) break up

A5 I decided to *break off* my realtionship with my girlfriendwhen I found out that she was seeing someone else. answer: (a) break off

A6 "Be careful not to spill the yolk when you *break open* the egg." answer: (c) break open

A7 A burglar *broke into* when I was away on vacation and stole of my electronic goods.  
answer: (a) broke into

A8 Teachers in Sydney have decided to call a snap strike next week after negotiations with the State Government over a ten per cent pay increase *broke down* early this morning.  
answer: (b) broke down

A9 A rebel Labour Party MP recently decided to *break away* from his party and become and independent member for his electorate.  
answer: (b) break away

A10 I am always very worried that my car will *break down* because it is already twenty years old. answer: (d) break down

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 98 (Answer Keys) *financial and bank expressions*

A1 Can you please *lend* some money until we get paid next week?

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answer: (a) lend

A2 I decided to invest in the commodities market as the *interest* on offer from bank was at an all time low.

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answer: (b) interest

A3 Many retailers in Jakarta refuse to exchange purchases unless you can show them your *receipt*.

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answer: (b) receipt

A4 My boss informed me that I had been nominated to *make* a sales pitch to one of our company's largest buyers.

answer: (a) make

A5 I saw a very good *job* advertised in the newspaper this week.

answer: (d) job

A6 My wife has a *part-time* job at the department store.

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answer: (c) part-time

A7 The psychiatrist gave his patient a *prescription* for some medicine.

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answer: (c) prescription

A8 When a fire broke out at the Louvre, at least twenty *priceless* paintings were destroyed, including two by Henri Matisse.

answer: (b) priceless

A9 I must remember to fill in my tax *return* before the end of this week.

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answer: (a) return

A10 Can you take this money to the bank and make a *deposit* for me?

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answer: (c) deposit

- A1 The Australian Labour Party doesn't currently have any politicians that would be capable of successfully *running against* the Prime Minister at the next federal election.  
answer: (c) running against
- A2 Hillary Clinton has not ruled out *running for* president at the next election. answer: (b)  
running for
- A3 I decided to *run away with* my girlfriend and get married when I found out that her parents didn't like me because of my religion.  
answer: (a) run away with
- A4 My parents were very disappointed when they found out that I had *run off with* all their money. answer: (a) run off with
- A5 The *run down* apartment block failed to attract any buyers and was taken off the market so renovations could be carried out.  
answer: (d) run down
- A6 Many children try to *run away* from home for one reason or another at least once during their childhood. answer: (a) run away
- A7 It's so nice to *run into* you again after all this time. I don't think I've seen you for at least twenty years. answer: (b) run into
- A8 Can you please *run through* our marketing campaign with me one more time? I don't quite fully understand it yet.  
answer: (c) run through
- A9 Our dog loves to *run after* the mail truck. answer: (c) run after
- A10 My mum had a *run-in* with my teacher for not allowing me to go to the toilet during class.  
answer: (b) run-in

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 100 (Answer Keys) *Traveling Downunder: How can I immigrate to Australia?*

A1 Tourists who visit Australia without a visa will usually be *refused* entry into the country.

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answer: (a) refused

A2 The Australian government has decided to increase the number of *visas* available to skilled workers next year.

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answer: (c) visas

A3 The Australian minister for *immigration* has come under a lot of scrutiny lately for her department's decision to issue refugee status to boat people from Papua.

answer: (d) immigration

A4 Newly arrived migrants must live in Australia for a period of two years before they are eligible to become permanent *residents*.

answer: (c) residents

A5 There has been a sharp increase in the number of boat people *traveling* to Australia in the past ten years.

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answer: (b) traveling

A6 Australia is a *sovereign* country and therefore has the right to choose whether or not tourists are granted with visas.

answer: (d) sovereign

A7 People with a known history of tuberculosis will automatically be *disqualified* from entering Australia.

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answer: (d) disqualified

A8 Australian citizens who are receiving social security benefits from the government are not permitted to *sponsor* tourists wanting to travel to Australia.

answer: (b) sponsor

A9 Tourists involved in illegal activities such as drug trafficking and prostitution may have their visas *cancelled* permanently and be banned from entering Australia at any time in the future.

answer: (a) cancelled

A10 Retirement visas do not *lead* to Australian permanent residency or citizenship. However people with this type of visa may stay in Australia for a long period of time.

answer: (a) lead

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 101 (Answer Keys) *How to describe people: attitude expressions*

A1 My wife is always *bad-tempered* when she gets her period and becomes angry at me for no reason at all.

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answer: (d) bad-tempered

A2 Students at the school where I teach are so *reliable*. They always hand in their homework on time. answer: (c) reliable

A3 Glenn is so *generous*. He always helps out the underprivileged people in our community.

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answer: (d) generous

A4 My little sister is so *timid* at school that she is too afraid to ask to go to the toilet. answer: (a) timid

A5 Never ask Phoebe to dance while her husband is looking. He always gets so *jealous* of her.

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answer: (a) jealous

A6 Our new teacher is so *patient*. If we don't understand something, she goes over it again and again until we do. answer: (c) patient

A7 I think Indonesian people are so *friendly*. They'll always come up to you in the street and try to practice their English.

answer: (a) friendly

A8 Barry loves to talk a lot, doesn't he? In fact, I don't think I've ever met anyone quite as *chatty* as him. answer: (c) chatty

A9 Mary's husband is so *lazy*. He never helps her with any of the chores around the house.

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answer: (c) lazy

A10 Our English teacher at school is so *creative*. He is always coming up with new games that help make learning fun.

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answer: (b) creative

- A1 Teenage girls smoke almost *as much as* boys in many of the villages in West Java. answer: (d) as much as
- A2 I told my son that I would take me to the circus next week *as long as* he keeps his promise not to fight with his sister.  
answer: (b) as long as
- A3 You need to go to the hospital *as soon as* possible. An erratic heartbeat can be very dangerous.  
answer: (c) as soon as
- A4 Oh no! I failed all my exams last week. I'm *as good as* dead when my parents see my final report card. answer: (a) as good as
- A5 I bet you don't love me *as much as* I love you. That would be impossible! answer: (d) as much as
- A6 I will accept your marriage proposal *as long as* you promise to love me and take care of me forever. answer: (b) as long as
- A7 Rampant corruption in Indonesia will continue to happen *as long as* the government continues to deny that the problem exists.  
answer: (b) as long as
- A8 Many British housewives cannot understand why many British men love watching football twice *as much as* their women.  
answer: (d) as much as
- A9 Many anti-war protesters think that the President of the United States should withdraw his troops from Iraq *as soon as* possible.  
answer: (b) as soon as
- A10 A wise man once said that a change is almost *as good as* a holiday. answer: (a) as good as

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 103 (Answer Keys) *English grammar and vocabulary questions*

A1 I had to keep my daughter home from school today because she had a *temperature* of 38 degrees.

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answer: (c) temperature

A2 When we were in Bali last year we *stayed* at a marvelous hotel overlooking the beach. answer: (d) stayed

A3 I usually *get* up six at 6.30 a.m. every morning.

answer: (c) get

A4

Good afternoon. I *want to* see the manager, please. answer: (d) want to

A5 I thought Nancy said she *was going to* spend the weekend with her parents.

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answer: (d) was going to

A6

I was wondering if you can *teach* me to play the violin? answer: (b) teach

A7 Would you *take* this letter to the Post Office, please?

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answer: (b) take

A8

I hate doing the *housework* – especially cleaning the windows. answer: (b) housework

A9 I got married *two* years ago.

answer: (d) two

A10 I'm sorry but I haven't *done my homework* today.

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answer: (c) done my homework

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 104 (Answer Keys) *Compound words: aftermath, afterthought, afterbirth*

A1 After experiencing too many late *afternoon* "sinking spells", The Duchess of Bedford arrived upon the idea of having tea and finger food at about 5 p.m.

answer: (c) afternoon

A2 In the *aftermath* of World War I the political, cultural, and social order of the world was drastically changed in many places, even outside the areas directly involved in the war.

answer: (d) aftermath

A3 I'm not convinced that the Christian *afterlife* would mean much to me if I had to lie and cheat in order to attain it.

answer: (c) afterlife

A4 It is better to halt mass murder than to clean it up *afterwards*.

answer: (c) afterwards

A5 The *afterbirth* is delivered during the third stage of labour.

answer: (d) afterbirth

A6 The fruity tones of this mild balanced brew produce a delightful *aftertaste*.

answer: (c) aftertaste

A7 Contrary to popular opinion, Judaism does believe in an *afterlife*, but it is not the primary focus of the religion.

answer: (d) afterlife

A8 We enjoyed the rest of our lunch *afterwards*, but I think we were both pretty taken aback by the encounter we had when we first entered the restaurant.

answer: (a) afterwards

A9 Childcare is currently available for Kindergarten children on a Tuesday and a Thursday *afternoon* from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

answer: (b) afternoon

A10 The Emergency Response and Transitional Recovery Programme commenced activities in January 2005 in the immediate *aftermath* of the Tsunami disaster of 26 December 2004.

answer: (d) aftermath

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 105 (Answer Keys) *Idioms with the phrasal verb drop*

- A1 Many parents assume that their children will *drop behind* in school if they spend too much time playing video games.  
answer: (d) drop behind
- A2 Children who *drop out* of school face a high risk of sexual exploitation, hazardous labor, and living in the street.  
answer: (b) drop out
- A3 It is not necessary to attend every class in order to participate, so please *drop in* and join the fun!  
answer: (d) drop in
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- A4 Students who are required to pass a test to enter the 9th grade are more likely to *drop out* prior to entering 10th grade. answer: (b) drop out
- A5 A 27-year-old Canadian woman confused the weekend with a weekday and *dropped off* her 6-year-old at school on a Saturday.  
answer: (a) dropped off
- A6 Visitors attending the annual Open House have the option of either participating in information sessions for their entire duration or *dropping in on* portions of the seminars based on their schedule and interest.  
answer: (d) dropping in on
- A7 Special ramps for picking up and *dropping off* passengers are provided at the curbs of the arrival and departure floors of each terminal.  
answer: (a) dropping off
- A8 Unannounced visits are usual on campus, and guests are always welcome. Friends sometimes *drop in on* one another, but it is mostly relatives who visit each other, and mothers who frequently meet with their daughters.  
answer: (b) drop in on
- A9 Please *drop in* between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. this coming Wednesday November 16 for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and conversation.  
answer: (c) drop in
- A10 Senior Constable Smith asked the suspect to *drop by* the police station at lunch time in order to answer some questions regarding his alleged involvement in a bank robbery. answer: (d) drop by

- A1 The World Congress of Georgian Jews yesterday announced the *passing away* of their head rabbi. answer: (c) passing away
- A2 Entrepreneurs have several options when it comes to *passing on* a family business to their children. answer: (d) passing on
- A3 Don't *pass up* your opportunity to increase sales by leveraging the power of email marketing. answer: (a) pass up
- A4 Once you *pass over* Prospect Street, we will be on the right hand side of the block, directly across the street from the museum. answer: (d) pass over
- A5 If you were to *pass away* suddenly, your business could be tied up in probate court for several years. answer: (c) pass away
- A6 Lawmakers shouldn't *pass up* the chance to regulate tobacco. answer: (a) pass up
- A7 I can make myself *pass out*. I do it by taking in a deep breath and then pushing all that air down. It takes me about 15 seconds. answer: (b) pass out
- A8 Foreign companies will have to *pass round* the hat to pay for the extra costs of doing business in Indonesia. answer: (c) pass round
- A9 Approximately 27,000 – 29,000 vehicles *pass through* the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel on a daily basis. answer: (a) pass through
- A10 The *pass out* game is just a preadolescent version of autoerotic asphyxia paraphilia. answer: (b) pass out

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 107 (Answer Keys) *Airport and flight travel expressions*

A1 Check-in counters are open two hours before the scheduled flight *departure* time.

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answer: (c) departure

A2 It is the passenger's responsibility to ensure their *passport* is valid for entry and they have fulfilled all immigration requirements in the country of destination.

answer: (b) passport

A3 Passengers are required to produce appropriate *identification* at the check-in counter.

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answer: (d) identification

A4 Passengers are advised to be at the *boarding* gate at least thirty minutes before the scheduled departure time of their flight.

answer: (a) boarding

A5 If you fail to check in on time or fail to board the aircraft by the time the aircraft departs, the fare you paid will not be *refunded* to you for any reason whatsoever.

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answer: (c) refunded

A6 Children below age 12 will not be accepted for *carriage* unless they are accompanied by a person of at least 18 years of age.

answer: (c) carriage

A7 Passengers are strongly *advised* not to check in valuable and fragile items as baggage.

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answer: (a) advised

A8 Passengers are required to retrieve their *baggage* as soon as it is available for collection at their place of destination.

answer: (b) baggage

A9 It is the passenger's responsibility to *reconfirm* all outgoing flights at least 72 hours prior to departure.

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answer: (d) reconfirm

A10 Passengers must *arrive* at the airport sufficiently in advance of the scheduled flight departure time to permit completion of government formalities and check-in procedures.

answer: (c) arrive

A1 To save *battery* power, your camera will enter standby mode if no operations are performed for a preset length of time.  
answer: (a) battery

A2 Pictures stored on the *memory card* can be printed in the same way as photos taken with a film camera. answer: (d) memory card

A3 When the *self-timer* is on, pictures are taken ten seconds after the shutter-release button is pressed. answer: (d) self-timer

A4 One key to cleaning the *lens* of your camera is not to touch it with your fingers. answer: (c) lens

A5 Pictures can be *printed* by inserting a memory card containing images into a printer or having prints made at a digital photo lab.  
answer: (c) printed

A6 The *flash* on your camera may not be able to light the entire subject at distances of less than 40 centimeters. answer: (b) flash

A7 Pictures taken with a digital camera are stored as *image* files. answer: (a) image

A8 To reduce the amount of memory each image occupies, pictures are *compressed* as they are saved to the memory card.  
answer: (b) compressed

A9 Pictures are stored in *folders* created automatically by the camera. answer: (c) folders

A10 If your camera fails to *function* as expected, you should check the troubleshooting section of your instruction manual.  
answer: (c) function

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 109 (Answer Keys) *Expressions with death, marriage and divorce*

A1 Her father's *death* came as great shock to all those who knew him.

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answer: (c) death

A2

Did you hear? James and Beth *got married* last week. answer: (c) got married

A3 Our poor old dog is *dying*. We've had him for fourteen years. He just sleeps all day long.

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answer: (b) dying

A4

The young girl screamed when she saw the *dead* body sprawled out on her living room floor.

answer: (a) dead

A5 We had a lovely *wedding* in a small country church. The ceremony was presided over by our parish priest.

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answer: (c) wedding

A6

My great grandfather's body was lost at sea in a horrific boat accident yesterday. A *memorial service* will be held for him at the Presbyterian church next Thursday.

answer: (d) memorial service

A7 Helen is planning to *elope* with Michael.

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answer: (b) elope

A8

Sterility is not adequate grounds for divorce or *annulment* in New Zealand. answer: (a)

annulment

A9 Marriage ceremonies must take place *between* 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. in a room with an open door in Manitoba.

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answer: (b) between

A10 The body of my late wife was laid to rest in a beautiful cedar *casket* adorned with twelve dozen white roses.

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answer: (a) casket

- A1 You can receive, display, edit and/or send text messages on any network that has a *roaming* agreement. answer: (b) roaming
- A2 It is *imperative* for drivers to exercise proper control of their vehicle at all times whilst using the mobile phone. answer: (c) imperative
- A3 Before removing the battery from your phone, please ensure that the device is switched off and the *charger* is disconnected from the handset. answer: (a) charger
- A4 You can transfer data between two cellular phones by using the *infra red* connection located on the front of your phone. answer: (c) infra red
- A5 Recently *dialed* phone numbers, answered calls and missed calls are stored in the call log. answer: (d) dialed
- A6 Before Internet services can be accessed on your cellular phone, you need to *subscribe* to your network operator to enable the relevant configuration information. answer: (a) subscribe
- A7 Cell broadcasts allow users to *receive* messages on specified topics, such as traffic, and weather information from their network operator. answer: (a) receive
- A8 The message centre number for your network *provider* should be preprogrammed on your SIM card. answer: (d) provider
- A9 When you receive an MMS message on your phone, the message *icon* is displayed along with a tone, illumination and/or vibration. answer: (b) icon
- A10 Some hand phones are designed to be *compatible* with certain multimedia messaging services. answer: (d) compatible

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 111 (Answer Keys) *Idioms with the phrasal verb pull*

- A1 I was told that his chances for *pulling through* the surgery were slim and if he did make it, he was given little hope for the next 24 hours.  
answer: (c) pulling through
- A2 "If you don't behave," my father said, "I'm going to *pull over* right here, and you can wait by the side of the road till we come and get you."  
answer: (a) pull over
- A3 *Pulling through* this period has given me the confidence and courage to pursue anything I want to despite the hard times.  
answer: (c) Pulling through
- A4 Children should never be allowed to play in driveways because one never knows when someone may *pull in*.  
answer: (d) pull in
- A5 President Bush said last Saturday that *pulling out* of Iraq now is not an option and rejected calls by some lawmakers to start bringing U.S. troops home.  
answer: (b) pulling out
- A6 The M4 dissects the Downs and the rest of the county from east to west. The noise affects a wide area either side of the motorway and can *pull down* real estate prices.  
answer: (d) pull down
- A7 Cyclists should always remember that motorists will frequently cross the bike lane to park and *pull in* and out of driveways.  
answer: (d) pull in
- A8 Rescue teams rushed to the site and started *pulling out* bodies from beneath the wreckage of the five-storied Al Ghaza hotel.  
answer: (b) pulling out
- A9 If you experience a breakdown, you should *pull over* to the side of the road and raise the hood of your car.  
answer: (a) pull over
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- A10 One of the most memorable images of the war was created when U.S. troops *pulled down* the statue of Saddam Hussein in Fardus Square. answer: (d) pulled down

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 112 (Answer Keys) *Idioms with the phrasal verb get*

A1 After the small talk was over, it was time for the two heads of state to *get down to* discussions concerning bilateral relations between the two countries.

answer: (c) get down to

A2 My accountant advised me that one of the best ways to *get around* paying taxes in my own country was to set up an offshore bank account.

answer: (d) get around

A3 The high school teacher was so strict that he would not let his students *get away with* any of the stunts that they tried to pull with their previous teacher.

answer: (a) get away with

A4 Train passengers wishing to go to the football match were advised to *get off* the train at the next stop. answer: (b) get off

A5 By the time I *get through with* you, you will be sorry that you ever stepped foot on the face of this earth.

answer: (a) get through with

A6 The referee instructed both captains to stop their complaining and *get on with* the rugby match.

answer: (b) get on with

A7 The days when Americans can *get by* in the world on English only will soon be gone.

answer: (c) get by

A8 Please mind your step when you *get on* the train. answer: (d) get on

A9 I knew that I had to *get up* early the next morning so I set my alarm for 4.30 a.m.

answer: (c) get up

A10 Employees at the reinsurance company were finding it very difficult to *get along* with their new manager.

answer: (a) get along

- A1 Pakistani viewers will no longer be able to watch their favorite Bollywood movies as the government has decided that all Indian cable channels will *go off* the air at the end of this month.  
answer: (a) go off
- A2 Would you rather *go out* for a picnic or a meal at a restaurant? answer: (b) go out
- A3 The mayor has allowed vendors to *go back* to their old place after many of them complained of lesser income following the implementation of the night market last week.  
answer: (a) go back
- A4 Rosie overslept because her alarm clock didn't *go off* this morning. answer: (a) go off
- A5 The families of the seven astronauts lost aboard the space shuttle Columbia told NASA last Monday that space exploration must *go on*.  
answer: (d) go on
- A6 Indonesia's fuel subsidies could *go over* 100 trillion Rupiah (\$9.6 billion) due to high prices and fuel scarcity in parts of the world's fourth most populous country, its president said on Tuesday.  
answer: (b) go over
- A7 Two out of every five companies struck by disaster *go out* of business. answer: (c) go out
- A8 *Go over* the railroad tracks, and at the traffic light, go straight. The street becomes Broad St. as you cross over Main St. Continue to the next stoplight on Broad St. and turn right onto Markham Ave. The library is the first building on the left.  
answer: (b) Go over
- A9 A chiropractor who claims he can treat anyone by *going back* in time to when an injury occurred has attracted the attention of State regulators.  
answer: (c) going back
- A10 Earlier this morning the wind was blowing at about 25 mph and the temperature was -5 F. It was way too cold to *go out* jogging.  
answer: (c) go out

A1 Sherri tries to *act like* Marcie all the time. answer: (b) act like

A2 When he tried to balance his checkbook, he found that things just didn't *add up*. answer: (c) add up

A3 Ken really likes Kirstie but he's too nervous to *ask her out*. answer: (a) ask her out

A4 Lenny didn't *back down* when his superior reprimanded him. answer: (b) back down

A5 Norman is really aggressive and sometimes he should know when to *back off*. answer: (b) back off

A6 Sandy wants to learn how to drive but she must also learn how to *back up* so she can get in and out of parking spots easily. answer: (a) back up

A7 No one at the office expected him to lose his temper and *blow up* the way he did. answer: (c) blow up

A8 After the tragic accident, Lauren's mother had a nervous *breakdown*. answer: (b) breakdown

A9 Kathy felt a little uneasy when she found out her neighbours had a *break-in*. answer: (a) break-in

A10 No one in the group could believe that Sally and Steve *broke up*. answer: (b) broke up

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 115 (Answer Keys) *Phrasal Verbs (B to C)*

A1 Marty often *brought up* important issues at the meetings.

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answer: (b) brought up

A2

Sue felt she should *brush up* on her math skills before she started school. answer: (c) brush up

A3 He could feel the back of his neck *burn up* when they started talking about the tragedy.

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answer: (c) burn up

A4

Candace has a bad habit of *butting in* front of others. answer: (a) butting in

A5 Ken tried to *butter up* his teachers in order to get a good report card.

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answer: (a) butter up

A6

The guard had to *call off* the dogs when Henry approached the locked gate. answer: (c) call off

A7 Everyone could see by the grimace on his face that he didn't *care for* the meal in front of him.

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answer: (b) care for

A8

He didn't *catch on* to new concepts easily. answer: (a) catch on

A9 They *checked into* the hotel late last night.

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answer: (a) checked into

A10 Due to his illness, he worked hard to *catch up* with his missed schoolwork.

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answer: (b) catch up

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 116 (Answer Keys) *Action verbs and sports expressions*

A1 People have *competed* against each other in bowling for thousands of years.

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answer: (b) competed

A2

The French probably *invented* tennis in about 1150. answer: (d) invented

A3 Martina Navratilova *developed* into one of the world's greatest tennis players.

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answer: (c) developed

A4 Michael Schumacher has *dominated* Formula 1 racing over the past decade. answer: (c)

dominated

A5 Helen Moody *set* a record of eight Wimbledon singles titles.

answer: (a) set

A6

In Germany during the Middle Ages, people *enjoyed* bowling at village dances. answer: (c)

enjoyed

A7 Ellen Hanson *earned* the first singles crown at the U.S. Open in 1887.

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answer: (c) earned

A8

Mary E. Outerbridge *established* the first tennis court in New York City in 1874. answer: (d)

established

A9 Alethea Gibson *learned* to play tennis on the streets of New York City.

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answer: (b) learned

A10 In 1926 Suzanne Lenglen *starred* in the first U.S. professional tennis tour.

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answer: (c) starred

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 117 (Answer Keys) *English prepositions exercises*

A1 Please place the umbrella stand *beside* the door.

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answer: (b) beside

A2

You can get extra supplies *from* the stationery store. answer: (b) from

A3 Eileen and Miranda have been best friends *since* third grade.

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answer: (d) since

A4

We can do this work *without* any extra help. answer: (a) without

A5 Michael stood *apart from* the other new students in his class.

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answer: (a) apart from

A6

We ran five laps *around* the gym and then practiced our jump shots. answer: (c) around

A7 During my study time, I came *upon* this beautiful poem.

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answer: (d) upon

A8

Will you please write about John Cabot *instead of* Abigail Adams? answer: (c) instead of

A9 Everyone went outside the building *because of* the false alarm.

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answer: (a) because of

A10 The airplane flew *above* the storm.

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answer: (b) above

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 118 (Answer Keys) *this, that, these, those*

A1 Look over there. *That* is the biggest pumpkin I've ever seen.

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answer: (a) That

A2

Miriam told *that* same joke yesterday. answer: (c) that

A3 Matthew, take *this* and put it over there.

answer: (a) this

A4

Her eyes shining, the little girl pointed to *that* piece of candy. answer: (a) that

A5 *Those* elephants are sleeping under the shade of the elm tree over there.

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answer: (b) Those

A6

*These* are the best days of our lives. answer: (a) These

A7 *Those* students at the administration office want to transfer to our school.

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answer: (a) Those

A8

The pilot calmly steered us through *that* big cloud. answer: (b) that

A9 *That* film that dad saw last week seems like an interesting movie to watch.

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answer: (b) That

A10 May I buy five of *those* pictures hanging over there, please?

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answer: (d) those

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 119 (Answer Keys) *Common subordinating conjunctions*

A1 Builders use plywood in the construction of small boats *because* it is easy to shape.

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answer: (b) because

A2

I haven't spoken with Jane *since* she moved. answer: (c) since

A3 Airplanes sometimes fly to unscheduled cities *when* the weather is bad.

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answer: (a) when

A4

Please read the book *while* it's still available from the library. answer: (d) while

A5 Everybody had dessert *after* they finished eating the main course.

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answer: (d) after

A6

The pep rally won't begin *until* the last class of the day has ended. answer: (a) until

A7 Elena will groom the horse in the morning *so that* she can ride it in the afternoon.

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answer: (c) so that

A8

You will receive extra credit *if* you turn in your project early. answer: (c) if

A9 The concert will end at 10.30 p.m. *unless* the audience insists on several encores.

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answer: (b) unless

A10 When they feel threatened, dogs sometimes display aggressive behavior.

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answer: (c) When

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 120 (Answer Keys) *Reflexive and intensive pronouns*

A1 One person who made *herself* a career based on the sea was Rachel Carson.

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answer: (b) herself

A2

Deep-sea divers wear wetsuits to protect *themselves* under the water. answer: (c) themselves

A3 If you were a diver, you would buy *yourself* a JIM suit or helmet.

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answer: (c) yourself

A4 Divers use external air supplies to enable *themselves* to breathe under water. answer: (d) themselves

A5 Decompression sickness manifests *itself* with joint pain, and it can be fatal.

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answer: (c) itself

A6 Rachel Carson's first book, *Under the Sea-Wind*, described struggles sea creatures find *themselves* facing. answer: (c) themselves

A7 Rachel Carson's life was marked with conservation efforts that we *ourselves* can learn from.

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answer: (a) ourselves

A8 Rachel Carson put on a diver's helmet and explored the reefs of the Florida Keys for *herself*. answer: (c) herself

A9 The bends occurs when divers raise *themselves* to the top too quickly.

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answer: (b) themselves

A10 A diver must supply *himself* with a mixture of oxygen and different gasses.

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answer: (a) himself

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 121 (Answer Keys) *Simple Present, Simple Past, Simple Future*

A1 The candidate *impressed* many voters when she ran for governor last year.

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answer: (b) impressed

A2

My father still *buys* heating oil from a company in Chicago. answer: (a) buys

A3 Janelle *will baby-sit* for the neighbours next Saturday night.

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answer: (c) will baby-sit

A4

When she was younger, my grandmother *worked* in a mortuary. answer: (c) worked

A5 The athlete *will train* with the college track team next month.

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answer: (c) will train

A6

The relative humidity usually *falls* when the temperature goes down. answer: (a) falls

A7 Next year we *will be* in the eighth grade.

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answer: (b) will be

A8

Her best friend *lives* in that apartment building over there. answer: (b) lives

A9 Last week we *delivered* 150 newspapers.

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answer: (b) delivered

A10 Yesterday you *said* you would like to learn how to knit a sweater.

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answer: (a) said

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 122 (Answer Keys) *Expressions with ill: ill at ease, ill-mannered*

A1 A Christian should abandon all *ill will* toward the person they forgive.

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answer: (a) ill will

A2 Impolite, foul-mouthed parents invariably produce *ill mannered*, foul-mouthed children.

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answer: (c) ill mannered

A3 The president clearly felt a little *ill at ease* with some of the protesters' rhetoric, but he eventually agreed to talk to them.

answer: (c) ill at ease

A4 To end suffering completely, one must remove desire, *ill will* and ignorance.

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answer: (a) ill will

A5 The decision of the Sri Lankan selectors to rest Marvan Atapattu for the third test match was *ill timed* and dangerous.

answer: (c) ill timed

A6 Using their *ill gotten* and extraordinary financial resources and insider dealing, the oligarchs gained control over much of Russia's political apparatus.

answer: (b) ill gotten

A7 According to the Small Business Association (SBA), "Inadequate or *ill timed* financing is a major reason for small-business failure."

answer: (d) ill timed

A8 Today's youth is far more disorderly and *ill mannered* than in the past and it is not just a minority but the vast majority.

answer: (c) ill mannered

A9 Some immigrants of middle-eastern descent currently living in Oregon still feel *ill at ease* after the September 11th terrorist attacks.

answer: (b) ill at ease

A10 The world has suffered more from the ravages of *ill advised* marriages than from virginity.

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answer: (a) ill advised

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 123 (Answer Keys) *Idioms with the prasal verb fall*

- A1 David Beckham's *fallout with* Sir Alex Ferguson originated from his decision to stay at home and tend his ailing son rather than attend training on that particular Friday.  
answer: (d) fallout with
- A2 Don't always *fall back on* creating another database or a workaround program because there may actually be a better business solution for the problem.  
answer: (c) fall back on
- A3 Frequent binge drinkers are eight times more likely than non-binge drinkers to miss a class, *fall behind in* schoolwork, get hurt or injured, and damage property.  
answer: (b) fall behind in
- A4 Student mentors catch children before they *fall through* cracks. answer: (a) fall through
- A5 The northeastern state of Assam could *fall off* the Indian map soon.  
answer: (d) fall off
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- A6 A Brussels based think tank reported that Europe is *falling behind* Asia in terms of education and skills. answer: (a) falling behind
- A7 She had no family support system to *fall back on*, and she couldn't afford daycare.  
answer: (c) fall back on
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- A8 A recent survey showed that one in three house hunters have had a property purchase *fall through*. answer: (a) fall through
- A9 Some married couples *fall out with* each other over differences of opinion on how things could or should be done.  
answer: (d) fall out with
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- A10 Deciduous trees send messages to leaves telling them when to *fall off*.  
answer: (d) fall off

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 124 (Answer Keys) *Idioms with the phrasal verb put*

A1 Our daily habits often force us to *put up with* all kinds of degrading and destructive events, all in the name of keeping things comfortable or familiar.

answer: (b) put up with

A2 A Russian culture festival on Tajik territory has been *put off* indefinitely because of a local typhoid fever outbreak.

answer: (a) put off

A3 The Government has decided to *put on hold* the recent Cabinet decision to cut the food subsidy bill by 30 per cent, following protests from a section of Congress.

answer: (c) put on hold

A4 *Put out* your garbage at the designated pickup point by 8 a.m. on the collection days scheduled for your area.

answer: (c) Put out

A5 It was reported that Hyundai Motor Co. will *put up* a car-assembly plant in the Philippines after the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and South Korea forge a free trade agreement.

answer: (a) put up

A6 Sweaters are easy to *put on*, comfortable, warm and above all stylish.

answer: (c) put on

A7 The United Nations was *put in* charge of sorting out differences among countries offering to build a Tsunami early warning system after a flood of proposals in the wake of the Indian

answer: (a) put in

A8 Homeowners *put out* a kitchen fire last Sunday night, only to soon notice the fire was spreading inside the walls of their home.

answer: (d) put out

A9 French soldiers decided to *put on* a Punch and Judy show for their American counterparts.

answer: (a) put on

A10 A Betawi couple hoping to marry last weekend were forced to *put off* their wedding ceremony until law and order had been restored in the city.

answer: (c) put off

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 125 (Answer Keys) *Reported commands: reported speech*

A1 "Would you like to spend the weekend with us?" They *invited* her to spend the weekend with them.

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answer: (c) invited

A2

"Could you open the window please?" She *asked* him to open the window. answer: (c) asked

A3 "Go to bed immediately!" Mary's mother *ordered* her to go to bed immediately.

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answer: (d) ordered

A4

"Don't forget to post the letter!" He *reminded* me to post the letter. answer: (a) reminded

A5 "Park the car behind the van." The instructor *told* him to park the car behind the van.

answer: (b) told

A6 "Please, please, turn down the radio!" Mark's sister *begged* him to turn the radio down.

answer: (d) begged

A7 "Don't play with the matches. They're very dangerous." The teacher *warned* the children not to play with the matches.

answer: (c) warned

A8 "I'll give you a lift to the airport." Michelle *offered* to give her husband a lift to the airport.

answer: (b) offered

A9 "I won't lend you any more money." Matthew *refused* to lend me any more money.

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answer: (c) refused

A10 The teacher said to her student: "You need to study harder." She *advised* him to study harder.

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answer: (b) advised

A1 A *business plan* represents written documentation of the vital issues necessary to convince investors that a particular opportunity is worthy of investment.

answer: (d) business plan

A2 Whether you are looking for a job or running a company, giving out *business cards* is crucial to marketing your skills or services.

answer: (b) business cards

A3 *Business class* passengers have a lavatory reserved for their exclusive use. answer: (c)

Business class

A4 The Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center *business hours* are 8 am 5 pm Monday through

Friday. answer: (a) business hours

A5 Today, it is rare to see a *business suit* worn with a waistcoat in North America, although it is still popular among conservative-minded businessmen in the rest of the world.

answer: (c) business suit

A6 "Well here we are rapidly approaching the *business end* of the season." answer: (c)

business end

A7 The Economics & Business Education Association represents teachers and lecturers of *business studies* and related subjects in schools and colleges throughout the UK.

answer: (b) business studies

A8 Our *businesslike* attitude is reserved entirely for the way we behave at work. answer: (d)

businesslike

A9 We offer *business class* e-mail services that give you superior spam and fraud protection and a custom domain name in your e-mail, all for a reasonable price.

answer: (b) business class

A10 Data marts can be a good way to serve the data needs of a particular set of *business end* users, allowing specialized functions such as data cleansing, joining, formatting and transformations to be performed automatically.

answer: (c) business end

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 127 (Answer Keys) *Australians: expressions that describe life in Australia*

A1 Australia is roughly the same *size* as the United States with less than a tenth of the people.

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answer: (c) size

A2 In a 2003 survey conducted by the United Nations, Australia came in fourth among the best *countries* in the world to live based on based on income, education and life expectancy.  
answer: (d) countries

A3 Australia is located in the Southern Hemisphere, so the *seasons* are opposite of those in the Northern Hemisphere.  
answer: (b) seasons

A4 Melbourne is Australia's second largest town and was recently *voted* the best city in the world in which to live.  
answer: (c) voted

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A5 Adelaide is *located* in Southern Australia and is the quintessential picture of charm with its colonial architecture.  
answer: (a) located

A6 Perth is the most westerntown of Australia and holds the *distinction* of having more sun filled hours than most of Australia's other capital cities.  
answer: (d) distinction

A7 Perth offers an eclectic *lifestyle* within the breathtaking backdrop of grassy parks, towering palm trees and endless waterways.  
answer: (d) lifestyle

A8 If you're looking for a spectacular *quality* of life in a diverse country then Australia is well worth serious consideration.  
answer: (c) quality

A9 Whether you *thrive* in the fast pace of big city life or crave the tranquility of the desert, Australia is such a diverse country that you're likely to find exactly what you are seeking.  
answer: (b) thrive

A10 In a world that is often turned upside down with *turmoil*, Australia still paints a picture of tranquility, a laidback

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lifestyle and a "can-do" attitude. answer: (a) turmoil

A1 Americans are the greatest *producers* and consumers of pizza in the world.

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answer: (b) producers

A2

Americans eat 350 *slices* of pizza per second. answer: (a) slices

A3 There are 61,269 *pizzerias* in the United States.

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answer: (c) pizzerias

A4

Pizza is a \$30 billion per year *industry*. answer: (c) industry

A5 October is national pizza *month* in the United States.

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answer: (c) month

A6

The world's *first* pizzeria opened in Naples in 1830. answer: (c) first

A7 Pizza Hut has over 12,000 restaurants *throughout* the world.

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answer: (c) throughout

A8

Pepperoni is the pizza *topping* that Americans like the most. answer: (b) topping

A9 Pizza *migrated* to America with the Italians at the end of the nineteenth century.

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answer: (d) migrated

A10 The popularity of pizza really *exploded* when American soldiers returned from Italy after World War II. answer: (b) exploded

- A1 Many people have *fantasized* about winning a big prize in the lottery. answer: (c) fantasized
- A2 For many people, their way of life is closely linked to their *economic* circumstances. answer: (a) economic
- A3 Most people like the *idea* of not having to work. answer: (d) idea
- A4 People who win the lottery are usually advised not to *publicize* their address and phone number. answer: (d) publicize
- A5 There are many stories about people who couldn't *learn* how to be rich. answer: (c) learn
- A6 A sailor from Sweden won three million dollars in the lottery and handed it to *former* shipmates and strangers in the street.  
answer: (b) former
- A7 All over the world, lotteries *create* new millionaires every week. answer: (d) create
- A8 A 45 year old cook from Sydney *dropped dead* three weeks after winning 10 million dollars in the lottery. answer: (d) dropped dead
- A9 In 1989, a woman from Los Angeles won 7 million dollars in the lottery and immediately went on a *spending* spree.  
answer: (c) spending
- A10 Many people *dream* about what they would do with their money if they won the lottery. answer: (b) dream

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 130 (Answer Keys) *Pablo Picasso: expressions describing the Picasso's life*

A1 Pablo Picasso showed his *genius* from a very young age.

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answer: (a) genius

A2 Picasso hated school and often *refused* to go unless he could take his pet with him. answer:  
(d) refused

A3 Picasso's *portraits* of people were often made up of triangles and squares with their features in the wrong places.  
answer: (b) portraits

A4 Picasso died of heart failure during an *attack* of influenza in 1973. answer: (a) attack

A5 Picasso's work *changed* ideas about art around the world.

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answer: (c) changed

A6 Picasso was *born* on October 25, 1881 in Malaga, Spain. answer: (a) born

A7 Picasso *grew up* to be one of the twentieth century's greatest painters.

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answer: (a) grew up

A8 Picasso's genius as an artist was *recognized* by many people. answer: (c) recognized

A9 When Picasso was 90 years old, he was honored by an *exhibition* at the Louvre in Paris.

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answer: (c) exhibition

A10 Picasso *created* over 6,000 paintings, drawings and sculptures.

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answer: (d) created

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 131 (Answer Keys) *Words in context: strong collocations*

A1 Please take these separate lists and *merge* them into one document.

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answer: (c) merge

A2

This pet store sells rare tropical fish and other *exotic* creatures. answer: (d) exotic

A3 I guarantee that your hot temper will *inevitably* cause you trouble.

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answer: (c) inevitably

A4

My teacher mumbled so softly that I could only *vaguely* understand him. answer: (b) vaguely

A5 After the terrible tsunami our oderly lives became *chaotic*.

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answer: (a) chaotic

A6

If the cookie recipe is complete, it will *specify* the ingredients you need. answer: (c) specify

A7 Peter was the best swimmer, but *ironically* he lost the final of the swimming competition.

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answer: (d) ironically

A8

Our final idea for the product was much better than our *initial* one. answer: (d) initial

A9 After I fell down the steps, I felt unsteady and *giddy*.

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answer: (b) giddy

A10 During our walk along the beach we noticed the shifting reflectons on the *undulating* surface of the water.

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answer: (b) undulating

A1 Getting over a break-up is hard to do. Instead of wallowing in your *heartache*, try to take positive steps to put your failed relationship behind you.

answer: (c) heartache

A2 Spanish singing *heartthrob* Enrique Iglesias has been forced to pull out of concerts in Hong Kong and in the Philippines because of a visa problem in Malaysia.

answer: (b) heartthrob

A3 I feel really blessed, you know, because a lot of people who have a *heart attack* never get any advance warning.

answer: (a) heart attack

A4 Nighttime *heartburn* not only disrupts your sleep, but it may lead to other health risks such as raising your risk of cancer or aggravating asthma.

answer: (d) heartburn

A5 Allow me to express my *heartfelt* sorrow at the immense tragedy that has been perpetrated upon the American people by the wicked evildoers who were responsible for the September 11th terrorist attacks.

answer: (d) heartfelt

A6 Palpitations are *heartbeat* sensations that feel like pounding or racing. answer: (b) heartbeat

A7 Just about everyone experiences the type of grief we call *heartbreak* at one time or another. answer: (a) heartbreak

A8 The UK has one of the highest rates of death from *heart disease* in the world. answer: (d) heart disease

A9 The Burgundy countryside is fast becoming the Islamic *heartland* of France. answer: (c) heartland

A10 Bollywood *heartthrob* Hrithik Roshan pointed a finger at a gang of camera-happy Indian fans gathered to watch him shooting a film on the south bank of the river Thames.

answer: (b) heartthrob

- A1 I usually *knock off* work at about 4:00 o'clock and run to the station to catch the train to my next job. answer: (b) knock off
- A2 England *knocked off* South Africa in the Singapore Sevens tournament at Singapore's National Stadium, beating them 33-14 in the semi-final yesterday. answer: (c) knocked off
- A3 Do you want me to *knock up* some lunch? answer: (b) knock up
- A4 A few months ago, James got a *knock on* his front door. answer: (b) knock on
- A5 The defendant pleaded guilty to providing a group of Russians with *knock-off* goods. answer: (a) knock-off
- A6 Professional boxers don't wear head gear because their intent is to *knock out* their opponent. answer: (b) knock out
- A7 There wasn't much food in the cupboard, but I managed to *knock up* a meal for myself. answer: (b) knock up
- A8 People who *knock on* their neighbor's doors and ask if anyone has seen their pet instead of just calling are more likely to find it. answer: (c) knock on
- A9 A scrum is a way of restarting a game of rugby union after an accidental infringement such as a *knock on*. answer: (a) knock on
- A10 The Gulshan is a good honest curry house renowned for its ability to *knock up* a rather good curry. answer: (c) knock up

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 134 (Answer Keys) *Idioms and expressions with just: just about, just before*

A1 *Just before* the doors opened they all noticed a 5 note lying on the floor.

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answer: (b) Just before

A2 Well, I am *just over* 2 months in now with my new venture and business is still going strong.

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answer: (b) just over

A3 Can I get pregnant *just after* my period has finished?

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answer: (b) just after

A4 Jack Wheeler is *just about* the most interesting man I know.

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answer: (c) just about

A5 Old-fashioned toothbrushes are *just as* good as electric ones at reducing plaque.

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answer: (c) just as

A6 *Just then* the guy behind us leaned over and said, almost hysterically happy, "That's one terrific baby you've got there!"

answer: (c) Just then

A7 President Bush thanked his hosts for a warm welcome *just before* addressing the 25th annual conference.

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answer: (d) just before

A8 Holmen's Board decided on Wednesday to invest in total *just over* \$500 in the Group's newsprint mill outside Norrkping.

answer: (c) just over

A9 The bill that Congress has produced is monstrous in *just about* every way.

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answer: (d) just about

A10 Fog machines can be *just the thing* to get you into the partying mood.

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answer: (d) just the thing

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 135 (Answer Keys) *American Presidents - William Jefferson Clinton*

A1 Bill Clinton, whose father *passed away* a few months before he was born, wanted to be President from a very early age.  
answer: (c) passed away

A2 Clinton defied his critics by surviving an *array* of personal scandals.  
answer: (b) array

A3 Clinton *fashioned* himself as a "New Democrat" and has frequently been referred to as the "Comeback Kid."  
answer: (a) fashioned

A4 In 1978, at the age of thirty-two, Bill Clinton became the youngest governor in the *nation* and in Arkansas history.  
answer: (a) nation

A5 As President-elect, Clinton vowed to focus on economic issues like a "laser beam," working especially to overcome the *sluggish* growth of the American economy.  
answer: (b) sluggish

A6 Clinton suffered two major *setbacks* during his administration.  
answer: (c) setbacks

A7 Clinton's partner in his political *career* and marriage, Hillary Rodham Clinton, emerged as a key player in his administration.  
answer: (a) career

A8 Future history books may well begin by noting that Bill Clinton was the second President to have been *impeached* by the U.S. House of Representatives.  
answer: (c) impeached

A9 Clinton had a significant influence on the *direction* of the Democratic Party.  
answer: (c) direction

A10 Clinton succeeded in brokering peace negotiations in Northern Ireland between *warring* Catholics and Protestants.  
answer: (b) warring

- A1 Poor people in Australia who are *hard up* for cash may seek financial assistance from the Salvation Army. answer: (b) hard up
- A2 Many small businesses just starting choose to accept cold *hard cash* as their only method of payment. answer: (d) hard cash
- A3 My parents wouldn't permit me to listen to *hard core* heavy metal music when I was growing up. answer: (a) hard core
- A4 Yesterday I taught my daughter how to cook a *hard boiled* egg for breakfast. answer: (c) hard boiled
- A5 My former boss was so *hard headed* that he often refused to listen to the opinions of his subordinates. answer: (a) hard headed
- A6 Applicants for the sales position are required to submit a *hard copy* of their CV by Thursday, May 17th 2006 at the latest. answer: (b) hard copy
- A7 Many amateur tennis players find it much easier to play tennis on a *hard court* surface as opposed to playing on a surface that is made from grass. answer: (b) hard court
- A8 The *hard hearted* dictator refused to grant clemency to his imprisoned political opponents. answer: (a) hard hearted
- A9 Employees at the garment factory were forced to work twelve hour shifts as they were *hard pressed* for time to complete the order. answer: (d) hard pressed
- A10 James needed to go to the *hardware* store to purchase a new door for his holiday house. answer: (c) hardware

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 137 (Answer Keys) *Compound words: head*

A1 My wife will only let me listen to classical music if I agree to wear my *head phones*.

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answer: (b) head phones

A2

My father lodged an insurance claim last week because he had an accident and broke one of the *headlights* on his car.

answer: (a) headlights

A3

Jimmy wanted to go to the Halloween party in an Indian costume but was unable to find a *head dress* to complete his outfit.

answer: (c) head dress

A4

The flight from Sydney to Singapore will take two hours longer than usual this morning as the plane is flying into a strong *headwind*.

answer: (c) headwind

A5

I was very surprised to read the *headlines* in the newspaper this morning regarding the incarceration of our country's former president.

answer: (a) headlines

A6

First time entrants in this years city marathon will be given a ten minute *headstart* over the rest of the field.

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answer: (b) headstart

A7

I was very disappointed to find out that the new car that I wanted to buy had insufficient *headroom*.

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answer: (c) headroom

A8

All flights out of Sydney's new airport were delayed last week due to extremely strong *headwind* that was blowing across the tarmac.

answer: (a) headwind

A9

Mixing spirits and beer is not a very good idea. I usually wake up with a very bad *headache* the next morning.

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answer: (c) headache

A10

We were extremely upset when we arrived at the cemetery and discovered that my late *grandfather's*

*headstone* had been destroyed by

vandals. answer: (b) headstone

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 138 (Answer Keys) *Phrasal Verbs (C)*

A1 The couple *checked out* of the hotel early this morning.

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answer: (a) checked out

A2 Randy always tried to *cheer everyone up* on rainy days. answer: (b) cheer everyone up

A3 Most of the kids at school thought he was scared and that he would *chicken out* of the race.

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answer: (a) chicken out

A4 The supervisor asked everyone to *chip in* for the manager's birthday present. answer: (c) chip in

A5 He *clammed up* when the police officers started to question him about the robbery.

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answer: (b) clammed up

A6 He wants to *come across* as a mean boss so his employees will work hard for him. answer: (b) come across

A7 Rick *came down with* a terrible cold this week.

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answer: (c) came down with

A8 Lisa was *counting on* her friends to help her move. answer: (c) counting on

A9 The new police chief is trying to *crack down* on the current drug problem in the city.

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answer: (a) crack down

A10 Lawrence is trying to *cut down* on fatty foods.

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answer: (a) cut down

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 139 (Answer Keys) *Phrasal Verbs (D to F)*

A1 The custody battle *dragged on* for many months.

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answer: (b) dragged on

A2

The architect *drew up* some blueprints for you last week. answer: (b) drew up

A3 I *dropped in* on my friend yesterday to surprise her.

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answer: (c) dropped in

A4

Cathy *dropped by* her mother's house for a visit this past week. answer: (c) dropped by

A5 Bruce *dropped out* of school when he was only fifteen years old and then took on a job.

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answer: (b) dropped out

A6

After a lot of fuss, Rose *ended up* liking the new dish very much. answer: (a) ended up

A7 The manager was so afraid the multi-million dollar deal would *fall through*.

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answer: (c) fall through

A8

The children tried to *figure out* a way of getting to the concert on their own. answer: (a) figure out

A9 Karen had to *fill in* for Dave while he was away on vacation.

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answer: (c) fill in

A10 The couple *filled out* many forms before they could immigrate to England.

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answer: (c) filled out

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 140 (Answer Keys) *Phrasal Verbs (G to H)*

A1 Rick's father and mother didn't *get along* with his grandparents and were always having disagreements.

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answer: (b) get along

A2

They rented a car so it would be easier to *get around* the new city. answer: (b) get around

A3 Lucy was so busy that she didn't *get around to* fixing the stereo.

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answer: (b) get around to

A4

His salary is low so he's just *getting by* right now. answer: (c) getting by

A5 He worked hard to *get in* to Berkeley this past year.

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answer: (b) get in

A6

The criminal tried to *get rid of* the evidence quickly. answer: (a) get rid of

A7 The students *goofed off* when the teacher left the room.

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answer: (b) goofed off

A8

You'll need to *hand in* your assignments by Friday. answer: (c) hand in

A9 Beth's father is too proud to ask for *hand-outs*.

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answer: (c) hand-outs

A10 Laurie decided to *hang up* after the fourth ring.

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answer: (a) hang up

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 141 (Answer Keys) *Phrasal Verbs (H to L)*

A1 Two men staged a *hold-up* at the bank across the street from us yesterday afternoon.

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answer: (a) hold-up

A2 We still have to *iron out* the finer details about our upcoming trip to Scotland. answer: (c) iron out

A3 Most of the service stations decided to *jack up* their gas prices after the gas war between them.

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answer: (c) jack up

A4 Kevin *jumped all over* the great opportunity to be the floor manager. answer: (a) jumped all over

A5 Even though he was exhausted, he *kept going*.

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answer: (a) kept going

A6 Trent was *kicked out* of school for bad behavior. answer: (c) kicked out

A7 Just look at that gorgeous girl – She's a *knock out*.

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answer: (c) knock out

A8 When I hit my head on the cupboard, I almost *knocked myself out*. answer: (a) knocked myself out

A9 The company was experiencing financial problems so they had to *lay off* fifty employees.

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answer: (b) lay off

A10 Karen didn't want to *leave anyone out* she she went over the wedding list one more time.

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answer: (b) leave anyone out

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 142 (Answer Keys) *Phrasal Verbs (L)*

A1 Jeff felt as if he had been *let down* when he lost his job.

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answer: (b) let down

A2

At long last the storm is starting to look like it's going to *let up*. answer: (c) let up

A3 He started to *look back on* his life and then decided to take another trip.

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answer: (a) look back on

A4

The rich family *looks down on* poor people in this area. answer: (b) looks down on

A5 She started to *look forward to* the upcoming trip.

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answer: (a) look forward to

A6

Norma promised she would *look in on* Cara's children while she was away on a business trip.

answer: (b) look in on

A7 The sheriff said he would *look into* the crime a bit more thoroughly.

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answer: (c) look into

A8

You can't tell them apart – Elena *looks just like* her mother. answer: (b) looks just like

A9 Before Sheila died from a long cancer battle, she asked her sister to *look over* her children.

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answer: (b) look over

A10 Ray hadn't seen his friend in years but he decided to *look him up* anyway.

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answer: (a) look him up

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 143 (Answer Keys) *Phrasal Verbs (L to P)*

A1 I hardly ever gamble but I was *lucky* at the casino yesterday.

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answer: (a) lucky

A2

He is different so many children *make fun of* him. answer: (c) make fun of

A3 The couple decided to kiss and *make up* after the day long argument.

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answer: (c) make up

A4

Even though she squinted, she couldn't *make out* what he had written. answer: (a) make out

A5 He decided to *make up for* his past mistakes by doing some good in his community.

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answer: (b) make up for

A6 The deparment store has *marked up* its prices since the last time I was here. answer: (b)

marked up

A7 The items are *marked down* because the manager wants to make more room for the incoming spring line.

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answer: (b) marked down

A8

Everyone laughed at the *mix up* between the twin brothers at the party. answer: (b) mix up

A9 Billy was so tired that he was *nodding off* in class.

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answer: (c) nodding off

A10 Her father *passed away* when she was just a kid.

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answer: (b) passed away

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 144 (Answer Keys) *Phrasal Verbs (P to R)*

A1 Emily *passed out* when she suddenly saw the burglar enter her home.

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answer: (a) passed out

A2

Ken *picked out* the best fruit at the supermarket. answer: (c) picked out

A3 Steve was always trying to *pick up* girls at the nightclub.

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answer: (b) pick up

A4

The kids *pick on* Trent because he is different. answer: (a) pick on

A5 The whole community *pitched in* to make the playground safe and aesthetic.

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answer: (b) pitched in

A6

After weeks of planning the escape, Sue finally started to believe they could *pull it off*. answer:  
(a) pull it off

A7 Jeremy didn't want to *put off* the wedding any longer.

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answer: (c) put off

A8

Kathleen felt like she had to *put up* with a lot from her family. answer: (a) put up

A9 That store is really expensive. It's a *rip off*.

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answer: (b) rip off

A10 If you *round off* the numbers, it will be easier to calculate the estimate.

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answer: (c) round off

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 145 (Answer Keys) *Phrasal Verbs (R to T)*

A1 Heidi *ran into* an old friend while she was shopping last week.

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answer: (c) ran into

A2

The corner store often *runs out of* bread near the end of the week. answer: (b) runs out of

A3 The night before the play, the crew *set up* the stage.

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answer: (a) set up

A4

The assembly line problem was a minor *set back* for the company last week. answer: (c) set back

A5 The girl with the purple hair wants to *stand out* from the group.

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answer: (a) stand out

A6

Bob's father taught him to be firm and to *stand up* for what he believes. answer: (b) stand up

A7 People are getting tired of Seth because he always *shows up* late.

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answer: (b) shows up

A8

The "T" in the acronym *stands for* Time. answer: (c) stands for

A9 Kelly *takes after* her mother. They have many of the same interests.

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answer: (a) takes after

A10 Leslie decided to *take off* early from the party.

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answer: (b) take off

A1 I decided to *take up* organic cooking. answer: (a) take up

A2 Kristie was *ticked off* at Matt because of the things he said to her last week. answer: (c) ticked off

A3 Marg wanted to *throw out* the old sofa but her husband couldn't part with it. answer: (a) throw out

A4 Leila was feeling blue so she went shopping to *try on* some new outfits. answer: (b) try on

A5 Samantha was late for the basketball *try out*. answer: (a) try out

A6 Bryan tapped Pauline on her shoulder so she would *turn around* and see the parade approaching behind them. answer: (c) turn around

A7 The teacher asked her students to *turn in* the assignments by Friday at noon. answer: (b) turn in

A8 John tried to ask Cara out on a date but she *turned him down*. answer: (c) turned him down

A9 Keira can't bear people who can't make up their minds and is *turned off* by procrastinators. answer: (c) turned off

A10 Chris thinks dark hair is a real *turn on*. answer: (a) turn on

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A1 Kevin *took down* all of the information and then gave the note to his wife so she could put it into a computer file.

answer: (b) took down

A2 Ethan asked his girlfriend to *turn up* the music so he could clearly hear the music they were listening to in the car.

answer: (b) turn up

A3 Krista *waited on* her ill husband all day long. answer: (a) waited on

A4 Neil liked to *wake up* early on

Saturdays. answer: (b) wake up

A5 Rayleen *watched out for* her little brother all the time. answer: (a) watched out for

A6 Chris was afraid the inexpensive tires would *wear out* quickly. answer: (c) wear out

A7 Lilly likes to *work out* early in the morning so that she's fit for work. answer: (c) work out

A8 Rob looks *worn out* because he's working two jobs at the moment. answer: (c) worn out

A9 We are getting close to *wrapping up* the meeting so are there any final questions or concerns? answer: (c) wrapping up

A10 Jim didn't have much time to *write up* the contract. answer: (c) write up

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 148 (Answer Keys) *Idioms about Animals*

A1 Beth is so afraid of flying. I think she should stop being such a *scaredy cat*.

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answer: (b) scaredy cat

A2 My parents *had a cow* when my teacher called them and told them about my poor grades.

answer: (a) had a cow

A3 Everyone told me I'd be *swimming with sharks* if I took that job on Wall Street.

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answer: (b) swimming with sharks

A4 A *little birdie* told me it is your anniversary today. How many years is it now for you two?

answer: (b) little birdie

A5 During the monsoon season, it rains *cats and dogs* for nearly one whole month.

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answer: (b) cats and dogs

A6 The suave salesman looked nice but when he told us about the 0% financing, the deal seemed a little *fishy*.

answer: (a) fishy

A7 Hollywood is so competitive that it seems like a *dog eat dog* world, doesn't it?

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answer: (c) dog eat dog

A8 He's so nervous. I wish for once he'd stop being such a *chicken*. answer: (c) chicken

A9 My little girl copies everything I say. She's like a little *parrot*.

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answer: (a) parrot

A10 Everyone notices Rob's wife when she walks into a room. She's pretty and *foxy*.

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answer: (b) foxy

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 149 (Answer Keys) *Idioms about Food*

- A1 Ethan's teachers told him he is the 'cream of the crop' of his graduating class. What does 'cream of the crop' mean? *The best.*  
answer: (b) The best
- A2 His drama coach 'egged him on' so he'd go onto the stage and perform as well as he did during the rehearsals. What does "egged him on" mean? *To encourage someone.*  
answer: (b) To encourage someone
- A3 Keira felt like tennis was 'her cup of tea.' What does 'her cup of tea' mean? *That it's a perfect match for her.*  
answer: (b) That it's a perfect match for her
- A4 Ray was as 'cool as a cucumber' about his exam because he studied all week for it. What does 'cool as a cucumber' mean? *To be very calm and relaxed about something.*  
answer: (c) To be very calm and relaxed about something
- A5 Everyone knew that the politician had his 'finger in the pie' of many businesses around the city. What does 'finger in the pie' mean? *To be involved in something.*  
answer: (a) To be involved in something
- A6 Most of Kim's teachers wanted her to 'use her noodle' more when it came to exam time. What does 'use her noodle' mean? *To think more.*  
answer: (b) To think more
- A7 "In a nutshell", the problem was caused by a faulty wire," said the experienced electrician. What does 'in a nutshell' mean? *To be concise about something.*  
answer: (b) To be concise about something
- A8 The trial turned out to be 'a hot potato' that everyone at the table was thinking about. What does 'a hot potato' mean? *A topic that is very controversial.*  
answer: (a) A topic that is very controversial
- A9 The king was so rich, arrogant and mean that when he was overthrown by his people, most of his subjects thought it was about time he 'ate some humble pie.' What does to 'eat humble  
answer: (c) To accept shame
- A10 Mary was going through a rough time and her family felt like they had to 'walk on eggshells' around her. What does to 'walk on eggshells' mean? *To be very cautious and/or sensitive about something.*  
answer: (c) To be very cautious and/or sensitive about something

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 150 (Answer Keys) *Prepositions of Time and Date (1)*

A1 I wouldn't want his shift – he has to wake up *at* 3 am everyday.

answer: (c) at

A2

Mandy can't wait for snow because she wants to go skiing *in* the winter. answer: (a) in

A3 I don't know what time they'll be back this evening, if at all. It all depends on the road conditions today.

answer: (c) (none)

A4

We hope there won't be much snow this year but you never know. answer: (b) (none)

A5 Last year, the weather was really bad. This year, the forecast is better.

answer: (b) (none)

A6

I have to go for a check-up next week. I go for a check-up once a year. answer: (c) (none)

A7 I called in to make an appointment and I can see the doctor *at* 3 pm. Can you come with me?

answer: (c) at

A8

I'm meeting an old friend for lunch *at* noon. I haven't seen her for a long time. answer: (c) at

A9 I don't have any plans *for* Thanksgiving Day because my entire family lives overseas.

answer: (a) for

A10 I'm going to my parents' house in Maine. What are you doing *on* Christmas Day? answer: (a) on

A1 Yesterday, I went shopping and found some great outfits for spring. answer: (c) (none)

A2 The meeting is *on* Monday morning at 9:30 am sharp. Don't be late. answer: (c) on

A3 My birthday is *in* April. Can you come to my birthday party? answer: (c) in

A4 I love swimming *in* the summer months I usually swim at outdoor pool as much as I can and sometimes we go the lake. answer: (c) in

A5 I'm going hiking *on* the weekend. Do you want to come? answer: (b) on

A6 After our hiking trip, I'm going to be really sore *on* Monday morning. answer: (c) on

A7 *In* three weeks, I'm going on a camping trip. We're going to a really scenic spot. answer: (b) In

A8 The day after tomorrow, I'm going to Bora Bora. I can't wait! answer: (c) (none)

A9 *In* 2002, I got a promotion and I'm hoping for another one this year. answer: (c) In

A10 Someday, *in* the future, we're going to build the house of our dreams. answer: (c) in

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A1 Yesterday, we went to the Royal Alberta Museum they had some really interesting exhibits. answer: (c) (none)

A2 We're going to the Botanical Gardens and tomorrow, we're planning to see some more aspects this city has to offer.  
answer: (b) (none)

A3 *In* two weeks, the project should be complete. I hope our clients approve of the new format.  
answer: (b) In

A4 I finished a very important project two months ago. It was really intense because of the cutting edge technology we used.  
answer: (b) (none)

A5 My vacation starts *on* July 3. Wendy will fill in for me while I'm gone. answer: (a) on

A6 I like to eat breakfast *in* the morning but today I had to skip it because I had an early meeting with the Board of Directors.  
answer: (b) in

A7 I love going for walks *in* the spring everything is so fresh and beautiful. answer: (c) in

A8 I'm going to finish reading this great book today – it's really captivating. answer: (c) (none)

A9 *In* 2004, I'm getting a raise so we'll be able to afford more things like tropical vacations. answer: (c) In

A10 We're going for dinner at a great Italian restaurant tonight. It's not far from here. answer: (a) (none)

A1 *In* the seventeenth century, artwork in Europe was quite different from what you see today.

answer: (b) In

A2 *On* Valentine's Day, I'm taking my girlfriend to a wonderful spot it's really remote and romantic. I hope she likes it.

answer: (a) On

A3 One week ago, she was told she couldn't have any more time off. answer: (b) (none)

A4 Next month, I'm expecting my family to visit from the Virgin Islands. answer: (b) (none)

A5 *On* Saturday night, we went to a great movie and then had supper with the Johnsons. answer: (b) On

A6 *On* Independence Day, we always go to the fair and watch the fireworks at 11 pm. answer: (b) On

A7 *On* Wednesday night, I'm going to take the staff out for dinner. answer: (c) On

A8 Tomorrow evening, we're going to have a surprise birthday party for Mitch. answer: (a) (none)

A9 *At* midnight, the tradition is to sing a traditional song to ring in the New Year. answer: (b) At

A10 *In* 2005, I finished my degree and now I'm working with a small accounting firm. answer: (b) In

A1 What I'll do now is *up to me*.

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answer: (a) up to me

A2

I'm very tired so I think I'll *turn in*. answer: (c) turn in

A3 It must be at least a year since *you were here*.

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answer: (c) you were here

A4

I just don't follow a single word – I'm afraid it's all *Greek to me*. answer: (d) Greek to me

A5 I'm desperate. All I need really is someone to *give me a hand*.

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answer: (c) give me a hand

A6

I'm sorry that's not fair. It's no good *blaming me*. answer: (a) blaming me

A7 As far as I'm concerned they can all go *jump in the lake*.

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answer: (d) jump in the lake

A8

If you must talk, do it quietly *I beg you*. answer: (b) I beg you

A9 Did you hear that noise? I'm sure there must be *a burglar in the house*.

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answer: (c) a burglar in the house

A10

All I ask is that you *give me just one last chance*. answer: (a) give me just one last chance

A1 I can't make head nor tail of this – *it's utter rubbish.*

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answer: (c) it's utter rubbish

A2

I don't know about you but I'm so hungry *I could eat a horse.* answer: (d) I could eat a horse

A3 You don't have to shout *I'm not that deaf.*

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answer: (b) I'm not that deaf

A4

I have tried, honestly but *I just can't get through to her.* answer: (d) I just can't get through to her

A5 If I had the chances you have, *I'd simply grab them.*

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answer: (a) I'd simply grab them

A6

If you can't get this right, then *there's no hope for you.* answer: (c) there's no hope for you

A7 If the situation's that bad I suggest *you sell up.*

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answer: (b) you sell up

A8

They realised that the police had them cornered and *they gave themselves up.* answer: (a) they gave themselves up

A9 There's no rush for an answer so just *take your time.*

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answer: (d) take your time

A10 We can safely say that the business is now concluded so *that's it.*

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answer: (c) that's it

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A1 I wouldn't hesitate to accept that offer. If it were me *I'd bite his hand off.*

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answer: (b) I'd bite his hand off

A2 There are several ways of looking at this and *you'll have to choose.* answer: (c) you'll have to choose

A3 Nobody's going to call me names and *get away with it.*

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answer: (d) get away with it

A4 You can't agree with both of them *make your mind up.* answer: (b) make your mind up

A5 Don't worry about not getting enough support *I'm with you all the way.*

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answer: (a) I'm with you all the way

A6 If you could be serious for just one moment *I'd appreciate it.* answer: (c) I'd appreciate it

A7 Nobody ever got in his way *he'd just walk all over them.*

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answer: (d) he'd just walk all over them

A8 You're not telling me you didn't laugh once *I bet you did.* answer: (b) I bet you did

A9 Don't worry what other people think *just take no notice of them.*

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answer: (d) just take no notice of them

A10 We're having a barbecue next week, *will you come?* answer: (a) will you come

A1 It's getting very late *I'll have to hurry.*

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answer: (c) I'll have to hurry

A2

If we leave it any longer, *we'll miss the train.* answer: (b) we'll miss the train

A3 There is a deadline, I'm afraid, *so you mustn't dither.*

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answer: (a) so you mustn't dither

A4

We should have been there 2 hours ago, *so we're well behind.* answer: (d) so we're well behind

A5 If we leave this minute, *I'm sure we'll make it.*

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answer: (a) I'm sure we'll make it

A6

They arrived in the middle of the night *because their flight was delayed.* answer: (c) because their flight was delayed

A7 As the old saying goes: *He who hesitates is lost.*

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answer: (b) He who hesitates is lost

A8

They should have arrived by now. I wonder *what has kept them.* answer: (a) what has kept them

A9 I'm being as quick as I can. Just don't *bug me.*

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answer: (d) bug me

A10 I'm giving you your last warning. If you're not ready in five minutes, *you're on your own.*

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answer: (b) you're on your own

A1 Do you mind repeating that? I didn't quite *grasp it the first time*.

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answer: (d) grasp it the first time

A2 Did you follow all that? Answer: *No, my mind's a complete blank*. answer: (a) No, my mind's a complete blank

A3 Did you get that? Answer: Well, not really. *Could you run that past me once more?*

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answer: (b) Could you run that past me once more

A4 I don't know about you but I can't make sense of this at all. Answer: *Me too, i'm just out of my depth*. answer: (c) Me too, i'm just out of my depth

A5 You look a little confused. Do you know *what I'm on about?*

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answer: (a) what I'm on about

A6 I hope it's all clear now, isn't it? Answer: *No, you've lost me there*. answer: (d) you've lost me there

A7 If you want us to follow your argument I suggest you *use less complicated words*.

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answer: (b) use less complicated words

A8 Promise me that at least you'll try this exercise, won't you? Answer: *I'll have a go*. answer: (c) I'll have a go

A9 What do you make of this test? Answer: It's quite *beyond me*.

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answer: (a) beyond me

A10 If you can't actually say the words then why don't you try *singing them*.

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answer: (b) singing them

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 1 (Answer Keys) *Newspaper Headlines*

A1 Some people only read the *head* lines in a newspaper.

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answer: (d) head

A2

You should always check the sell *by* date of things you buy in the supermarket. answer: (c) by

A3 When the building was completed, all the workers were paid *off*.

answer: (a) off

A4

The boss was good enough to *overlook* my mistake. answer: (d) overlook

A5 It is always *embarrassing* when you misunderstand the customs of other countries.

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answer: (a) embarrassing

A6

Newspapers are *delivered* to people's doors every day. answer: (c) delivered

A7 In her speech she expressed her *gratitude* for all the help she had been given.

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answer: (b) gratitude

A8

In *short* nothing much happened at the meeting. answer: (c) short

A9 At the end of the speech the whole assembly gave the speakers a standing *ovation*.

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answer: (a) ovation

A10 Politicians pretend to ignore opinion *polls*.

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answer: (d) polls

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 2 (Answer Keys) *Learning tips and instructions*

A1 Start reading the story from page 4 and then go on until you *reach* the end of the chapter.

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answer: (b) reach

A2 Answer the questions at the back of the book and make *sure* that you check your answers carefully. answer: (c) sure

A3 The whole purpose of all these exercises is to *test* your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

answer: (a) test

A4

A useful way to *increase* your vocabulary is to read as much as possible. answer: (b) increase

A5 You don't have to read just novels but also newspapers so that you can see examples of *idiomatic* language.

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answer: (a) idiomatic

A6

Another important activity is to *practise* your spoken language. answer: (b) practise

A7 If you can *afford* the cost of travel, there is of course no substitute for visiting the country itself.

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answer: (a) afford

A8 Try to *persuade* a native speaker to talk to you so that you can record the conversation.

answer: (b) persuade

A9 Play the tape back as many times as you like and *repeat* everything that the native speaker has said.

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answer: (d) repeat

A10 If you manage to do all these things, it won't be long before you find yourself speaking the language *fluently*.

answer: (b) fluently

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 3 (Answer Keys) *Phrasal Verbs*

A1 If you want to join that club, you have to *fill out* a form and send it to your secretary.

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answer: (b) fill out

A2 Don't worry we'll have to wait a little longer because I'm sure he'll *turn up* soon. answer: (a)  
turn up

A3 Last week I *came across* that book you wanted in a small shop.

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answer: (c) came across

A4 What you have to do is to *think up* a new idea that will enable us to make a lot of money.

answer: (d) think up

A5 I need to find some kind of chemical that will *keep down* the weeds in the garden.

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answer: (c) keep down

A6 When spring comes, people often feel inclined to *do up* their houses. answer: (c) do up

A7 The time has now come when it will be necessary to *see about* making a plan.

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answer: (a) see about

A8 It's easy to see from the way the garden is looking that winter has *set in*. answer: (b) set in

A9 You need not worry that you'll be left on your own because I'll always *stand by* you.

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answer: (c) stand by

A10 You can tell by the way she talks and behaves that she *takes after* her mother.

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answer: (d) takes after

A1 There's no need to worry we shall get to the station long before the train leaves as we have *bags of time*.

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answer: (d) bags

A2 The concert doesn't start at least an hour and so we have time to *kill*. answer: (a) kill

A3 The station isn't far away and the train leaves in about ten minutes so there is no need to *worry* – we have time to *spare*.

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answer: (c) spare

A4 The problem is he has no work to do and with time on his *hands* he is likely to get into trouble.  
answer: (a) hands

A5 I told him time and *again* not to do it but he takes no notice.

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answer: (c) again

A6 I always like to get to an appointment in *good* time. answer: (a) good

A7 It's *about* time she learnt to look after herself.

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answer: (c) about

A8 We're not living here for good but just for the time *being*. answer: (d) being

A9 Time *flies*, it's difficult to believe that we've been here all day.

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answer: (b) flies

A10 Time will *tell* whether we have made the right decision. answer: (c) tell

A1 The business has lost a lot of orders recently and is going through a *thin* time.

answer: (c) thin

A2

The railways system is very efficient as the trains always arrive *on* time. answer: (d) on

A3 My opinion is that they don't know what to do and are merely playing *for* time.

answer: (b) for

A4

You can tell just looking at their out of date equipment that the company is well *behind* the times. answer: (a) behind

A5

His invention showed that he understood what was going to happen in the future and proved he was *ahead* of his time.

answer: (c) ahead

A6

You can tell she has hit the *big* time because of the huge car she drives. answer: (d) big

A7 If you really want to send that letter off today, it's *high* time you went to the post office.

answer: (a) high

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A8

The orchestra are meant to *keep* time with the conductor. answer: (b) keep

A9 If you want to grow as a business and attract new customers you must *move* with the times.

answer: (a) move

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A10 The parcel eventually arrived six weeks later, and not *before* time!

answer: (b) before

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- A1 Before you start applying for any job, you must be absolutely sure you have the right paper *qualifications*. answer: (d) qualifications
- A2 In advance of drawing up the job specification and advertisement, you have to sit down and work out the *profile* you have in mind for the ideal employee.  
answer: (b) profile
- A3 As soon as the *candidates* arrive, it will be your job to show them round the work place and give them a general history of the company for which they want to work.  
answer: (c) candidates
- A4 At the moment the company is doing an extensive advertising campaign with a view to *recruiting* new staff. answer: (a) recruiting
- A5 After you've read the details of the job, made some notes and written a draft letter, check the details, write the final letter and then *submit* your application.  
answer: (b) submit
- A6 I think you were asking too much of that new member of staff when you expected her to *come up* with a costcutting scheme.  
answer: (d) come up
- A7 I think that you've chosen a very good area of work to seek employment in because I've heard that jobs are *abundant* there.  
answer: (b) abundant
- A8 Interviewing applicants for an important job can be a very time *consuming* process but it's worth it in the end. answer: (c) consuming
- A9 When you are interviewing someone, it is obviously necessary to ask questions relevant to their job experience but discussing someone's other *accomplishments* is also useful.  
answer: (b) accomplishments
- A10 We can offer you a salary that will be *commensurate* with the duties and responsibilities that the job demands. answer: (d) commensurate

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 7 (Answer Keys) *At the Doctors*

A1 As soon as the doctor looked at her, he was able to *diagnose* the cause of her frequent headaches.

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answer: (b) diagnose

A2

Treatment of this particular disorder was beyond the doctor's capability and he *referred* the patient to a specialist.

answer: (c) referred

A3

He left the surgery feeling a lot better than when he arrived because the doctor had reassured him that his condition was not *serious*.

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answer: (b) serious

A4

The doctor took out of her bag an unusual *instrument* but promised her young patient that it would not hurt her.

answer: (d) instrument

A5

I must confess I feel much better today, as I have found that the medication prescribed has been most *effective*.

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answer: (c) effective

A6

Under the policy of the new health regulations if you decide to cancel your *appointment* and don't notify the surgery, you will be fined.

answer: (b) appointment

A7

Before she was allowed to leave the hospital, a physiotherapist had to *assess* the extent of her mobility.

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answer: (c) assess

A8

The treatment has proved very successful but to check progress he has to arrange to visit the doctor's *annually*.

answer: (d) annually

A9

It is much easier to *prevent* an illness than it is to cure it.

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answer: (b) prevent

A10

Before they could start any kind of treatment, they had to write to the previous hospital in order to obtain her *records*.

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answer: (c) records

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 8 (Answer Keys) *Mistaken Identity*

A1 Interviewer: Perhaps you could start by telling us why you've *applied for this job*.

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answer: (b) applied for this job

A2 Candidate: I think the main reason is because I like working in *the open air*. answer: (d) the open air

A3 Interviewer: You mean you like the idea of an office with *air conditioning*.

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answer: (c) air conditioning

A4 Candidate: I'm sorry I don't understand what you're *on about*. answer: (b) on about

A5 Interviewer: I should have thought this was *pretty obvious*.

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answer: (c) pretty obvious

A6 Candidate: Not to me, *it isn't*. answer: (a) it isn't

A7 Interviewer: I think there must be a mistake, I *take it you're Mr Johnson*.

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answer: (b) take it you're Mr Johnson

A8 Candidate: I'm Mr Jensen. I'm afraid it's a case of *mistaken identity*. answer: (d) mistaken identity

A9 Interviewer: So you're not after the job of guardian, *I presume*.

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answer: (a) I presume

A10 Candidate: No, sorry as I said I like working outside, I want to be a gardener, *if you don't mind*.  
answer: (c) if you don't mind

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 9 (Answer Keys) Letter Writing (1)

A1 Dear Sir, I am writing this letter to describe the *problems* I've been having with one of your products.

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answer: (c) problems

A2 I am referring to your lawnmower *described* in the catalogue as 'Supercut'. answer: (a) described

A3 To begin with I would like to take *issue* over the name itself.

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answer: (b) issue

A4 'Super' to my mind suggests *excellence*, which it does not possess. answer: (d) excellence

A5 'Cut' I should have thought was an essential *requirement* of any lawnmower.

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answer: (b) requirement

A6 Unfortunately this does not *apply* to 'Supercut'. answer: (c) apply

A7 The first time I tried to use it, your lawnmower simply *rolled* over the grass but did not cut it.

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answer: (b) rolled

A8 *Admittedly* the grass was flat but it was still as long as when I had started. answer: (d) Admittedly

A9 What I would like you to do is to pay me *back* my money and take 'Supercut' away.

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answer: (a) back

A10 Finally I want someone to come and cut my grass at your *expense*.

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Yours faithfully, Herb Grass. answer: (b) expense

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 10 (Answer Keys) Letter Writing (2)

A1 Dear Charles I thought it was *about* time I wrote to you and told you what I've been up to.

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answer: (b) about

A2

My main news is that Mary has at long last *consented* to marry me. answer: (d) consented

A3 She puts it another way and says she will be able to make an *honest* man of me.

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answer: (a) honest

A4

And now I come to a very important *favour* I want to ask of you. answer: (b) favour

A5 Putting it *simply* I should be delighted if you would agree to be my best man at our wedding.

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answer: (d) simply

A6

I can *assure* you that the duties are not in any way complicated. answer: (b) assure

A7 In fact you could not possibly say that the job of best man is at all *arduous*.

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answer: (a) arduous

A8

This brings me to another point: why aren't you and Sara tying the *knot*? answer: (c) knot

A9 After all why should you two continue to be free and I have to give up my *liberty*?

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answer: (b) liberty

A10 Let me have your *response* as soon as possible.

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Your old friend, Mick. answer: (b) response

A1 Dear Sir, having read your advertisement, I should like to *submit* this letter as my application for the post of marketing manager.

answer: (b) submit

A2 As you will see from my *attached* C.V., I am currently working as a waiter. answer: (c)

attached

A3 You may think that this is a *peculiar* job for someone who is applying for a marketing post.

answer: (a) peculiar

A4 Perhaps I should explain the *underlying* reason for working in a restaurant as a waiter in preparation for a marketing job.

answer: (d) underlying

A5 As I see it, a restaurant is a market and it is the job of a waiter to *tempt* the clients into choosing products from the menu.

answer: (c) tempt

A6 I am sure I could very easily *fulfil* all the requirements of the job. answer: (b) fulfil

A7 For example some of my clients cannot decide whether to have *fresh* fruit or tiramisu.

answer: (c) fresh

A8 On such an occasion like that I market well and always make them *select* the one we

have most of. answer: (c) select

A9 I am sure I could *transfer* my skills as a waiter to the tasks that are needed for your advertised post. answer: (a) transfer

A10 Finally I look forward to *hearing* from you and as you will understand I don't want to 'wait' very long.

Yours faithfully,

I.A.M. Hopeful.

answer: (b) hearing

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 12 (Answer Keys) Letter Writing (4)

A1 Dear all, just to let you know that we reached our *destination* after a dramatic start.

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answer: (d) destination

A2 I could say that we are having a wonderful time but that would be *far* from the truth. answer:  
(b) far

A3 Everything started to go wrong the moment we arrived at the airport because of the industrial  
*action* taken by the baggage handlers.  
answer: (d) action

A4 These baggage handlers had decided they didn't want to *load* our cases on to the plane.  
answer: (b) load

A5 The result of this was that we were held *up* for six hours in the departure lounge waiting for  
the end of the dispute.  
answer: (a) up

A6 By the time the plane took off as you can *imagine*, we were all tired, hungry and miserable.  
answer: (c) imagine

A7 When we eventually arrived at the hotel, we had to *sort out* our luggage at reception.  
answer: (a) sort out

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A8 The big problem was that our luggage wasn't there – it had simply *disappeared*. answer: (d)  
disappeared

A9 Our first day was spent in the local shops *purchasing* all the things that we believed we had  
brought with us.  
answer: (c) purchasing

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A10 On the last day of our holiday the manager of the hotel greeted us *beaming* from ear to ear to  
inform us that

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our luggage had arrived at reception! See you soon Meggy and Tom.

answer: (b) beaming

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 13 (Answer Keys) *Flying across the Channel*

A1 Do you have any idea what BASE jumping *means*?

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answer: (b) means

A2 Apparently it is an *acronym* where the letters in the word are the first letters of a group of words.

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answer: (d) acronym

A3 In other words the letters *stand for* building, antennae, span and earth, all of which you can jump from.

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answer: (c) stand for

A4 Felix Baumgartner recently basejumped out of a plane 9,000 metres *above* Dover, a port on the south coast of England.

answer: (b) above

A5 He *intended to fly* across the channel with a parachute and land on the coast of France near Calais.

answer: (a) fly

A6 He started very early in the morning so that he was able to *avoid* commercial flights.

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answer: (b) avoid

A7 During the flight his supporters *claim* that he will have reached 200 kmh.

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answer: (c) claim

A8 The fact remains that he *survived* and managed with the help of oxygen supplies to complete the crossing in ten minutes.

answer: (d) survived

A9 He created a new *record* and joins Louis Bleriot, the first to fly across the channel in 37 minutes and Matthew Webb, the first to swim across in 22 hours.

answer: (a) record

A10 These are amazing achievements but if like me you want comfort, warmth and food on the journey, take the ferry crossing *lasting* 90 minutes.

answer: (b) lasting

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 14 (Answer Keys) *Teaching your Wife to Drive*

A1 Teaching someone to drive is one of the *scariest* experiences you can have.

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answer: (c) scariest

A2 You sit in the passenger seat and *instruct* your learner to do what you would normally do.

answer: (d) instruct

A3 The problem is that if your learner doesn't understand, you can both end up in the *ditch*.

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answer: (b) ditch

A4 The situation is more *complicated* if the learner is a member of your family. answer: (c)

complicated

A5 If this relative is also your wife, then things become even more disastrous because it could end in *divorce*.

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answer: (a) divorce

A6 The secret of being a good driving teacher is never on any occasion to lose your temper or your *head*. answer: (d) head

A7 If you do lose one of them or both, your learner will lose confidence and also lose *control* of the car.

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answer: (a) control

A8 In my *case* none of this happened – all I did was shout and scream, which made me feel better. answer: (b) case

A9 I am proud to say that I taught my wife and my two sons and they all *passed* first time.

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answer: (c) passed

A10 The only *mystery* to me is as they were successful on the first attempt, how come some years before it had

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taken me four tries! answer: (b) mystery

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 15 (Answer Keys) *One is always going to lose...*

- A1 Building Societies currently find themselves in a *precarious* situation because they try to please the savers and also the borrowers and yet one group is always going to lose.  
answer: (b) precarious
- A2 Whenever there is a meeting between the finance minister and the governor of the bank, people start asking questions and rumours *abound*.  
answer: (c) abound
- A3 Invariably if interest rates go up, the building societies pay more to their savers and borrowers complain at the increase they have to pay and maintain the societies are  
answer: (d) mishandling
- A4 Chief executives then start making pleasant speeches and smile a lot because they want to *assuage* the concerns of their borrowers.  
answer: (a) assuage
- A5 Months go by and most people forget their problems and get used to the idea of paying more and then talks *resume* and the whole process starts all over again.  
answer: (b) resume
- A6 The government then has to show that it is involved in the whole business of saving and lending and tries to convince everyone that it is *supportive* of both savers and lenders.  
answer: (c) supportive
- A7 The government next announces that measures are due to come into *force* that will change the whole process.  
answer: (c) force
- A8 They say this but then the difficulty is trying to find out when the measures are coming into effect and when they will be *ratified*.  
answer: (b) ratified
- A9 This is all very disappointing for the *would-be* house buyer who doesn't really know what's going to happen next and how much the interest rate will be.  
answer: (d) would-be
- A10 Our poor potential buyer reads the papers, watches the television news and gets excited at the prospect of  
another meeting of the financiers but in the end nothing of *note*  
comes of it all. answer: (a) note

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 16 (Answer Keys) *A Public Figure*

- A1 Imagine an *embattled* public figure attacked by press and public, who is facing an inquiry into allegations of having obtained money by deception.  
answer: (c) embattled
- A2 Any arguments he put up in his defence were regarded as a *smokescreen* by people who were determined to see him convicted.  
answer: (b) smokescreen
- A3 People tended not to believe a word he said and maintained that his protestations of innocence were wearing a bit *thin*.  
answer: (d) thin
- A4 There was very strong support for the police who were determined to *curb* this kind of crime.  
answer: (c) curb
- A5 The press had been *prompted* by an unknown source to make as much publicity about him as they could.  
answer: (a) prompted
- A6 His agent spent a lot of time *briefing* the press on his background in the hope that they would present a balanced view.  
answer: (b) briefing
- A7 Views as to his guilt or innocence even before the trial started *ranged* from utter conviction that he was guilty to wild support for his innocence.  
answer: (c) ranged
- A8 Gradually however as the days went by even his greatest supporters were beginning to *desert* him.  
answer: (b) desert
- A9 Then two days before the trial was due to start, new evidence came to *light* proving he was totally innocent.  
answer: (a) light
- A10 By then of course it was too late because the damage had already been done to his career, which *overshadowed* everything else he did for the rest of his life.  
answer: (d) overshadowed

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 17 (Answer Keys) *State Secrets*

A1 We often hear that such and such a piece of information cannot be released into the public *domain* in the interest of national security.  
answer: (c) domain

A2 Journalists however love to get hold of a story somehow but they run the risk of facing a *backlash* if they break the official secrets act.  
answer: (b) backlash

A3 When there is a *high profile* inquiry taking place, the rush to get more details is intense.  
answer: (a) high profile

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A4 The more the authorities try to conceal what is happening, the more it fuels *speculation* about what might be happening.  
answer: (d) speculation

A5 Sometimes a journalist will get hold of sensitive information knowing that he will get *savaged* by government agencies if he dares reveal it.  
answer: (c) savaged

A6 The person in charge of the enquiry will occasionally *signal* what can be disclosed in newspapers.  
answer: (a) signal

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A7 Once this disclosure is *highlighted* it's the job of the journalist to follow it through to a *satisfactory conclusion*.  
answer: (b) highlighted

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A8 Mind you it has to be a convincing article because the reading public can soon see through the *transparency* of a weak argument.  
answer: (c) transparency

A9 The question must always be in the mind of the writer whether what is being written is likely to *pose* a threat to the safety of the community at large.  
answer: (d) pose

A10 The last possible thing that anyone wants to happen to their country is to turn it into a *haven* for troublemakers.  
answer: (c) haven

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- A1 Here is the news read by Alan Townend. Today the Government is *unveiling* plans for a new scheme to help society.  
answer: (b) unveiling
- A2 The idea behind the scheme is to try and *curb* stealing in the country. answer: (a) curb
- A3 The scheme will be *introduced* into the school curriculum at the beginning of next academic year. answer: (d) introduced
- A4 Children will be taught to respect other people's property and *belongings*. answer: (a) belongings
- A5 If child A steals child B's exercise book, child A will have to stand up in front of the school and *confess* to being a thief.  
answer: (b) confess
- A6 The Government *spokesperson* said the Prime Minister was sick and tired of papers disappearing from his office.  
answer: (d) spokesperson
- A7 Last week the Prime Minister had to give an important address to an international *assembly* when he found his speech had disappeared.  
answer: (b) assembly
- A8 This was of course very embarrassing for the P.M. and *instead* of the speech he told funny stories. answer: (c) instead
- A9 The worst part of the incident was that the audience did not see the funny *side* of his stories. answer: (b) side
- A10 I regret I cannot continue with the news because someone has *misappropriated* the next page. answer: (a) misappropriated

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 19 (Answer Keys) *Talking through his hat*

- A1 I do take my hat *off* to the new director for having pulled the company back from bankruptcy.  
answer: (d) off
- A2 Whatever you do take no notice of him because he's not thinking straight – he's talking *through* his hat. answer: (b) through
- A3 It was one of those society weddings you know when the men wear *top* hats and tails.  
answer: (c) top
- A4 I hope you can keep a secret because I'd like you to keep this information *under* your hat.  
answer: (a) under
- A5 At last she's made her mind up and decided to throw her hat in the *ring* and become a candidate.  
answer: (b) ring
- A6 I don't think she stands a chance in the election and if she does win, I'll *eat* my hat. answer:  
(c) eat
- A7 You simply can't trust that politician because he changes his mind every five minutes at the *drop of a hat*.  
answer: (d) drop
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- A8 If you want to keep up with the latest fashion, you shouldn't wear that – it's *old* hat now.  
answer: (b) old
- A9 In view of the special efforts our coach driver has made today, I think it would be nice to *hand* round the hat for him.  
answer: (d) hand
- A10 In his present job there are so many different responsibilities involved that he has to *wear* several hats.  
answer: (c) wear

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 20 (Answer Keys) Consider this

A1 The most difficult part for the salesperson is to *convince* potential customers of the usefulness of the product.

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answer: (b) convince

A2

If you want to get the best out of your sales force, they must believe in the product and be *inspired* enough to promote it vigorously.

answer: (a) inspired

A3 A *satisfied* customer will always return to the same firm and buy again.

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answer: (d) satisfied

A4

That style of dress was once considered to be a *fad* but now it is coming back into fashion.

answer: (b) fad

A5 One of the first things to do when you want to *market* a new product is to ascertain its potential demand.

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answer: (c) market

A6

The main business interest at the moment is to watch the supermarkets *competing* for the same clientele.

answer: (b) competing

A7

Our sales meetings were reduced to once a fortnight because the weekly meetings were not considered to be *productive* enough.

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answer: (a) productive

A8

Her ability to *consume* facts and figures quickly was the main reason for her rapid rise in the business.

answer: (c) consume

A9 The success of our website is due to the fact that customers can *compare* different prices for the same article.

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answer: (d) compare

A10 If you want to keep *current* with the latest developments in your field, you have to read the relevant

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magazines. answer: (b) current

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 21 (Answer Keys) *Scandal*

A1 Mathew Smith was a highly respected member of parliament with no *stain* on his character.

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answer: (c) stain

A2 At least that's what he thought until the press started trying to *dig* up something about his past.

answer: (b) dig

A3 Apparently when he was still at school, he didn't have a ticket for his train journey one day and he was *fined*.

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answer: (d) fined

A4 This piece of information was discovered by one keen local reporter and was *blown* up out of all proportion by the national press.

answer: (a) blown

A5 Headlines appeared maintaining that Mathew was a dishonest *lying* thief.

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answer: (d) lying

A6 Other papers asked the question: How can we trust our politicians if they *cheat* on society?

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answer: (c) cheat

A7 There was even talk that incidents like this one could *topple* the Government.

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answer: (b) topple

A8 The Prime Minister called Mathew in to talk to him and said he couldn't tolerate any *whiff* of scandal in his Party.

answer: (a) whiff

A9 At last Mathew decided to speak *up* for himself and tell the truth.

answer: (c) up

A10 The reporter had got it *completely* wrong because he found his ticket and he wasn't 'fined', he was simply 'fine'.

answer: (d) completely

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 22 (Answer Keys) *You have to go*

A1 My job has gone because my boss has *fired* me.

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answer: (b) fired

A2

I shan't be working tomorrow because I've just been given the *sack*. answer: (d) sack

A3 I was *dismissed* this morning and had to empty my desk this afternoon.

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answer: (c) dismissed

A4

I was handed my *cards* yesterday and so today I'm looking for a new job. answer: (b) cards

A5 The company decided to get *rid* of me last week and so I had to leave.

answer: (a) rid

A6 I have been made *redundant* because my work here is no longer needed. answer: (c)

redundant

A7 The firm has decided to *downsize* which means they don't want me.

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answer: (d) downsize

A8

They told me to go because I was said to be *surplus* to requirements. answer: (b) surplus

A9 It was quite clear they didn't want me because I was told not to *bother* to come back to work tomorrow.

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answer: (c) bother

A10 No, I didn't ask the boss for more money today because he gave me one month's *notice*.

answer: (d) notice

- A1 There was absolutely no hesitation on her part and quick as a *flash* she paid the bill. answer: (c) flash
- A2 As a child he had no problems learning foreign languages mainly because he was very quick on the *uptake*. answer: (d) uptake
- A3 He just couldn't play fast and *loose* with his employees any longer simply because they never knew where he was. answer: (b) loose
- A4 He *pulled* a fast one at the entrance because he handed over 4 tickets although there were 5 of them entering the exhibition. answer: (a) pulled
- A5 Since he left the army, he misses the excitement and danger and still wants to live life in the fast *lane*. answer: (d) lane
- A6 You'll have to be quick off the *mark* if you want to buy one of those houses because they're selling very fast. answer: (c) mark
- A7 He's one of the *get rich quick* fraternity who believe in making money as quickly as possible. answer: (a) get
- A8 He sees financial gain everywhere and never misses an opportunity to make a fast *buck*. answer: (b) buck
- A9 Now that the company has made its first million, there's no stopping it and it's full *steam* ahead. answer: (d) steam
- A10 I appreciate your hard work but sometimes you're so fast that you miss the details and I think it's a case of more *haste* less speed. answer: (c) haste

A1 Have you noticed how much more the price of petrol is today? It's really sky *high* now.

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answer: (b) high

A2 I was asked how many tests I would write and I said the sky's the *limit*— in other words as many as possible. answer: (c) limit

A3 Her boss thought she was wonderful and always *praised* her to the skies.

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answer: (d) praised

A4 I simply don't believe the scheme will ever succeed, it's just *pie* in the sky. answer: (b) pie

A5 Question: What do they call those huge buildings in New York? Answer: They're called *skyscrapers*.  
answer: (c) scrapers

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A6 You can see the sun if you look at the roof through the *skylight*. answer: (b) light

A7 It's a very pale version of the colour and that's why it's called skyblue.  
answer: (a) blue

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A8 The rocket was fired and quickly took off *skywards*. answer: (c) wards

A9 He just wouldn't take anything seriously and could always be found playing about and generally *skylarking*.  
answer: (a) larking

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A10 I think you're either mad or very brave to jump out of a plane and wait some time before *opening your*  
parachute in a  
*skydive*. answer: (d)  
dive

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 25 (Answer Keys) Papers

A1 You can hear everything that's going on next door because the walls are paper *thin*.

answer: (c) thin

A2 We're going to the college tonight to hear Professor Kent *deliver* a paper on language learning on the net. answer: (b) deliver

A3 I can't see the point of trying to settle the dispute between those two institutions because you'll just be *papering over the cracks*.

answer: (d) cracks

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A4 After the first revolution the dictator no longer had much control and became just a paper *tiger*.

answer: (b) tiger

A5 The cross country run where the runners follow a track of pieces of paper is called a paper *chase*.

answer: (a) chase

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A6 Some countries have some very interesting designs on their paper *money*. answer: (c) money

A7 Not that it has happened yet but the age of the computer was meant to introduce the idea of the paperless office.

answer: (d) less

A8 The main work has just been completed and all we have to do now is finish the paper *work*.

answer: (c) work

A9 She was given a very decorative paper *weight* to stop all her papers blowing away once the window was opened.

answer: (a) weight

A10 Her first novel was a huge success and it was only a few weeks after publication that the paper back came out.

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answer: (c) back

A1 I hung the washing out only two hours ago but it is already bone *dry* thanks to the hot sunshine. answer: (b) dry

A2 They came straight out with their complaint *making* no bones about it whatsoever. answer: (d) making

A3 It was a miracle that he was still alive as he hadn't eaten for weeks and when they found him he was just *skin* and bone. answer: (a) skin

A4 It was quite simple really – he never did any work at all and was sacked for being bone *idle*. answer: (c) idle

A5 It's impossible to say exactly why I think that's the case. All I can say is that I *feel* it in my bones. answer: (b) feel

A6 We're expecting a visit from a French couple soon so I'll have to bone *up* on my French. answer: (d) up

A7 Ah, yes I've got a bone to *pick* with you. You told me you would pay me back last week and I still haven't got the money yet. answer: (a) pick

A8 Although the TV programme was funny, my aunt was a bit shocked because some of the jokes were a bit *near* the bone. answer: (c) near

A9 I won't go into the full details of the proposition, I'll just give you the *bare* bones. answer: (b) bare

A10 Her children were very ungrateful for all she'd done for them as she had really worked her *fingers* to the bone for them. answer: (d) fingers

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 27 (Answer Keys) *Lucky You*

A1 He told us the usual things about how everything had gone wrong – it was a typical *hard* luck story.

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answer: (b) hard

A2

With a little *bit* of luck I think she'll pass her driving test first time. answer: (d) bit

A3 If I were you I would certainly accept the offer. If you ask for any more you're just *pushing* your luck.

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answer: (a) pushing

A4

I thought the best thing was to wish them both *good* luck and hope that everything worked out well. answer: (c) good

A5 You really couldn't blame anyone for the accident because it was just a case of *bad* luck.

answer: (d) bad

A6

Last week they *struck* it very lucky because they managed to win the lottery. answer: (b) struck

A7 She always seems to come out of any crisis unharmed and I'm convinced she was born under a lucky *star*.

answer: (d) star

A8

He just couldn't make up his mind which to choose and so in the end he decided to take *pot* luck. answer: (a) pot

A9 Everyone decided to help him by offering money as they'd heard he was *down* on his luck.

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answer: (b) down

A10 After all his failures in the business world he decided to *try* his luck in the casino. answer: (d) try

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 28 (Answer Keys) Stages

A1 All the *world's* a stage said Shakespeare, meaning life is like a play in the theatre.

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answer: (b) world's

A2 This project has only just been started and is in its *early* stages at the moment. answer: (d) early

A3 You don't have to pay for it all at once as you can buy it in *easy* stages.

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answer: (b) easy

A4 We've now *reached* the stage where it's time to make our minds up. answer: (c) reached

A5 I've seen her act in many films but never live *on* stage.  
answer: (d) on

A6 It's quite normal when you make your first speech in public to suffer from stage *fright*. answer:  
(c) fright

A7 As he didn't want anyone else to hear what he was saying he spoke to her in a stage *whisper*.  
answer: (a) whisper

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A8 He's always been fascinated by the theatre and has spent many years doing odd jobs as a stage *hand*. answer: (b) hand

A9 From childhood she has been stage *struck* and was delighted when she got her first major part in the play at the national theatre.  
answer: (d) struck

A10 The whole event seemed very unnatural and had clearly been stage *managed* appeal to the voters before the election.

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answer: (b) managed

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 29 (Answer Keys) Venus

A1 The first *plan* was to hold the event in the open air but that posed many problems.

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answer: (c) plan

A2 This proposal was soon discarded because we might find difficulty with the local *regulations*.

answer: (a) regulations

A3 After a lot of discussion we decided to hire a professional to *assist* us.

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answer: (d) assist

A4 The first thing she recommended was for us to *coordinate* all the people who were involved.

answer: (c) coordinate

A5 The next thing we needed to work out was the exact *dimensions* of the area that we needed in order to present the event.

answer: (d) dimensions

A6 In view of the large number of people the *proximity* of a parking area was considered very important. answer: (a) proximity

A7 After a great deal of discussion a *site* was eventually found, which seemed to be what was wanted.

answer: (b) site

A8 At this stage it was clear that they had to know the *exact* number of people who were going to attend. answer: (d) exact

A9 Invitations were sent out and in *general* the response was quite good.

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answer: (b) general

A10 Unfortunately the event was never *staged* because no one had considered the reaction of the local people to

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the noise of a loud pop concert. answer: (c) staged

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 30 (Answer Keys) *Trains*

A1 It was necessary to telephone *directory* enquiries before we could get the number to ring up the railway station.

answer: (b) directory

A2 We thought it was a good idea to take some sandwiches with us so that we'd have something to eat for the *duration* of the journey.

answer: (d) duration

A3 As one of our party was over 60 she was *entitled* to a reduction in the price of the ticket.

answer: (d) entitled

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A4 I suppose as we live in a very rural area, we are lucky that a train service actually *operates* here. answer: (a) operates

A5 Mind you the cost of travel is very high and *fares* went up again last month.

answer: (c) fares

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A6 All you can say is that the high price is somewhat *offset* by being able to get to a large city quickly. answer: (d) offset

A7 The other advantage of this particular service is that by and large the trains are *punctual*.

answer: (b) punctual

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A8 On the day we travelled most people had decided to stay at home as the train was *relatively* empty. answer: (d) relatively

A9 We ate our sandwiches and for the *remainder* of the journey we enjoyed looking at the scenery.

answer: (a) remainder

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A10 Before we knew what had happened we had left our *remote* village behind and were in the middle of the big city.

answer: (c) remote

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 31 (Answer Keys) *Bite, Bit, Bitten*

A1 She certainly won't invest in that company again having lost a fortune – it's a case of once bitten twice *shy*.  
answer: (c) shy

A2 He may seem very angry but don't worry his *bark* is worse than his bite. answer: (a) bark

A3 They were so angry with me they practically bit my *head* off.  
answer: (d) head

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A4 I think he'll succeed but it's a lot of work and sometimes he feels he's bitten off more than he can *chew*. answer: (b) chew

A5 In view of the way things have improved I now feel confident enough to have another bite at the *cherry*.  
answer: (d) cherry

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A6 I'm very sorry to tell you that your scheme has failed and it has well and truly bitten the *dust*.  
answer: (b) dust

A7 It must have come as a great shock to get the sack but I'm afraid you'll just have to accept it and bite the *bullet*.  
answer: (c) bullet

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A8 I can't believe that he's turning against his own parents – it's like biting the hand that *fed* you.  
answer: (d) fed

A9 My advice to you is to resist saying anything at the moment and simply bite your *lip*.  
answer: (c) lip

A10 I know she would really like to say exactly what she feels but I believe she should bite her *tongue*.  
answer: (d) tongue

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- A1 I agree in general with what you have said but I'm not happy about one point and I must *take* issue with you over that.  
answer: (b) take
- A2 The trouble with her is that she always exaggerates and *makes* an issue out of everything.  
answer: (d) makes
- A3 As far as I'm concerned his explanation was useless as it merely *confused* the issue. answer:  
(a) confused
- A4 I wish we could stick to the subject and just consider the topic *at* issue. answer: (c) at
- A5 The value of one of the early copies of that book can be considerable if it happens to be a *first* issue. answer: (d) first
- A6 It was a family that had had a long history but it came to a halt when George went because he died *without* issue.  
answer: (a) without
- A7 The police are very keen to talk to one particular man and have issued a *description* of him.  
answer: (b) description
- A8 We panicked when we got near the house because we could see smoke issuing *out of* the top bedroom window.  
answer: (c) out of
- A9 All the reporters of the war were issued *with* bulletproof jackets to give them better protection.  
answer: (d) with
- A10 Turn on the television and look at the current news programme and you will find everyone discussing the *big* issue of the day.  
answer: (a) big

- A1 He always believed in giving his children the same opportunities in life so that each one would have a fair crack of the *whip*.  
answer: (d) whip
- A2 This is going to be a difficult task but we'll get there in the end although it is a *hard* nut to crack. answer: (b) hard
- A3 It's a long way we have to travel tomorrow so we must get up very early in the morning at the crack of *dawn*. answer: (a) dawn
- A4 In celebration at passing his examinations he invited everyone round to crack a *bottle* and have a drink with him.  
answer: (c) bottle
- A5 In view of the falling standards the company decided to appoint a very *strict* office manager who would be able to crack the whip a bit.  
answer: (d) strict
- A6 For goodness' sake hurry up because if we don't *get* cracking soon we'll miss the bus. answer:  
(b) get
- A7 I really think you should make an effort and apply for that job and at least *have* a crack at it.  
answer: (a) have
- A8 Well, I must admit that I was a bit disappointed with the exhibition after all the praise it's received – it isn't all it's cracked *up* to be.  
answer: (b) up
- A9 They haven't really put matters right at all because they've simply papered *over* the cracks.  
answer: (d) over
- A10 They spent a huge amount of time and money to deal with that small problem and it's like taking a sledgehammer to crack a *nut*.  
answer: (c) nut

A1 I strongly recommend that restaurant as I was very *impressed* with how quickly they brought the food. answer: (c) impressed

A2 Of course if speed is the most important thing, you can always *pick* up your lunch from the take away cafe. answer: (d) pick

A3 The other night we went to a French restaurant and it *fell* to Charles to translate everything on the menu for us. answer: (b) fell

A4 What you like in the way of lunch very much depends on your *individual* taste. answer: (d) individual

A5 It is customary for the office junior to make a *list* of what each colleague wants from the sandwich bar. answer: (a) list

A6 Nowadays you can even order your lunch online and your food will be *delivered* to your office. answer: (c) delivered

A7 Personally I find that although the taste of your lunch is important, it should also look *elegant* on the plate. answer: (d) elegant

A8 There is nothing worse when you take important clients out for lunch to find that the choice of dishes is very *narrow*. answer: (c) narrow

A9 Mind you if there is a very long menu for lunch, it can be a problem for the waiter to deal with a *multiple* order. answer: (d) multiple

A10 The worst part naturally of any meal whatever the time of day is having to *settle* the bill. answer: (a) settle

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 35 (Answer Keys) *Dry as you like*

A1 I'm afraid I don't like this sherry because I find it too *sweet* and I prefer something nice and dry.

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answer: (b) sweet

A2 We're not quite sure how it will work so today we're having a dry *run* to find out if there are any problems.

answer: (d) run

A3 She studies some very obscure things to do with ancient Greek documents – to most people a really dry as *dust* subject.

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answer: (c) dust

A4 It was one of those scenes that made you want to cry your eyes out and I do believe there wasn't a dry *eye* in the theatre.

answer: (a) eye

A5 There was a terrible storm on the night we first stayed at the campsite but we were all right with our tent and were as dry as a *bone*.

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answer: (b) bone

A6 We all set out together early in the morning in different cars but ours broke down and nobody bothered to look for us so we were left *high* and dry.

answer: (d) high

A7 As a result of the very long heat wave last summer many of the rivers have now completely dried *up*.

answer: (b) up

A8 As it's still very warm outside I recommend you leave your swimming things in the garden to let them dry *out*.

answer: (c) out

A9 She's very subtle in the comments she makes and she has a wonderfully dry *sense* of humour.

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answer: (d) sense

A10 If you want to keep your customers coming in on a regular basis you mustn't let your stocks *run* dry. answer: (d) run

A1 I'm suspicious really because at the back of my *mind* I don't trust them. answer: (b) mind

A2 He said he'd read my funny story and had laughed twice, which was a sort of back *handed* compliment. answer: (d) handed

A3 She was a very famous film star some 40 years ago but now she's regarded as unimportant – a sort of back *number*. answer: (c) number

A4 He's having trouble with his mother-in-law because she likes to control everything rather like a backseat *driver*. answer: (b) driver

A5 Where we live is a sort of *backwater* because nobody here knows what's going on in the world. answer: (d) water

A6 She's the sort of person who can't bear being secretive and will never talk about you *behind* your back. answer: (c) behind

A7 There's still some way to go with this latest project but I think we've *broken* the back of it. answer: (b) broken

A8 I've lived here all my life and know every single road and street like the back of my *hand*. answer: (d) hand

A9 Poor woman since she got knocked down by a car, she's been *flat* on her back. answer: (a) flat

A10 He's one of those irritating people who manages within a few minutes of meeting someone to *put* their back up. answer: (b) put

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A1 Try and be a little more cheerful because if you don't bear *up* soon, you'll make everyone else miserable. answer: (c) up

A2 We were in a small rowing boat and were terrified that the steamer hadn't seen us as it was bearing *down* on us.  
answer: (a) down

A3 I fully understand your comments and bearing those in *mind*, I have made the appropriate decision. answer: (b) mind

A4 As we have all worked very hard this year, I'm hoping that our efforts will bear *fruit*.  
answer: (d) fruit

A5 We all have our *crosses* to bear so I should be grateful if you would stop complaining all the time. answer: (c) crosses

A6 There is really nothing much you can do to stop it and I'm afraid you'll just have to *grin* and bear it. answer: (b) grin

A7 I hope you can be patient for a little longer and bear *with* me while I try and solve the problem. answer: (d) with

A8 She has been proved right in everything she did as the report quite clearly bears *out*.  
answer: (a) out

A9 The judge dismissed the new evidence completely because it had no bearing *on* the trial. answer: (b) on

A10 Quite honestly the two cases are so completely different that they really don't bear *comparison*. answer: (d) comparison

A1 It's very hard trying to get the tenses right in English. In fact it's the *very* devil to know whether it's simple or continuous.  
answer: (b) very

A2 In a way it's probably just as well the deputy has become the new chief. It's a case of *better* the devil you know.  
answer: (d) better

A3 Many people have been made redundant in the takeover and those who joined last were the first to go. The principle of devil take the *hindmost* applied.  
answer: (c) hindmost

A4 We don't really get on with the new boss but he has some good ideas so we must give the devil his *due*.  
answer: (d) due

A5 The work has to be done as we have no choice. As they say, needs must when the devil *drives*.  
answer: (a) drives

A6 She likes to take the opposite point of view and play the devil's *advocate*.  
answer: (b) advocate

A7 *Speak* of the devil. We were just talking about you before you came in the room.  
answer: (d) Speak

A8 When your parents find out what you've done, you'll be in serious trouble and there'll be the devil to *pay*.  
answer: (b) pay

A9 You should really look through that agreement carefully before you sign because the devil is in the *detail*.  
answer: (a) detail

A10 It took me ages to set up my computer because I spent the devil of a *time* trying to understand the notes.  
answer: (b) time

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 39 (Answer Keys) *Two For You*

- A1 A bird in the hand is worth two in the *bush* as they say when you have at least one definite thing in contrast to two uncertain things.  
answer: (c) bush
- A2 It wouldn't take much for me to cancel that trip in fact for two *pins* I think I will. answer: (d) pins
- A3 Quite honestly I really can't decide which one to choose – I'm what you might say in two *minds*.  
answer: (a) minds
- A4 I promise I'll be very quick indeed and I'll be back in two *shakes* of a lamb's tail. answer: (b) shakes
- A5 I'll see to that in two *ticks* and it'll be all over in a minute.  
answer: (c) ticks
- A6 You honestly can't tell one twin from another as they are like as two *peas* in a pod. answer: (d) peas
- A7 I worked out the answer in the end by putting two and two *together*.  
answer: (c) together
- A8 I'm sorry I can't accept any other explanation. My mind is made up and there are no two *ways* about it. answer: (d) ways
- A9 I honestly wouldn't trust either of them. They both think the same way and they're two of a *kind*.  
answer: (b) kind
- A10 I can see you're angry and want to do the same to them but remember that two wrongs don't *make a right*.  
answer: (a) right

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 40 (Answer Keys) *At the End of the Day (1)*

A1 There are late risers and early risers, those who need a lot of sleep and those who need only a little,

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answer: (d) little

A2 some who take ages to wake up and some who jump straight out of bed first thing, answer: (b) ages

A3 but whatever the required amount, all of us need sleep at some time during the day or night.

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answer: (c) amount

A4 And so it's not surprising the many ways we have of describing it. answer: (a) describing

A5 To start with there is a special language for children.

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answer: (b) language

A6 The sandman is coming is what we say to sleepy children answer: (d) sleepy

A7 following the old story about that strange man who is supposed to drop sand in their eyes near bed time.

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answer: (c) is supposed

A8 Alternatively we talk of the need for a child to start on his journey to slumber land or the land of nod answer: (d) Alternatively

A9 and parents of a musical turn of mind can speed their children on their way to this land of sleep with a lullaby.

answer: (b) turn

A10 Of course as you grow older, you indulge in the luxury of short sleeps during the day.

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answer: (c) indulge

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 41 (Answer Keys) *At the End of the Day (2)*

A1 You can take a cat nap beside the fire or doze off on a train *journey*

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answer: (d) journey

A2 which all describe the kind of sleep that can be *interrupted* at a moment's notice. answer: (c) interrupted

A3 A more basic expression of this *sort* is to have a little shuteye.

answer: (b) sort

A4

Should you wish for a little peace and *quiet* at the office, answer: (d) quiet

A5 put a *notice* outside your door stating: Do not disturb – having 40 winks.

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answer: (a) notice

A6

Forty apparently is the *maximum* allowed for this kind of sleep. answer: (c) maximum

A7 The strange *thing* is that few people announce boldly:

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answer: (b) thing

A8

Well, I think I'll *go* to sleep now. answer: (a) go

A9 More *likely* than not as a guest we'll say:

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answer: (b) likely

A10 Well, I think if you don't *mind*, I'll turn in now.

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answer: (c) mind

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 42 (Answer Keys) *At the End of the Day* (3)

A1 Without offending the *hospitality* of your host, you could also say:

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answer: (d) hospitality

A2 I think it's time for me to hit the sack, which need be no *criticism* of the softness of the mattress. answer: (c) criticism

A3 And *incidentally* very important people are not described as simply going to bed but rather retiring for the night.  
answer: (a) incidentally

A4 Somehow it sounds just a bit more *dignified*. answer: (b) dignified

A5 Of course should your guests be *unwilling* to go home to their own beds

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answer: (d) unwilling

A6 and you have a strong desire to be *rid* of them and go to sleep answer: (c) rid

A7 you could be subtle and *wind* up the sitting room clock

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answer: (a) wind

A8 look at your watch *anxiously* or even yawn. answer: (d) anxiously

A9 But if you have no *inhibitions* at all, the best thing is to drop off or nod off in the middle of the conversation.  
answer: (b) inhibitions

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A10 And if all else *fails* go upstairs and come down again in your pyjamas.  
answer: (c) fails

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 43 (Answer Keys) *At the End of the Day (4)*

A1 There are several *expressions* that describe the state of being asleep

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answer: (b) expressions

A2

and most seem to *refer* to deep sleep like being sound asleep or fast asleep answer: (d) refer

A3 There are also some *comparisons* describing deep sleep: to sleep like a top, like a baby, like a log

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answer: (b) comparisons

A4 When the sleeper totally refuses to be *disturbed*, we say they are sleeping like the dead.

answer: (c) disturbed

A5 More colloquial expressions speak of someone being out like a light, spark out or for a very *heavy* sleeper dead to the world

answer: (d) heavy

A6 Well, I don't know about you but all this is having a very soporific *effect* on me answer: (a) effect

A7 but just assuming you are *wide* awake and in the land of the living

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answer: (b) wide

A8

let me leave you with a *final* expression. Next time you're off upstairs to bed answer: (d) final

A9 give the rest of the house a surprise by *showing off* your classical education and say:

answer: (c) off

A10 Well I think I'll be off now and *take* my rest in the arms of Morpheus. Happy dreams!

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answer: (b) take

- A1 This story is *based* on an incident that actually happened. answer: (c) based
- A2 I'm afraid I shan't be *able* to come on Tuesday because of a prior engagement. answer: (b) able
- A3 You can easily tell that this document *dates* from the 12th century because of a distinctive script. answer: (d) dates
- A4 I'm sorry to tell you but she is simply *hypothesizing* that this will be the result but she has no actual proof. answer: (c) hypothesizing
- A5 I do apologise for talking to you a minute ago only I *mistook* you for one of my colleagues, who looks exactly like you. answer: (a) mistook
- A6 It's a waste of time asking them for their opinion as they're bound to object because they've been *prejudiced* against the idea from the start. answer: (d) prejudiced
- A7 I asked you to bring back a different one but you've brought a similar one back that's exactly the *same* as the first one. answer: (c) same
- A8 The main quality that is required of someone holding that kind of job is to have the *ability* to get on with people. answer: (b) ability
- A9 They couldn't hold their meeting in the open air *because* of the heavy rain. answer: (a) because
- A10 I always let her handle that kind of situation because she's very good at *dealing* with difficult clients. answer: (d) dealing

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 45 (Answer Keys) GMAT Vocabulary

- A1 Some people who have been made redundant make no further effort to get employment in complete *contrast* to those who decide to retrain.  
answer: (d) contrast
- A2 The new company decided not to copy their predecessors but *model* their structure after the latest trends in business.  
answer: (a) model
- A3 Under the new regulations no one is allowed to smoke inside the building but you are *permitted* to smoke outside.  
answer: (b) permitted
- A4 She is *seen* as a possible future first minister.  
answer: (d) seen
- A5 Although the bank had turned down his application twice, they suddenly had a change of heart and decided to *accede* to his request for a loan.  
answer: (a) accede
- A6 It's not yet been fully certified yet but the recently discovered bones are *believed* to be those of the missing link.  
answer: (d) believed
- A7 The *debate* over the rights and wrongs of this issue has been a never- ending discussion inside parliament.  
answer: (b) debate
- A8 The local residents in this seaside village are very worried about the constant erosion of the cliff face, which is in *danger* of falling into the sea.  
answer: (c) danger
- A9 I think you have been overcharged for that work because it's more *than* twice what I had to pay.  
answer: (d) than
- A10 They first of all refused to stop their strike but in the end after much negotiation they were *persuaded to go*  
back to work. answer: (b) persuaded

- A1 As a troubleshooter he was often *sent* to sort out problems in different area offices. answer: (d) sent
- A2 I don't believe it myself but *according* to the newspapers he is supposed to have exaggerated the firm's profits. answer: (c) according
- A3 He finds himself in a very difficult situation since you could say he's *between* a rock and a hard place. answer: (b) between
- A4 Eventually they made their minds up and *decided* to appoint the outsider to the job. answer: (b) decided
- A5 In *order* to prevent any industrial espionage all employees had to sign a document preventing them from talking about their work. answer: (a) order
- A6 With a view to providing a better environment for their children the couple decided to move *away* from the city to the countryside. answer: (d) away
- A7 The boss wants you to explain why there is a discrepancy in the figures and *account* for the sudden drop in profits. answer: (c) account
- A8 The charity is finding it very difficult to continue operating and that's why it's *calling* for the government to help. answer: (b) calling
- A9 The government are erecting concrete blocks around the Houses of Parliament to *defend* the buildings against possible terrorist attacks. answer: (a) defend
- A10 It wasn't really a serious crime but it was pointed out to him that by parking there he was in *violation* of a local byelaw. answer: (d) violation

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 47 (Answer Keys) *Learn English Vocabulary*

- A1 As a new employee she's very anxious to do the right thing and hopes that her new project *meets* with the approval of her boss.  
answer: (b) meets
- A2 It's just not within his character and I would never say that he was *predisposed* to that kind of behaviour. answer: (d) predisposed
- A3 You couldn't find a more loyal bunch of people who have a *sense* of reliability so strong that they will never let you down.  
answer: (c) sense
- A4 You can take it or leave it as there is absolutely no *pressure* to accept my proposal. answer: (b) pressure
- A5 The department has *spent* so much money on administration that there is little left for employing sales personnel.  
answer: (d) spent
- A6 Although he claimed it was an accident, he was *accused* of murder. answer: (a) accused
- A7 They say that pregnant women develop a *craving* for certain foods and must eat them all the time.  
answer: (b) craving
- A8 You must choose the right description for each word and I would *define* this one as an adjective. answer: (d) define
- A9 I wouldn't believe everything she says because it's my belief that she is *inclined* to exaggerate.  
answer: (c) inclined
- A10 We will get as near as we can to your requirements but we may not be able to *meet* all your needs.  
answer: (a) meet

A1 Thanks to the crash barrier in the middle of the motorway cars are *prevented* from hitting those on the other side in the event of an accident.

answer: (d) prevented

A2 It doesn't matter what position you hold in society everyone is *subject* to the same laws.

answer: (b) subject

A3 As I was a stranger in that country I was not *acquainted* with some of their customs and didn't understand why people were laughing at me.

answer: (c) acquainted

A4 You can have that car in any colour you want in fact you have a *choice* of 24 different ones. answer: (a) choice

A5 The theatre was *delighted* to display in the entrance some of the excellent newspaper reviews the play had received.

answer: (d) delighted

A6 As the hospital had been careless with its hygiene procedures, the patient found she had been *infected* with a harmful virus.

answer: (c) infected

A7 As a *native* of the district she had absolutely no difficulty in understanding the local dialect. answer: (c) native

A8 There is a new company regulation to remove the danger of passive smoking, which *prohibits* all employees from smoking at their place of work.

answer: (a) prohibits

A9 He finds breathing very difficult in restricted spaces as he *suffers* from asthma. answer:

(c) suffers

A10 I am very pleased to be working with you because I think the same way and *agree* with your policies. answer: (d) agree

- A1 You can have whichever one you want as I'll let you *choose* from these examples here. answer: (c) choose
- A2 I think you can clearly see now what I mean as that incident *demonstrates* that I am obviously right. answer: (b) demonstrates
- A3 For the first time in his life *instead* of going straight home, he called in at a pub on the way back. answer: (a) instead
- A4 You can tell that this piece of furniture is *native* to America because of the strong colonial style. answer: (d) native
- A5 *Allowing* for his age and he is after all only 12, I think his achievement is remarkable. answer: (c) Allowing
- A6 If you *choose* to take that step in your career, you have only yourself to blame if it all goes wrong. answer: (d) choose
- A7 I've always thought of her as the kind of person you can trust, you know the sort you can *depend* on. answer: (a) depend
- A8 It was a totally new experience for us visiting that factory abroad as we were *introduced* to all sorts of new techniques. answer: (d) introduced
- A9 No one had a clue what had actually happened neither the police *nor* the public. answer: (c) nor
- A10 All cyclists must now wear some kind of helmet in order to *protect* their heads against injury in the event of an accident. answer: (b) protect

- A1 You can tell that this car has been very well made and is certainly *superior* to the other makes in this garage. answer: (d) superior
- A2 It's quite obvious that whatever you like to call his remarks they are impolite and *amount* to slander. answer: (b) amount
- A3 He *claims* to have sailed single-handed round the world but personally I don't believe him. answer: (c) claims
- A4 In this biography she is *depicted* as a kind sweet old lady but in reality she was a bad tempered old witch. answer: (a) depicted
- A5 He had to be *isolated* from all the other patients in the hospital because he had a highly contagious disease. answer: (d) isolated
- A6 It's not that I don't trust you *but* I must have some evidence of your identity. answer: (b) but
- A7 The General made absolutely sure his troops were ready for battle and *provided* with the latest equipment. answer: (c) provided
- A8 People used to think the cinema would be *supplanted* by television but it never happened because people still go to the pictures. answer: (d) supplanted
- A9 She *appeared* to be very confident on stage but inside she was feeling very nervous. answer: (a) appeared
- A10 There's little point in those two firms competing for the same market as they would be much better *collaborating* with one another. answer: (d) collaborating

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 51 (Answer Keys) Verbal Skills Test

- A1 We sometimes find it difficult to imagine where we come from and believe that we are in fact *descended* from apes.  
answer: (d) descended
- A2 Although he hadn't actually done anything, he looked as if he might and he was arrested for being outside the house with *intent* to burgle it.  
answer: (c) intent
- A3 Not only did he pay for them to go on holiday but he *also* provided them with spending money.  
answer: (b) also
- A4 I don't mind sleeping on an uncomfortable bed in a hostel as anything is *preferable* to sleeping in a tent. answer: (a) preferable
- A5 I know you trust him but I have my doubts about him and must admit to being *suspicious* of him.  
answer: (c) suspicious
- A6 You needn't worry about that regulation as it has nothing to do with you and doesn't *apply* to your situation. answer: (b) apply
- A7 The Government published a report clearing the minister of any guilt and *concluded* that he had acted correctly.  
answer: (a) concluded
- A8 They are in fact twins but are not at all alike physically but are not *different* from one another in attitude. answer: (d) different
- A9 Like all good philosophers in *search* of truth she is always looking for new perspectives.  
answer: (c) search
- A10 Let's look at it this way – it's not so much a problem *as* a challenge to our efforts. answer: (a) as

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 52 (Answer Keys) Verbal Test

A1 In some 19th century novels you see the very poor conditions people lived in that can only be described as *abject* misery.

answer: (d) abject

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A2 Television can give you a very good idea of how people live in different countries as it can *depict* scenes from every day life.

answer: (b) depict

A3 This is a sort of shortened version of what happened and has been *abbreviated* to fit into the newspaper.

answer: (c) abbreviated

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A4 It was quite obvious from the secretive manner in which he left the shop and the *furtive* looks he kept giving that he hadn't paid for the items of clothing.

answer: (a) furtive

A5 It was a remarkable performance because the actor seemed to convey the whole range of human emotions , what you might call the complete *gamut* from beginning to end.

answer: (d) gamut

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A6 The telephone connection was very poor and we only heard a *garbled* account of what the reporter was describing.

answer: (d) garbled

A7 The teacher found it quite *futile* to try and teach the children because they refused to listen to a word she was saying.

answer: (b) futile

A8 The university decided to give their *benefactor* an honorary degree because she had always been most generous in her financial help.

answer: (c) benefactor

A9 I've no wish to disregard or *belittle* your achievements but I think you could have done much more.

answer: (a) belittle

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A10 His attempt to make fun of the situation was considered to be in bad taste and *facetious* in the extreme. answer: (d) facetious

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 53 (Answer Keys) *Verbal Advantage*

- A1 She suddenly stopped speaking to him on the phone and the conversation came to an *abrupt* end.  
answer: (d) abrupt
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- A2 Some of Shakespeare's historical plays are rather long and so there are editions where they are *abridged* to make them shorter.  
answer: (a) abridged
- A3 Although all the athletes were full of life at the start of the marathon, towards the end of the race a few were showing signs of tiredness and were clearly *flagging*.  
answer: (c) flagging
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- A4 Fortunately she took no notice of the reviews of her acting and was quite *impervious* to some of the more sarcastic comments.  
answer: (d) impervious
- A5 The secret of a good interview is to get straight to the point and ask *incisive* questions.  
answer: (a) incisive
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- A6 Although her boss knew that she was not telling the truth, her explanations for being late were always so reasonable and totally *plausible* that he believed her.  
answer: (d) plausible
- A7 As soon as he had invested the money, he became uneasy and was beginning to sense *qualms* about his investment.  
answer: (b) qualms
- A8 Many of the safety instructions on things you buy often seem unnecessary and often quite *superfluous* to the average person.  
answer: (c) superfluous
- A9 He found himself at the edge of the cliff in a *precarious* position because one wrong step and he would fall into the sea.  
answer: (d) precarious
- A10 Everything about the village was what you'd call *quaint* because all the houses were well looked after and reminded you of a time long since gone.  
answer: (a) quaint

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 54 (Answer Keys) Verbal Learning

A1 Everyone lost their money when the so-called treasurer *absconded* with all the society's savings.

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answer: (d) absconded

A2 The police not only arrested the leader of the gang but also the *accomplices* who had helped him.

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answer: (c) accomplices

A3 I have no wish to *condone* these criminal activities but I do have some sympathy with the perpetrators.

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answer: (a) condone

A4 The judge has to adopt a *detached* view of the crime by being utterly impartial.

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answer: (b) detached

A5 Despite all the chaos around him the captain remained totally calm and assumed an air of *equanimity*.

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answer: (c) equanimity

A6 The police stopped the car because it had followed an *erratic* course down the road and asked the driver why he was going from side to side.

answer: (d) erratic

A7 It was possible to look up the topic on the internet but she decided instead to ask her *erudite* father who knew the answer to most things.

answer: (b) erudite

A8 The party leader advised all her members to *eschew* any question about finance and avoid the topic of money completely.

answer: (c) eschew

A9 He has a very refined vocabulary and prefers to use a *euphemism* rather than a more common and vulgar word.

answer: (a) euphemism

A10 I've looked everywhere for my key and even carried out an *exhaustive* search of my car but I can't find that book.

answer: (d) exhaustive

A1 The result of the election didn't give either candidate a clear majority but in the end the leader of the opposition agreed to step down and *accede* to the wishes of the electorate.  
answer: (c) accede

A2 The sound of the waterfall goes on all day and night and in the end the *incessant* noise gets on your nerves. answer: (d) incessant

A3 I apologized for what seemed like a deliberate act of rudeness but I explained that it had been purely accidental and an *inadvertent* action on my part.  
answer: (b) inadvertent

A4 Although it's a complicated subject the professor managed to make it all totally clear and *lucid* by her delivery. answer: (a) lucid

A5 When you take a party of tourists round a famous city there are always those who *loiter* and keep everybody else waiting.  
answer: (c) loiter

A6 Before she knew what had happened a man suddenly fell on her *lunging* across and stealing her handbag. answer: (d) lunging

A7 There was absolutely no call for him to criticise her so cruelly and in almost a *malicious* manner. answer: (b) malicious

A8 There was absolutely no question about it he was the *proverbial* idiot such as you'd find in one of those old farces.  
answer: (c) proverbial

A9 You'll soon get used to his funny ways as it's one of the *quirks* of his personality. answer: (d) quirks

A10 He didn't really give speeches because he used to scream and shout and you could hear him *raining* a hundred meters down the road.  
answer: (b) raining

A1 He always follows that old *adage*: early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise. answer: (c) adage

A2 If you invest that money, you will find it will grow and *accrue* interest. answer: (d) accrue

A3 People often ask her how she manages to stay slim and she always tells them she is very careful in the amount she eats to the point of being *abstemious*. answer: (b) abstemious

A4 You must react now and not just be *complacent* as if there is nothing wrong. answer: (a) complacent

A5 I find these mathematical puzzles too *abstruse* and prefer the more straightforward type. answer: (d) abstruse

A6 There was no changing her mind as she was quite *adamant* about her decision and wouldn't consider any alternative. answer: (c) adamant

A7 It was quite obvious that he was drunk because he couldn't finish his sentences and his speech was not *coherent*. answer: (b) coherent

A8 The strings on the puppet were all intertwined and it took us ages to *disentangle* them. answer: (a) disentangle

A9 There are really too many political parties in this election as there are so many small groups or *factions*. answer: (d) factions

A10 He liked to play the *eccentric* and would invariably dress up in the most outrageous clothes. answer: (b) eccentric

- A1 The sands of *time* are running out and you'll have to hurry up. answer: (d) time
- A2 It's no good *burying* your head in the sand, you'll have to face the truth in the end. answer: (b) burying
- A3 If you *build* your enterprise on sand, it's certain to fail eventually. answer: (c) build
- A4 They have decided to *draw* a line in the sand and start all over again. answer: (b) draw
- A5 The sands are *shifting* and everything is changing in this century. answer: (a) shifting
- A6 It runs into millions and millions – almost as many as the *grains* of sand you can see on this beach. answer: (c) grains
- A7 Children often go down to the seaside and use their buckets and spades to make sand *castles*. answer: (b) castles
- A8 In order to get children to go to sleep, parents sometimes say that the sand *man* will soon come and put sand in their eyes.  
answer: (d) man
- A9 For very small children at their nursery school there is often a sand *pit* where they can play. answer: (a) pit
- A10 When there is a danger of flooding, people often pile up sand *bags* outside their houses to stop the water coming in.  
answer: (d) bags

- A1 There was absolutely no *doubt* that Henry Orpington liked politics. He talked politics all the time. answer: (d) doubt
- A2 All the members of his family were pleased therefore when Henry was *adopted* as the prospective parliamentary candidate for the constituency in which they were living. answer: (c) adopted
- A3 One year later the date of the general election was *announced* by the Prime Minister. answer: (a) announced
- A4 *throughout* the election campaign Henry's wife and his two teenage daughters worked night and day for him answer: (b) throughout
- A5 and he finally *won* a seat in the House of Commons by a very large majority. answer: (d) won
- A6 Every day of the campaign was a *challenge* answer: (c) challenge
- A7 but there was one day in particular that Henry would never *forget*. answer: (b) forget
- A8 That was the day he thought he was going to be blown *up* by a bomb. answer: (d) up
- A9 On a Friday morning at the beginning of the campaign, the phone *rang* in the Orpingtons' house at 6.30 in the morning. answer: (c) rang
- A10 Henry got out of bed and ran down the stairs. He *wondered* who could possibly be ringing at that early hour in the morning. answer: (a) wondered

The Parliamentary Candidate (2)  
A1

Before: Read the story [www.english-test.net/esl-book/2/](http://www.english-test.net/esl-book/2/)

Henry: Hello.

Man's voice: Is that Mr. Henry Orpington, the parliamentary candidate? Henry: Yes, *speaking*.

answer: (c) speaking

A2 Man's voice: Oh, good morning. I want to warn you about a bomb...  
Henry: A bomb? Where? Hello! We've been *cut* off. Operator! Operator! Operator!  
answer: (a) cut

A3 It was no good. The line had gone *dead*. As calmly as he could Henry went upstairs to tell his wife the alarming news.  
answer: (c) dead

A4 They decided to get dressed at once and take the two girls to their aunt's house. Henry *informed* the police but asked them to keep the news from the press.  
answer: (d) informed

A5 At half past eight Henry was in conference with his election agent, Andrew Higgins, at party headquarters. Andrew: If you want my opinion, I suggest you cancel all your engagements for today and wait until the police get to the *bottom* of the matter.  
answer: (c) bottom

A6 Henry: Certainly not! I'm not going to let *myself* be scared by some stupid crank.  
answer: (c) myself

A7 Andrew: What did the man sound like? Did you recognize his voice?  
Henry: No, I was half asleep.  
His voice wasn't familiar but he sounded quite pleasant. He didn't seem to be *threatening* me.  
answer: (b) threatening

A8 Andrew: That makes the whole business even more sinister. Look here, Henry, one day won't make all that much difference. I'll tell people that you've *lost* your voice or something.  
answer: (a) lost

A9 Henry: No, I'm going to carry on as usual. Think of the advantage it would give my *opponents* if I were out of the campaign even for one day.  
answer: (c) opponents

A10 Andrew: If you say so. But I'd like to make it *clear* that I'm dead against it.  
answer: (b) clear

A1 Henry Orpington's first *engagement* that day was an open-air meeting on a large housing estate at ten o'clock. answer: (b) engagement

A2 As most of the men were *out* at work, his audience consisted mainly of women and young children. answer: (d) out

A3 Andrew Higgins kept a close watch on the platform from which Henry was making his speech, while several plainclothes policemen *mingled* inconspicuously with the crowd. answer: (c) mingled

A4 There was very little reaction to Henry's speech, except from one or two people at the back who kept on asking what Henry's party intended to do about the *rising* price of fruit and vegetables. answer: (a) rising

A5 After the speech he shook hands with some of the women. One of them lifted up a baby for him to kiss, but the *sight* of Henry's beard must have frightened it because it began to scream its head off. answer: (c) sight

A6 At eleven o'clock he *paid* a brief visit to a public house on the estate. Henry couldn't offer to buy anyone a drink because he knew very well that his opponents would consider that to be dishonest. So he let one of his supporters buy him a drink instead. answer: (b) paid

A7 At lunch time he went to his sister's house to see his wife and daughters. They had spent the morning addressing envelopes for the leaflets he was sending out. His sister, Vera, thoroughly *disapproved* of his involvement in politics. answer: (d) disapproved

A8 Vera: Now I hope you can see the danger of getting mixed up in politics. You and the family will probably *all* get blown up by a bomb.

Henry: Don't exaggerate, Vera. I'm sure it's just a joke. answer: (c)

all

A9 There was a large crowd in the field when Henry arrived at eight o'clock for what was perhaps the biggest

meeting of the *whole* campaign. After a hard day's work, hundreds of farmers and farm labourers had come to the field to hear what Henry had to say.

answer: (b) whole

A10 Henry: Ladies and gentlemen, I appreciate the anxiety you must all feel about support for your farms. I too have been a farmer and I know the difficulties you are experiencing, and so...

Voice from the crowd: ... and so you've decided to become an M.P. and get rich!

Henry: No, my friend. I want to give the farmers a *voice* in the House of Commons.

answer: (d) voice

The Parliamentary Candidate (4)

Before: Read the story [www.english-test.net/esl-book/2/](http://www.english-test.net/esl-book/2/)

A1 The crowd remained good-natured for the first part of his speech and Henry was feeling pleased with himself. And then, *suddenly* half a dozen tractors roared onto the field. answer: (c) suddenly

A2 'Do you like tomatoes?' shouted one of the tractor drivers. Henry *hesitated* for a moment and then replied: 'Yes, I like them very much.'

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answer: (d) hesitated

A3 'Well, we can't sell them at a profit,' said the tractor driver, 'because the imported ones are too cheap. So instead of letting them go to waste, you can have them!' answer: (c) waste

A4 It was then that Henry *noticed* that the tractors were loaded with boxes of tomatoes, which the farmers started to throw at him. Unfortunately for Henry, two of them hit him full in the face. answer: (a) noticed

A5 He realized that he had to say something quickly to *win* the crowd over to his side. 'Thank you for your generous gift, but I really prefer them in sandwiches. And now let's get on with the meeting.' answer: (b) win

A6 The crowd started to *cheer* and Henry managed to finish his speech without further interruptions. In the meantime the police had made a thorough search of Henry's house and assured him that there were no hidden bombs. He went back to his sister's house to collect his family. answer: (d) cheer

A7 Vera: I've got some supper ready. I'm sure you must be *starving*.  
answer: (c) starving

A8 Henry: You shouldn't have bothered. We can all go back home now. The police have *searched* the house thoroughly and found nothing at all.  
Vera: Well, at least stay and eat the nice salad I've made.  
Henry: All right, Vera. Just so long as there are no tomatoes in it!  
answer: (a) searched

A9 After supper, Henry and his family went home. Later that evening the phone rang.  
Man's voice: Oh, Mr. Orpington. I've been trying to reach you all day. This is Paul Harris. I called you this morning but I was cut off. It was a bad line or something.  
Henry: Well, what about the bomb?  
Harris: The bomb? What on *earth* do you mean?  
Henry: That's what I'd like to know. You said, I want to warn you about a bomb. answer: (d) earth

A10 Harris: Oh, dear! I'm afraid there's been a misunderstanding. I didn't have time to finish my sentence. You see, I *overheard* some farmers planning to break up your meeting.  
Henry: I don't see what all this has got to do with a bomb.  
Harris: Well, if we hadn't been cut off I was going to warn you about a bombardment of tomatoes! answer: (b) overheard

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 62 (Answer Keys) *Tense Agreement*

A1 No sooner *had* I shut the door, when the telephone rang.

answer: (d) had

A2

By the time I had reached the bottom of the mountain, I *felt* extremely tired. answer: (c) felt

A3 When he was only thirty years old, he *had* already experienced what most people only experience when they are much older.

answer: (b) had

A4

The witness *convinced* everyone that he hadn't had anything to do with the crime. answer: (c) convinced

A5 We asked him why he *hadn't* telephoned earlier.

answer: (a) hadn't

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A6

Actually I had *mentioned* it to her before we set out. answer: (d) mentioned

A7 I must admit I *hadn't* thought how the story would finish before I read the book.

answer: (b) hadn't

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A8

I'd had scarcely any time to think about it before they *asked* me for my opinion. answer: (c) asked

A9 He realized he *had* left it in the car before he reported it lost.

answer: (d) had

A10 It was a great shock to everyone because he hadn't said a word for 10 years.

answer: (c) was

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English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 63 (Answer Keys) *Future Tenses*

A1 What *will you* be doing this time tomorrow?

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answer: (d) will you

A2

I'll go if you like because I have to do some shopping. answer: (c) I'll

A3 I *shall* simply wait until she comes back.

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answer: (c) shall

A4

He was quite definite about it and assured me he *would* come. answer: (d) would

A5 If they *do* arrive late, they will have to get their own meal.

answer: (a) do

A6

I really hope I *shall* see you again. answer: (b) shall

A7 What *will* happen to the family if he loses all his money?

answer: (c) will

A8

*Will you* be buying the house or haven't you decided yet? answer: (d) Will you

A9 I'm sure they *will* get married and live happily ever afterwards.

answer: (c) will

A10 What do you *want* to do when you leave school?

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answer: (d) want

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 64 (Answer Keys) *Past Tenses*

A1 I told them I *was* just going out for a short walk.

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answer: (c) was

A2

He asked me what I *had done* with the paint brush. answer: (b) had done

A3 She told me *to drive* carefully on the icy roads.

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answer: (c) to drive

A4

I wonder what *had* happened while I was away. answer: (d) had

A5 She wonders why I never *travel* abroad by plane.

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answer: (a) travel

A6

Quite honestly all I was doing was simply *making* polite conversation. answer: (b) making

A7 He was wondering what *had* prompted him to take no notice at all.

answer: (c) had

A8

I was asking myself what in all honesty she *would* do next. answer: (b) would

A9 He actually denied *doing* anything of the sort.

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answer: (d) doing

A10 He came into the room and demanded *to know* what was happening.

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answer: (a) to know

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 65 (Answer Keys) *Passive Tense Forms*

A1 The castle *was* built in the 15th century.

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answer: (a) was

A2

Is he *being* arrested as we speak? answer: (c) being

A3 All these houses *have been* neglected for decades.

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answer: (d) have been

A4

There's no question that they *will be* delighted when they see her tomorrow. answer: (b) will be

A5 That building *has been* left unoccupied since 1950.

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answer: (c) has been

A6

The children *are* taken to school by bus every day. answer: (a) are

A7 I can assure you that this box *had* never been opened before I opened this morning.

answer: (d) had

A8

That ceremony *is being* enacted on Tuesday next. answer: (c) is being

A9 How many times have you *had* your house broken into?

answer: (b) had

A10 I'm sorry you can't come in at the moment because we *are having* the house decorated right now.

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answer: (d) are having

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 66 (Answer Keys) *Gerund or Infinitive*

A1 Stop me if I've told you this before.

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answer: (d) Stop

A2

All I can say at the moment is: Long *live* the company! answer: (a) live

A3 Sometimes I wish I *knew* what the future holds.

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answer: (c) knew

A4

And at other times I'm glad I *don't* know what the future holds. answer: (d) don't

A5 Let's *go* there tomorrow if it's fine.

answer: (c) go

A6

Try *pushing* the door really hard if you want to open it. answer: (a) pushing

A7 Try *to learn* these irregular verbs by next week.

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answer: (b) to learn

A8

I really appreciate your *helping* me at this difficult time. answer: (d) helping

A9 I'll finish now and I look forward to *seeing* you again soon.

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answer: (a) seeing

A10 Please come back soon and *finish* the work you started two weeks ago.

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answer: (c) finish

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 67 (Answer Keys) *Perfect Tenses*

A1 Many people *have* tried but no-one has succeeded so far.

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answer: (d) have

A2

That programme is so boring that it's like watching paint *dry*. answer: (c) dry

A3 By the end of this year I realize I *shall have been* writing tests for three years now.

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answer: (b) shall have been

A4

Do you mind *opening* the door as I find it very hot in here? answer: (d) opening

A5 I honestly think that the time *has* come when we should celebrate our success.

answer: (a) has

A6

How anyone *managed* to live in those conditions in the 18th century is difficult to imagine.

answer: (c) managed

A7 *Have you ever* heard of this writer before?

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answer: (b) Have you

A8

That stupid dog *is always barking* all day long. answer: (d) is always barking

A9 They were eating dinner when the lights *went* out.

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answer: (c) went

A10

No-one *will* believe your story when you tell them. answer: (a) will

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 68 (Answer Keys) *English Grammar Tenses*

A1 Does any one object if I turn the heating down?

answer: (b) Does

A2

I *have* come to the conclusion that nowadays nobody cares about anything. answer: (d) have

A3 No matter what happens next I *will* help you.

answer: (c) will

A4 They *had been running* for 3 hours when the storm suddenly broke. answer: (a) had been running

A5 I assumed you *had been* paying for the repairs until the end of last year.

answer: (d) had been

A6

*Do you ever* get tired of answering the same questions every day? answer: (c) Do you ever

A7 She *has been* working on that manuscript for 2 years now.

answer: (b) has been

A8

I *went* there once a long time ago and haven't been back since. answer: (a) went

A9 She *keeps* trying to pass her driving test but fails every time.

answer: (d) keeps

A10 I *want* complete silence now while I try this experiment.

answer: (b) want

- A1 An eagle, if pressed for food, might *carry off* a small baby that had been left in the open unprotected, but such an opportunity must occur very rarely.  
answer: (a) carry off
- A2 Finland and the Finnish upper secondary education system constitute a good example of the fact that it is possible to *carry through* very extensive readjustments with a view to making a system more flexible and adapted to individualized learning.  
answer: (b) carry through
- A3 India and Iran will continue to deepen ties and *carry on with* bilateral projects, including the tri-nation pipeline and a multi-billion dollar gas deal.  
answer: (c) carry on with
- A4 The liver regulates most chemical levels in the blood and excretes a product called bile, which helps *carry away* waste products from the liver.  
answer: (a) carry away
- A5 China's cultural industry was given a boost last week after the government announced its plan to *carry out* cultural reform in more than 20 provincial areas.  
answer: (d) carry out
- A6 Items such as pointed scissors and ice skates are examples of articles that are not permitted in your *carry on* baggage when boarding an aircraft.  
answer: (b) carry on
- A7 An employee with 400 accrued sick leave hours at the end of the fiscal year will *carry over* into the new fiscal year 360 hours of sick leave and 8 hours of additional annual leave.  
answer: (a) carry over
- A8 When irrigation has no *carry off* system, the evaporating water deposits a gradual build-up of salinization, which is eventually damaging to plant life.  
answer: (c) carry off
- A9 The Scottish Parliament has appointed Mr. Maley to *carry out* an assessment of the current cost estimate and likely completion date of a new information technology project.  
answer: (d) carry out
- A10 Animals and humans use the evaporation of water to *carry away* heat that is absorbed from the sun or generated by metabolic activity and exercise.  
answer: (a) carry away

English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Advanced level # 70 (Answer Keys) *Culinary delights*

- A1 Middle Eastern restaurants often have a way of whisking you away to a far off land of belly dancers, exotic spices and *intoxicating* drink.  
answer: (c) intoxicating
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- A2 Thai cuisine is one of the most romantic of the Asian cuisines as it still *retains* an element of mystery and exoticism.  
answer: (b) retains
- A3 Modern Asian restaurants in Jakarta have an *extended* history.  
answer: (a) extended
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- A4 Indonesia has an *eclectic* range of Japanese restaurants as Japan has long been the biggest investor in the country  
answer: (c) eclectic
- A5 International restaurants in Singapore are *particularly* adept at simultaneously perfecting both eastern and western dishes on their menus  
answer: (d) particularly
- A6 Hong Kong has to be one of the few places on the planet where you can enjoy *exquisite* cuisine and service at relatively reasonable prices.  
answer: (a) exquisite
- A7 European cuisine always *evokes* a sense of nostalgia and romance, like running into an old flame.  
answer: (c) evokes
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- A8 America is *undeniably* at the front of the race to become the world's most obese country.  
answer: (b) undeniably
- A9 Many people drink wine, but many wine consumers know little about wine *appreciation* or wine and food pairing because they are intimidated or put off by the pretensions often associated  
answer: (b) appreciation
- A10 One of the most beautiful things about Jakarta is its *culinary* wealth from both within the archipelago and  
around the world. answer: (d) culinary