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Misheard Phrases

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | Adjective | Auxiliary verb | Modal verb | Noun | Participle | Phrase | Present tense | Verb | Passive voice | Collocations | Idiom

1. Review the eager intern's draft email to the boss and drag the correct words to fix his potentially embarrassing mistakes.

"We need to stop this problem early and nip it in the _____. Also, for all _____ purposes, the first phase of the project is completely finished."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) butt
B) bud
C) mud

Blank 2

A) intensive
B) intents and
C) intended

2. Leo is sending a frantic apology text to his roommate after eating the last slice of leftover pizza. Help him sound genuinely sorry by picking the grammatically correct options. Select ALL the sentences that apply.

Select all that apply.

A) I really should have asked before eating your dinner.
B) I really should of asked before eating your dinner.
C) I know I was supposed to leave it in the fridge for you.
D) I know I was suppose to leave it in the fridge for you.

3. Read the advice from a seasoned office worker and select the correct expressions to complete their email.

Corporate finance can be a _____ world. If a coworker starts taking credit for your work, you need to _____ before it becomes a bad habit.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) dog-eat-dog
B) doggy-dog
C) dog-eat-cat

Blank 2

A) nip it in the bud
B) nip it in the butt
C) snip it in the bud

4. Help the detective proofread her official report so she doesn't embarrass herself in front of the chief. Select ALL the sentences that use the English phrases correctly.

Select all that apply.

A) We must nip this rumor in the bud before the press arrives.
B) We must nip this rumor in the butt before the press arrives.
C) Since the suspect confessed, his fake alibi is a moot point.
D) Since the suspect confessed, his fake alibi is a mute point.

5. Complete the cynical manager's speech to the new intern.

You have to be tough to survive in the corporate world, kid. It's a ___ world out there!

Select one.

- **A)** dog-eat-dog
- **B)** doggy dog
- **C)** dog-and-dog
- **D)** dog-eat-cat

6. Complete the dramatic teenager's diary entry by dragging the correct expressions into the blanks.

"High school is a ruthless, _____ world where everyone is competing for the best grades. However, missing the bus today was actually a blessing _____, because I completely avoided Mr. Smith's terrible pop quiz!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** dog-eat-dog
- **B)** doggy dog
- **C)** dog-and-dog

Blank 2

- **A)** in disguise
- **B)** in the skies
- **C)** in this guise

7. Help your classmate edit their essay by selecting the correct standard phrases.

Although my old laptop is incredibly slow, for all _____ it still works fine. I used to _____ until the battery died right before my final exams!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** intensive purposes
- **B)** intents and purposes
- **C)** intended purposes

Blank 2

- **A)** take it for granted
- **B)** take it for granite
- **C)** take it as granted

8. A popular travel blogger is writing a post about staying safe abroad, but her spellchecker didn't catch her mixed-up idioms! Select ALL the sentences that are written correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Buying travel insurance gives you absolute peace of mind.
- **B)** Buying travel insurance gives you absolute piece of mind.
- **C)** We often take the safety of our hometowns for granted.
- **D)** We often take the safety of our hometowns for granite.

9. Help the dramatic teenager complete her diary entry.

I do absolutely everything for my brother, but he just takes my help for ___!

Select one.

- **A)** granted
- **B)** granite
- **C)** grandness
- **D)** grounded

10. Choose the correct word to complete the comforting text message.

Missing your flight was frustrating, but it was a blessing in ___! The weather at the resort was terrible anyway.

Select one.

A) disguise
B) the skies
C) this guise
D) the sky