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Look-Alike Phrases: In Time, On the Contrary, After All, and More

Medium | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | B1 | Intermediate | Adverb | Conditional sentence | Conjunction | Phrase | Preposition | Collocations | Idiom

1. Select ALL the sentences that use the phrases correctly.

Select all that apply.

A) The train departed exactly on time.
B) We arrived at the theater just in time to buy snacks.
C) I hope I finish the report on time to go to the party.
D) The concert started exactly in time.

2. Complete the office worker's email to a colleague by choosing the correct phrase for each gap.

The presentation started exactly _____, so I'm glad we didn't stop for coffee. I was worried we would never agree on the budget, but _____ everything worked out.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) on time
B) in time

Blank 2
A) at the end
B) in the end

3. Complete the delivery driver's text message to a customer by choosing the correct phrase for each gap.

I am currently _____ to your apartment with your food. I wrapped the boxes in foil just _____ it gets cold outside.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) in the way
B) on the way

Blank 2
A) in case
B) if

4. Help the friends plan their weekend picnic. Select ALL the sentences that use the bolded phrases grammatically and logically.

Select all that apply.

A) Let's pack an umbrella **in case** it rains.
B) **First**, we need to find a good spot by the lake.
C) **At first**, we need to find a good spot by the lake.
D) We will only eat inside **in case** it rains.

5. Complete the text message to a friend.

That pizza was delicious! _____, did you see the email from the landlord?

Choose the correct option for each gap.

A) On the way
B) For now
C) By the way

6. Help the roommates sort out their apartment issues! Select ALL the sentences that use the phrases correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The plumber should have fixed the sink by now.
- **B)** We can just use the bathroom down the hall for now.
- **C)** The new faucet was due on Monday, so it should have arrived for now.
- **D)** We can just use the bathroom down the hall by now.

7. Complete the traveler's conversation about their trip.

"Was the hotel room noisy?"
"_____, it was incredibly quiet."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

- **A)** On the contrary
- **B)** On the other hand
- **C)** By the way

8. Select the best phrase to complete the apartment review.

This apartment is incredibly spacious and has great natural light. _____ it is located right next to a noisy train station.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

- **A)** On the other hand,
- **B)** On the contrary,
- **C)** By the way,

9. Complete the text message to a friend by choosing the correct phrase.

Don't be mad at him for leaving the party early. _____ he had been working since 5:00 a.m.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

- **A)** Finally,
- **B)** After all,
- **C)** Lastly,

10. Complete the boss's final instruction at the end of a meeting.

We've covered the budget and the schedule. _____, please turn off the lights when you leave.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

- **A)** At last
- **B)** By now
- **C)** Lastly