

Check your ECCE Vocabulary Skills – Activity 2

Key and Item Analysis

Item (1)

Item Difficulty: Less challenging

Please make sure that you _____ the instructions in the manual!

- A. follow
- B. hold
- C. remain
- D. respect

Answer: A

Explanation: The correct choice is A. You 'follow' someone's instructions. The other choices are wrong as you cannot 'hold', 'remain', or 'respect' instructions in a manual.

Item (2)

Item Difficulty: Less challenging

I know the architect who _____ this building.

- A. conducted
- B. designed
- C. developed
- D. directed

Answer: B

Explanation: The correct choice is B. An architect is someone who "designs" (draws the plans for) buildings. The other three choices are wrong as architects do not 'conduct' (perform), 'develop' (work on to make successful) or 'direct' (manage) buildings.

Item (3)

Item Difficulty: Moderate

Although Nick and I don't _____ the same interests, we've been friends for a long time.

- A. experience
- B. participate
- C. share
- D. suppose

Answer: C

Explanation: The correct choice is C. The correct expression is to "share the same interests" with someone. The other choices are wrong because you cannot 'experience', 'participate', or 'suppose' "the same interests".

Item (4)**Item Difficulty:** Moderate

"Peter, aren't you going to school today?"

"No, mom. I have a _____ throat."

- A. hurt
- B. sharp
- C. sore
- D. thick

Answer C.

Explanation: The correct answer is C. When someone has a 'sore' throat, their throat hurts. The other three choices are wrong as you cannot have a 'hurt', 'sharp', or 'thick' throat.

Item (5)**Item Difficulty:** Moderate

We'll have to take the stairs. The elevator is out of _____.

- A. control
- B. line
- C. order
- D. place

Answer: C

Explanation: The correct answer is C. The first sentence states that the people will take the stairs to get to their destination. The second sentence explains why the people need to take the stairs. Only choice C helps to explain why the people need to take the stairs. When something is "out of order", it means that it does not work. The other three choices do not explain why the people need to take the stairs. When something is "out of control", it cannot be managed (controlled) by someone or something easily. When someone is "out of line", they have behaved or stated something inappropriately. When something is "out of place", it does not match the rest of the setting.

Item (6)**Item Difficulty:** Moderate

A couple of thieves _____ into Mary's home and took her TV and video.

- A. broke
- B. burglarized
- C. forced
- D. robbed

Answer: A

Explanation: The correct answer is A as it is the only choice that can be followed by 'into'. "To break into" means to enter a place without having gotten permission to do so. Choice B (burglarized) and Choice D (robbed) would have been correct if the word "into" was left out from the sentence ("A couple of thieves 'burglarized' Mary's home" or "A couple of thieves robbed Mary's home"). Choice C (forced) would have been correct if it were the following: A couple of thieves forced their way into Mary's home.

Item (7)**Item Difficulty:** Moderate

Could you have a quick _____ at this letter and tell me what you think?

- A. eye
- B. check
- C. look
- D. view

Answer: C

Explanation: The correct choice is C. To have a quick look at something means to 'examine' it. The other three choices are wrong as you cannot have a quick 'eye', 'check', or 'view' at something.

Item (8)**Item Difficulty:** Moderate

Dogs must never eat _____ meat because they may become sick.

- A. faulty
- B. raw
- C. rough
- D. unready

Answer: B

Explanation: The correct answer is B as "raw" means not cooked. The other three choices are wrong as "faulty", "rough", and "unready" cannot be used to describe meat.

Item (9)**Item Difficulty:** More challenging

I always ask for an aisle seat when I fly because I enjoy being able to _____ my legs.

- A. shake
- B. shift
- C. strain
- D. stretch

Answer: D

Explanation: The correct answer is D. Choice D explains why the person asks for an aisle seat when flying. The person wants more room so that he can "stretch his legs" (straighten his legs). The other three choices are wrong because they do not explain why the person asked for an aisle seat. Choice A is wrong because one does not have to sit in an aisle seat to "shake" (move from left to right quickly) one's legs. Choice B is wrong because one does not have to sit in an aisle seat to "shift" (move) his legs from one position to another. Choice C is wrong because "strain" means that you are adding more pressure than needed.

Item (10)

Item Difficulty: More challenging

The policeman gave Larry a _____ for speeding.

- A. license
- B. notice
- C. report
- D. ticket

Answer: D

Explanation: The correct choice is D because when someone is caught exceeding (going beyond) the speed limit they usually get a 'speeding ticket'. The other three choices are wrong because you do not get a 'license', 'notice', or 'report' "for speeding". Note that you can lose your driving license for excessive speeding.