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Substitution with So, Not, and Do

Hard | C1 | Advanced | Adjective | Adverb | Auxiliary verb | Clause | Complement | Conditional sentence | Indirect speech | Inversion | Negation | Object | Past tense | Phrase | Present tense | Pronoun | Sentence | Verb | Verb tense | Simple tense | Word order

1. Two paranoid office workers are arguing. Select ALL the grammatically correct phrases to complete the classic "I was right!" moment.

"I warned you that the new coffee machine was sentient and plotting against us. I _____!"

Select all that apply.

A) told you so
B) said so
C) did say so
D) told so
E) said you so

2. Select the grammatically correct option to complete the rival's statement.

"He claims to understand the complex rules of 4D quantum chess, but I highly doubt he actually _____."

Select one.

A) does so
B) does it
C) does
D) understands so

3. Help the pretentious food critic finish his scathing review of a new avant-garde restaurant by selecting the correct substitutions.

The appetizers arrived completely frozen, and _____ the supposedly warm bread rolls. The head chef clearly despises the restaurant's owner, and after tasting the soup, I assure you, I _____. The manager begged me to leave a five-star rating to save their reputation, but as a culinary professional, I absolutely refused to _____.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) so did
B) so arrived
C) so were

Blank 2

A) do too
B) do so too
C) despise so

Blank 3

A) do so
B) do it so
C) make so

4. Help the exasperated detective complete the transcript of this highly unusual interrogation by choosing the correct substitution word for each blank.

"Did the raccoon steal the mayor's toupee?" asked the detective.
"I suppose _____," replied the witness.

"Did you tell the creature to drop the hairpiece?"
"I _____, but it refused to _____ and simply hissed at me."

"Will the mayor ever recover his dignity?"
"I strongly suspect _____."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** so
- **B)** it
- **C)** thus
- **D)** that

Blank 2

- **A)** did
- **B)** had
- **C)** was
- **D)** have

Blank 3

- **A)** do so
- **B)** do such
- **C)** make it
- **D)** be so

Blank 4

- **A)** not
- **B)** none
- **C)** no
- **D)** don't

5. Choose the correct word to complete the royal advisor's warning.

"The dragon is currently asleep and peaceful, but it will only remain _____ if you stop playing those dreadful bagpipes!"

Select one.

- **A)** such
- **B)** as such
- **C)** so
- **D)** it

6. Help the gloomy scientist predict the future! Select ALL the responses that are grammatically correct and natural ways to express a negative expectation using substitution.

"Will the time machine be fixed by Tuesday?"

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I hope not.
- **B)** I don't think so.
- **C)** I guess not.
- **D)** I don't hope so.
- **E)** I don't guess so.

7. Help the exhausted film director complete her frantic text messages to the producer by choosing the correct substitution words.

Director: "Is the lead actor going to storm out of his trailer again today?"
Producer: "I suppose _____. He was complaining about the coffee."

Director: "Have they fixed the spaceship's lighting yet?"
Producer: "I _____. The electrician just left for an extended lunch."

Director: "Are we going to go over budget on this scene?"
Producer: "I desperately _____! The studio will definitely cancel us."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** so
- **B)** it
- **C)** that

Blank 2

- **A)** doubt it
- **B)** doubt so
- **C)** am doubting so

Blank 3

- **A)** hope not
- **B)** don't hope so
- **C)** hope it not

8. Choose the correct phrase to complete the podcast host's nervous response.

"Are the aliens going to beam up our broadcasting tower before we finish the episode?" asked the co-host.
"I _____, or we'll never get our sponsorship money!"

Select one.

- **A)** strongly suspect not
- **B)** don't strongly suspect so
- **C)** strongly suspect it not
- **D)** strongly don't suspect so

9. Complete the amateur baker's dramatic blog post. Select ALL the options that correctly mean "and I followed that instruction" (rather than "and I also did it").

"The ancient, mystical recipe instructed me to knead the dough for exactly three hours, and _____."

Select all that apply.

- **A)** so I did.
- **B)** I did so.
- **C)** I did it.
- **D)** so did I.
- **E)** did I so.

10. Complete the spaceship captain's dramatic audio log by choosing the correct substitution word for each blank.

"The aliens may attempt to board the ship. If _____, we must initiate the lockdown sequence immediately."

"Have they breached the outer hull yet? I believe _____, but our sensors are severely damaged."

"We need to reroute power to the shields. Anyone who fails to _____ will face a swift court-martial."

"I ordered the pilot to evade their lasers, and she _____ with surprising enthusiasm."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** so
- **B)** such
- **C)** thus
- **D)** it

Blank 2

- **A)** not
- **B)** no
- **C)** none
- **D)** haven't

Blank 3

- **A)** do so
- **B)** do such
- **C)** make so
- **D)** act it

Blank 4

- **A)** did
- **B)** had
- **C)** was
- **D)** done