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# How good is your English?



**EVERY ENTRY IS A CHANCE TO WIN (REGARDLESS OF YOUR SCORE).**

1. Lay Hong \_\_\_\_\_ in Bedok.  
a. lives  
b. stays  
c. stay
2. The teacher's explanation made me feel very \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. blur  
b. confused  
c. blurry
3. At the end of the lesson as the student was clearing his desk, he asked his teacher, "Can I \_\_\_\_\_ my file in my bag now?"  
a. keep  
b. put  
c. leave
4. "I'll \_\_\_\_\_ to you by the end of the day".  
a. revert back  
b. get back  
c. return back
5. Nurul was \_\_\_\_\_ by his boss for arriving at work late.  
a. told off  
b. scolded  
c. shouted
6. "My child cannot \_\_\_\_\_ with the work in the primary six maths class".  
a. cope up  
b. understand about  
c. cope
7. "I can't get a can of soda because the machine is \_\_\_\_\_".  
a. spoilt  
b. closed  
c. broken
8. The manager said he would \_\_\_\_\_ the problem.  
a. consider  
b. consider about  
c. considering
9. After his arrest, the thief said he \_\_\_\_\_ his actions.  
a. regretted about  
b. regretted  
c. regretted for

10. Kai Hon and his family were going to Malaysia on holiday, so they went to the shops to buy some \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. luggage  
b. luggages  
c. suitcase
11. The Port Authority is an \_\_\_\_\_ institution.  
a. 81-years old  
b. 81 year old  
c. 81-year old
12. LiYin and her boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_ the bus.  
a. got down  
b. got out  
c. got off

Now choose the correct ones:

Question 13

- a. Kah Yen had been to the supermarket this morning.
- b. Kah Yen went to the supermarket this morning.
- c. Kah Yen had been going to the supermarket this morning

Question 14

- a. Can you tell me how much is that car?
- b. Can you tell me how much that car is?
- c. Can tell me or not, how much is that car?

Question 15

- a. This one finish already.
- b. I have finished already.
- c. I have already finished.

Question 16

- a. Making reservations in restaurants is a must in Singapore.
- b. Making reservations in restaurants are a must in Singapore.
- c. Making reservations in restaurants a must in Singapore.

Question 17

- a. Sumi go to school at 7.30am every morning.
- b. Sumi goes to school at 7.30am every morning.
- c. Sumi going to school at 7.30am every morning.

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# ANSWERS

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## Question 1

**a** is correct as it refers to a more permanent state. 'Stay(s)' is used for a temporary situation, e.g. "When I go on holiday I stay in a hotel."

## Question 2

**b** is correct standard English. The other two are Singaporean English.

## Question 3

**b** is correct. The only one that refers to the process of moving an object.

## Question 4

**b** is correct. 'Revert' is normally used to describe a return to a type of behaviour, e.g. "After years of clean living, John reverted to gambling". It does not require a particle such as 'back'.

## Question 5

**a** is correct. 'Scold' is only used when referring to small children. It is also old fashioned and rarely used nowadays.

## Question 6

**c** is correct. The word 'cope' does not take a particle, such as 'up'.

## Question 7

**c** is correct. 'Spoil' does not refer to machinery. It is normally used when referring to children, food or a situation such as a holiday.

## Question 8

**a** is correct. Consider. This is a transitive verb which takes a direct object and no preposition.

## Question 9

**b** is correct. Regretted. This is a transitive verb which takes a direct object and no preposition.

## Question 10

**a** is correct. Luggage. This is an uncountable noun, so has no plural form.

## Question 11

**c** is correct. A singular/plural compound adjective before a noun is hyphenated with no plural.

## Question 12

**c** is correct. The phrasal verb 'get off' is commonly used in Standard English to replace the more formal verb. 'to alight'.

## Question 13

**b** is correct. Past simple must be used with a specific time expression. Past perfect is not used unless there are two activities related to one another.

## Question 14

**b** is correct. When the question is part of a longer sentence, the word order changes.

## Question 15

**b** is correct. In present perfect sentences, the adverb 'already' is usually positioned between the auxiliary verb and the past participle.

## Question 16

**a** is correct. Subject-verb agreement. "Making reservations in restaurants" is a finite clause and therefore considered singular, hence the use of 'is'.

## Question 17

**b** is correct. 3rd person singular. If the noun or pronoun is the 3rd person singular 'he', 'she' or 'it', then the verb takes an 's'.

## How did you do?

### Top of the class!

If you scored between 15 and 17 then you are really on the ball with your accuracy. You have a good understanding of grammar and vocabulary. Well done!

### On the right track!

If you scored between 10 and 14 then you have a fairly good command of English. You need to concentrate a little more and aim for greater accuracy.

### Could do better!

If you scored between 5 and 9 then you need to pay more attention to the language you are using. You tend to make too many common mistakes, and these are affecting the way you communicate.

### Bottom of the class!

If you scored between 1 and 4 then you need to go back to the drawing board. Your communication is suffering because of these common mistakes.



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