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● Sentence Completion 8 *(high-beginning level)*

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

1. My brother is my mother's _____.

   A. son
   B. daughter
   C. father
   D. nephew

2. _____ have two wheels. Cars have _____.

   A. bicycles ... four
   B. trucks ... three
   C. buses ... four
   D. boats ... two

3. Stephen is sick, so his mother is going to the _____ to buy him some medicine.

   A. farm
   B. school
   C. pharmacy
   D. theater

4. Rita has two siblings. One is her sister, and the other is her _____.

   A. cousin
   B. brother
   C. child
   D. husband

5. During the summer, my family goes to the_____. Although the water is cold, we swim in the _____ there.

   A. city ... library
   B. forest ... trees
   C. beach ... ocean
   D. mountains ... snow

6. My _____ brother is my _____.

   A. aunt's ... wife
   B. grandmother's ... nephew
   C. daughter's ... cousin
   D. father's ... uncle

7. Margo enforces the law, protects the citizens, and carries a gun to work. She is _____.

   A. a fire fighter
   B. a police officer
   C. a teacher
   D. a construction worker

8. You use your _____ to _____.

   A. legs ... run
   B. hands ... sleep
   C. mouth ... move
   D. ears ... breathe

9. The father of my mother is my _____.

   A. nephew
   B. uncle
   C. godmother
   D. grandfather

10. My _____ has three children: my brother, my sister, and me.

   A. stepsister
   B. son
   C. friend
   D. mother

Answers and Explanations

1) **A**
Brothers and sisters have the same mother. Therefore, your brother is your mother's *son*. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because your brother is not your mother's *daughter*. Your mother's daughter is your sister, because brothers and sons are boys, but sisters and daughters are girls. A daughter is a girl, so she cannot be your brother.

(C) is incorrect because your brother is not your mother's *father*. Your mother's father is your grandfather.

(D) is incorrect because your brother is not your mother's *nephew*. Your mother's nephew is your cousin.

2) **A**
Wheels help cars, bicycles, trucks, and other vehicles to move. *Bicycles* have two wheels. Cars have *four* wheels. Choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *trucks* do not have two wheels. They have anywhere from four to eighteen wheels.

(C) is incorrect because *buses* do not have two wheels, either. Like trucks, they have at least four wheels.

(D) is incorrect because most *boats* do not have wheels at all. They travel in the water, not on land, so they do not need wheels.

3) **C**
A *pharmacy* is a store where people can buy medicine. Stephen is sick, so his mother must go to buy medicine for him at the pharmacy. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because you do not buy medicine at a *farm*.

(B) is incorrect because you do not buy medicine at a *school*.

(C) is incorrect because you do not buy medicine at a *theater*.

4) **B**
A sibling can be a brother or a sister. Rita has two siblings. We know one of them is a sister, but the other one could be a brother or another sister. Because "sister" is not an answer choice, we must choose *brother*. Choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a *cousin* is not a sibling.

(B) is incorrect because a *child* is not a sibling.

(D) is incorrect because a *husband* is not a sibling.

5) **C**
The *ocean* is the only answer choice that describes a place where people can swim. To get to the ocean, you go to the *beach*. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because you cannot swim in the *library*.

(B) is incorrect because you cannot swim in *trees*.

(D) is incorrect because you cannot swim in *snow*.

6) **D**
Your *uncle* is the brother of your mother or *father*. Therefore, it makes sense to say that my father's brother is my uncle. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because your *aunt's* brother is not your *wife*.

(B) is incorrect because your *grandmother's* brother is not your *nephew*.

(C) is incorrect because your *daughter's* brother is not your *cousin*.

7) **C**
Margo enforces the law, protects the citizens, and carries a gun to work. This describes the work of *a police officer*. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because this sentence does not describe the work of *a fire fighter*.

(B) is incorrect because this sentence does not describe the work of *a teacher*.

(D) is incorrect because this sentence does not describe the work of *a construction worker*.

8) **A**
In order to *run*, you must use your *legs*. Choice **(C)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because you do not use your *hands* to *sleep*.

(C) is incorrect because you do not use your *mouth* to *move*.

(D) is incorrect because you do not use your *ears* to *breathe*.

9) **D**
The *father* of your mother is your *grandfather*. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because your *nephew* is not your mother's father. Your nephew is your aunt or uncle's son.

(B) is incorrect because your *uncle* is not your mother's father. Your uncle is your mother or father's brother.

(C) is incorrect because your *godmother* is not your mother's father. A godmother is a woman who sponsors a Christian child at baptism.

10) **D**

The question uses words like "my" and "me" to describe the children. This means that I am one of the children in the question. I am the child of my *mother*. Choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because my *stepsister* might have three children, but I cannot be one of their children. I am only the child of my mother and my father.

(B) is incorrect because my *son* might have three children, but I cannot be one of their children. I am only the child of my mother and my father.

(C) is incorrect because my *friend* might have three children, but I cannot be one of their children. I am only the child of my mother and my father.