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Slavic Speakers' Top Errors: Articles, Prepositions, and Pronouns

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | B2 | Upper Intermediate | Adverb | Article | Countable and uncountable | Determiner | Gerund | Infinitive | Noun | Preposition | Pronoun | Sentence | Subject | Collocations

1. Complete the proud owner's review of a terrible used car. Select the grammatically correct pronoun for each gap.

"Look at my new car! I know _____ is incredibly rusty, but the price was right.

I didn't notice the scratches because _____ was raining heavily when I bought the vehicle.

The engine makes a weird rattling noise, and I'm pretty sure _____ is going to explode tomorrow. Best purchase ever!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** it
- **B)** she
- **C)** he

Blank 2

- **A)** it
- **B)** there
- **C)** she

Blank 3

- **A)** it
- **B)** he
- **C)** she

2. Help the sci-fi mechanic file a grammatically perfect maintenance report! Select ALL the logs that correctly use pronouns for inanimate objects.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The main computer crashed, and he refuses to reboot.
- **B)** The main computer crashed, and it refuses to reboot.
- **C)** I lost my favorite wrench, but I think she is under the console.
- **D)** I lost my favorite wrench, but I think it is under the console.
- **E)** The spaceship is old, but it still flies perfectly.

3. Help the stressed student complete their email to the professor. Choose the correct preposition for each gap.

"Dear Professor,

My graduation entirely depends _____ this final essay.

I know I am not very good _____ time management, which is why I missed the original deadline.

However, I promise to submit the final draft _____ Monday morning!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** on
- **B)** from
- **C)** of

Blank 2

- **A)** at
- **B)** in
- **C)** with

Blank 3

- **A)** on
- **B)** in
- **C)** at

4. Help the art detective complete her incident report about the missing masterpiece.

Take a close look at the woman _____ this famous portrait. She is clearly waiting _____ her mysterious lover, who is hiding in _____ background.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** in
- **B)** on
- **C)** at

Blank 2

- **A)** for
- **B)** on
- **C)** after

Blank 3

- **A)** the
- **B)** a
- **C)** an

5. An enthusiastic exchange student is practicing their English on a social media profile. Select ALL the sentences they wrote without any grammar mistakes!

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I want to be a doctor in the future.
- **B)** I want to be doctor in future.
- **C)** I usually listen to music on my way to work.
- **D)** I usually listen music on my way to the work.
- **E)** I am very interested in learning new languages.

6. Choose the correct word to complete the frustrated roommate's text message.

I tried to fix the new toaster, but ___ suddenly started shooting sparks across the kitchen!

Select one.

- **A)** he
- **B)** she
- **C)** it
- **D)** who

7. A time-traveling tourist is sending you text messages, but their translation device is glitching. Select ALL the messages that use prepositions correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I am waiting on you at the town square.
- **B)** I am waiting for you at the town square.
- **C)** Look at the funny horse on the picture!
- **D)** Look at the funny horse in the picture!
- **E)** I am going to home now before the portal closes.

8. Fill in the blanks to complete the tour guide's cheerful speech about the town's historical clock.

This is our famous astronomical clock! Last year, the city hired _____ expert from abroad to restore it. Even though the clock is over five hundred years old, _____ still chimes perfectly every hour. Locals are very proud _____ this magnificent landmark!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** an
- **B)** a
- **C)** any

Blank 2

- **A)** it
- **B)** he
- **C)** she

Blank 3

- **A)** of
- **B)** for
- **C)** from

9. Help the dramatic meteorologist finish the weather forecast.

Whether we survive this weekend's catastrophic drizzle will depend entirely ___ how many umbrellas you own.

Select one.

- **A)** from
- **B)** on
- **C)** of
- **D)** by

10. Select the correct phrase to complete the dramatic poet's social media post.

After sitting in the park for five hours, I have concluded that ___ is full of unpredictable squirrels.

Select one.

- **A)** the nature
- **B)** nature
- **C)** a nature
- **D)** natures

11. Read the bizarre note your roommate left on the fridge. Select the best option for each gap to fix some common article mistakes.

"Great news! I am officially _____ certified ghost hunter!

I love _____, so I will do most of my investigating in the local woods tonight.

Don't wait up for me. If I get too scared, I am going straight to _____ anyway."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** a
- **B)** the
- **C)** one

Blank 2

- **A)** nature
- **B)** the nature
- **C)** a nature

Blank 3

- **A)** bed
- **B)** a bed
- **C)** the bed

12. Complete the homeowner's review of their overly dramatic smart fridge.

I recently purchased _____ brand-new smart fridge for my kitchen. Unfortunately, _____ refuses to open the doors after 8 PM! I tried complaining _____ the manufacturer, but they said it's a "dietary feature," not a bug.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** a
- **B)** an
- **C)** any

Blank 2

- **A)** it
- **B)** he
- **C)** she

Blank 3

- **A)** to
- **B)** at
- **C)** with