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Thanks, Apologies, and Natural Responses

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | Adjective | Gerund | Imperative mood | Interjection | Negation | Phrasal verb | Phrase | Preposition | Verb | Collocations | Idiom

1. Complete the email to a colleague about a missed meeting.

I sincerely apologize _____ your presentation this morning. My train was delayed by over an hour!

Select one.

A) to miss
B) for missing
C) about missing
D) for miss

2. Complete this friendly cafe encounter by dragging the correct words into the blanks.

Alex: "I'm so sorry _____ keeping you waiting!"
Sam: "No _____, I was just enjoying my coffee."
Alex: "Thanks for being so _____. My dog decided to chase a squirrel!"
Sam: "Don't _____ it! We've all been there."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1
A) to
B) for
C) at

Blank 2
A) bothers
B) worries
C) cares

Blank 3
A) understood
B) understanding
C) understand

Blank 4
A) say
B) mention
C) speak

3. Help the party host write a quick thank-you message to a guest.

Thank you so much _____ such a beautiful bouquet of flowers! They look perfect on the dining table.

Select one.

A) for bringing
B) to bring
C) bringing
D) for bring

4. Your roommate just said, "Thanks so much for helping me carry that ridiculously heavy sofa up three flights of stairs!" Select ALL the natural, casual ways you could respond.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** No worries at all!
- **B)** Anytime!
- **C)** Don't mention it.
- **D)** Please.
- **E)** I am very welcoming.

5. Help the clumsy roommate complete this awkward text message exchange by dragging the correct words into the blanks.

Roommate 1: "I sincerely apologize _____ eating your fancy Greek yogurt. I thought it was mine!"
Roommate 2: "Oh, don't worry _____ it. It was past its expiration date anyway!"
Roommate 1: "Phew! I really _____ your honesty... and your old yogurt."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

- **A)** with
- **B)** about
- **C)** over

Blank 3

- **A)** thank
- **B)** appreciate
- **C)** grateful

6. Help the clumsy roommate and the forgiving friend complete their text message exchange by choosing the most natural words.

Roommate: "I want to apologize _____ shrinking your favorite sweater in the wash! How can I ever make it _____ you?"

Friend: "Oh, please don't worry _____ it. It was getting old anyway! No harm _____, seriously!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

- **A)** up to
- **B)** up for
- **C)** out to

Blank 3

- **A)** about
- **B)** for
- **C)** with

Blank 4

- **A)** done
- **B)** made
- **C)** taken

7. A nervous barista accidentally spills a tiny drop of milk on your table and apologizes profusely. Choose ALL the natural, polite phrases you could use to reassure them.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Don't worry about it at all!
- **B)** That's completely fine.
- **C)** No harm done!
- **D)** You are forgiven.
- **E)** It is nothing to worry.

8. Complete the office chat between a grateful cat owner and their helpful coworker. Select the best words to make the conversation sound natural.

Cat owner: "I can't thank you _____ for covering my shift yesterday. I am so grateful _____ you for stepping in when my cat got stuck on the roof!"

Coworker: "Not at _____! I was happy to help. Any _____, just let me know if Sir Fluffington decides to go mountaineering again!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** enough
- **B)** much
- **C)** too

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

- **A)** all
- **B)** everything
- **C)** least

Blank 4

- **A)** time
- **B)** way
- **C)** how

9. Choose the most natural spoken response to complete the conversation between two friends.

Sarah: "Thanks so much for helping me move this heavy sofa!"
John: "_____. Just let me know if you need a hand with the armchair."

Select one.

- **A)** I beg your pardon
- **B)** Never mind
- **C)** No worries
- **D)** It does not matter

10. A college student is writing an email to their professor because their mischievous cat stepped on their phone and turned off the alarm. Select ALL the grammatically correct and natural ways for the student to apologize for being late.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I apologize for missing the start of class.
- **B)** I am so sorry for being late today.
- **C)** Please forgive me for arriving late.
- **D)** I apologize to be late this morning.
- **E)** I am sorry of missing the lecture.