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1. Help the terrified waiter recount his disastrous encounter with the head chef by choosing the correct words for the blanks.

Chef Gordon demanded to know _____ the soufflé, and immediately ordered me _____ his kitchen.

Select one.

- **A)** whether had I dropped / to get out of
- **B)** did I drop / getting out of
- **C)** whether I had dropped / to get out of
- **D)** if I dropped / that I got out of

2. Complete the dramatic diary entry of the family dog by selecting the correct reported speech forms.

The cat demanded to know where _____ her favorite toy mouse and strictly ordered me _____ her royal cardboard box again. She also inquired _____ to apologize for breathing too loudly while she slept.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** I had hidden
- **B)** had I hidden
- **C)** did I hide

Blank 2

- **A)** never to enter
- **B)** to never entering
- **C)** not to entering

Blank 3

- **A)** whether I was planning
- **B)** whether was I planning
- **C)** if was I planning

3. Help the baffled detective write his official report regarding the prime suspect by choosing the correct phrase to complete the sentence.

The detective interrogated the squirrel, demanding to know _____ the acorns and why _____ at him with such disdain.

Select one.

- **A)** where did it hide / was it looking
- **B)** where it had hidden / it was looking
- **C)** where had it hidden / was it looking
- **D)** where it hid / is it looking

4. The galactic translator is malfunctioning! Help the engineers by selecting ALL the translations that correctly report the alien commander's original words: *"Explain how this spaceship works! Do you have any fuel left?"*

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The commander ordered the humans to explain how the spaceship worked and asked if they had any fuel left.
- **B)** The commander demanded that the humans explain how did the spaceship work and inquired whether they had any fuel left.
- **C)** The commander instructed the humans to explain how the spaceship worked and wanted to know whether they had any fuel left.
- **D)** The commander commanded the humans explain how the spaceship worked and asked did they have any fuel left.

5. Complete the apprentice's diary entry about his chaotic first day at the magic tower by selecting the grammatically correct option.

The wizard furiously warned me _____ the glowing orb, asking how many times _____ to remind me.

Select one.

- **A)** not to touch / had he
- **B)** to not touch / did he have
- **C)** not to touch / he had
- **D)** don't touch / he had

6. Review the spy agency's debriefing report. Select ALL the sentences that correctly report the villain's original words: *"Where is the secret vault? Do not tell anyone else!"*

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The villain demanded to know where the secret vault was and ordered the agent not to tell anyone else.
- **B)** The villain asked where was the secret vault and forbade the agent from telling anyone else.
- **C)** The villain inquired where the secret vault was and commanded the agent to tell no one else.
- **D)** The villain wanted to know where the secret vault was and ordered the agent don't tell anyone else.

7. Help the food critic reconstruct the chaotic kitchen scene for her review by choosing the correct phrase for each blank.

The head chef demanded to know _____ so much salt to the delicate consommé, and furiously ordered him _____ the stove for the rest of the evening.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** why had the trainee added
- **B)** why did the trainee add
- **C)** why the trainee had added

Blank 2

- **A)** that he didn't touch
- **B)** to don't touch
- **C)** not to touch

8. Read the restaurant critic's dramatic recount of the kitchen chaos. Select ALL the sentences that correctly report the head chef's outburst: *"Have you seasoned the soup? Clean your stations immediately!"*

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The head chef asked whether they had seasoned the soup and insisted that they clean their stations immediately.
- **B)** The head chef asked if they had seasoned the soup and told them to clean their stations immediately.
- **C)** The head chef asked had they seasoned the soup and demanded them to clean their stations immediately.
- **D)** The head chef inquired whether had they seasoned the soup and ordered that their stations be cleaned immediately.

9. Complete the lawyer's exasperated diary entry about the eccentric billionaire's bizarre will reading. Choose the correct phrase for each gap.

During the reading of the will, the billionaire's pre-recorded hologram inquired _____ their daily truffles, and strictly instructed the bewildered heirs _____ a solid gold statue of his favorite poodle.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** whether had the cats been fed
- **B)** did the cats get fed
- **C)** whether the cats had been fed

Blank 2

- **A)** that they must build
- **B)** building
- **C)** to build

10. Help the apprentice wizard update his magical logbook by choosing the correct grammar for each gap.

Master Merlin asked me why _____ and instructed me _____ it immediately. He then warned me _____ levitation near his crystal vases, and wondered aloud _____ the laboratory window.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** my wand was sparking
- **B)** was my wand sparking
- **C)** did my wand spark

Blank 2

- **A)** to drop
- **B)** dropping
- **C)** that I drop

Blank 3

- **A)** not to practice
- **B)** to don't practice
- **C)** not practicing

Blank 4

- **A)** who had broken
- **B)** who did break
- **C)** who has broken