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Advanced Sentence Adverbs

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1. Detective Miller is writing a report about a suspect's highly suspicious alibi. Help him choose the best words to cast doubt on the suspect's story by showing that the claim is unproven or highly questionable.

Select ALL the sentence adverbs that correctly complete the sentence.

_____, the suspect was walking his pet goldfish at the exact moment the bank was robbed.

Select all that apply.

A) Allegedly
B) Supposedly
C) Ostensibly
D) Undoubtedly
E) Skillfully

2. Complete the space explorer's audio log by selecting the correct sentence adverbs to convey her attitude and deductions.

"The atmosphere on Planet X-9 is composed almost entirely of neon gas. _____, this should make the sky glow a vibrant, electric purple. _____, however, the sky appears completely pitch black during the day. The local inhabitants have, _____, adapted to this darkness, as they navigate the rocky terrain without any artificial light."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) Theory
B) Theoretical
C) Theoretically

Blank 2

A) Astonishing
B) Astonishingly
C) Astonishment

Blank 3

A) presumed
B) presuming
C) presumably

3. A nervous employee is recounting a disastrous meeting to a friend. Read the employee's frantic text messages to determine how the adverbs are being used.

Select ALL the sentences where the adverb functions as a **sentence adverb** (expressing the speaker's attitude or evaluation of the whole situation), rather than an adverb of manner (describing *how* an action was done).

Select all that apply.

A) Frankly, I have no idea why I wore a clown tie to the board meeting.
B) Regrettably, the CEO did not appreciate my joke about the quarterly losses.
C) Clearly, I am not getting that promotion this year.
D) I apologized profusely to the entire executive team.
E) The manager sighed heavily when I spilled my coffee.

4. Complete the secret agent's mission report on a rather incompetent villain by choosing the most appropriate sentence adverb for each blank.

The villain's doomsday laser was _____ unplugged by the night shift cleaners, saving the entire eastern seaboard from vaporization. The mastermind had _____ forgotten to pay his henchmen, considering they all walked out on strike just minutes before the attack. This organization is _____ the most incompetent evil syndicate in history, although a few rival villains might dispute that title.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** regrettably
- **B)** mercifully
- **C)** hypothetically

Blank 2

- **A)** hypothetically
- **B)** evidently
- **C)** arguably

Blank 3

- **A)** undeniably
- **B)** arguably
- **C)** hypothetically

5. An exhausted scientist is documenting an experiment where lab mice were given Wi-Fi access to test their intelligence. Help the scientist complete their research log by choosing words that express that the outcome was a completely expected and unavoidable consequence.

Select ALL the sentence adverbs that logically apply.

_____, the rodents managed to bypass the firewall and max out the department's credit card on premium gouda.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Inevitably
- **B)** Predictably
- **C)** Unsurprisingly
- **D)** Astonishingly
- **E)** Inadvertently

6. Help the bewildered food critic complete his review of an avant-garde restaurant by choosing the most appropriate sentence modifiers.

"For the main course, the chef served us a single, raw coffee bean on a bed of dry ice. _____, I expected a bit more substance for a $300 tasting menu. _____, it was the most pretentious dish I have ever encountered in my ten-year career. The chef, _____, believes that true culinary art requires the diner to leave the establishment completely famished."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** Frankness
- **B)** Frank
- **C)** Frankly

Blank 2

- **A)** Argumentatively
- **B)** Arguing
- **C)** Arguably

Blank 3

- **A)** evident
- **B)** evidently
- **C)** evidence

7. Help the food critic finish her review of a highly unusual cooking competition by choosing the correct sentence adverb for each gap.

The addition of bitter cigar ash, _____, made the chocolate cake taste incredibly sweet and complex. The dessert was _____ a centuries-old family recipe, though the judges suspected the chef had simply panicked and improvised on the spot. Ultimately, the resulting mess was _____ the best thing the panel had ever tasted, given their unanimous perfect scores.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** understandably
- **B)** paradoxically
- **C)** supposedly

Blank 2

- **A)** frankly
- **B)** ostensibly
- **C)** undeniably

Blank 3

- **A)** arguably
- **B)** undeniably
- **C)** ostensibly

8. Complete the historian's dramatic podcast script by selecting the adverb that best expresses the speaker's stance on the claim.

The mayor's decision to build the town's new flood defenses out of recycled cardboard was, _____, the most spectacularly terrible municipal choice of the decade.

Select one.

- **A)** inadvertently
- **B)** arguably
- **C)** mutually
- **D)** marginally

9. Read the dinner guest's dramatic recounting of a culinary disaster and select the grammatically correct sentence adverb.

_____, the smoke detector went off and forced us to evacuate the building before anyone had to actually taste my uncle's glowing green casserole.

Select one.

- **A)** Profusely
- **B)** Fundamentally
- **C)** Mercifully
- **D)** Accordingly

10. Help the veterinarian complete her observational notes on a very cunning feline by choosing the correct word.

_____, Sir Paws-a-Lot was fast asleep on the radiator, but the slight twitch of his ear whenever the tuna can opened suggested a brilliant deception.

Select one.

- **A)** Ostensibly
- **B)** Consequently
- **C)** Invariably
- **D)** Expressly