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EU Learners' Tricky Set (German and French): Word Order, Prepositions, and False Friends

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | B2 | Upper Intermediate | Adjective | Adverb | Object | Preposition | Verb | Word order | Collocations

1. Help Detective Marcel polish his surveillance report! His multilingual background is causing some classic English grammar slip-ups with false friends, word order, and prepositions. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

The suspect is _____ working at the bakery, though he claims to be a secret agent.

He _____ to his mysterious contacts.

Whether we arrest him tomorrow depends _____ his next move!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** actually
- **B)** currently
- **C)** eventually

Blank 2

- **A)** speaks fluently Russian
- **B)** speaks Russian fluently
- **C)** Russian speaks fluently

Blank 3

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

2. Help the European exchange student polish his email home by selecting the most natural English option for each gap.

Hi Mom and Dad,

I am writing to give you an update on my _____ life in the UK. Yesterday, I _____ my first university grades! Whether I celebrate tonight depends _____ my friends' schedules. I _____ now, so making plans is much easier!

Love,
Leo

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** actual
- **B)** current
- **C)** presently

Blank 2

- **A)** became
- **B)** received
- **C)** become

Blank 3

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

Blank 4

- **A)** speak English fluently
- **B)** speak fluently English
- **C)** am speaking fluently English

3. Help Pierre, an exchange student, fix his diary entry by choosing the right words. He keeps translating directly from his native language, which might confuse his English teacher! Choose the correct word for each blank.

I finally _____ my university schedule today. I have to _____ three long lectures tomorrow. My _____ professor is very strict, but I am learning a lot!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** received
- **B)** became
- **C)** took

Blank 2

- **A)** attend
- **B)** wait
- **C)** assist

Blank 3

- **A)** current
- **B)** actual
- **C)** nowadays

4. Help the exchange student text their host family by selecting ALL the grammatically correct sentences that use vocabulary properly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I received a lovely gift from my friends back home.
- **B)** I became a lovely gift from my friends back home.
- **C)** My teacher is very sensible and always gives practical advice.
- **D)** My teacher is very sensible and cries easily during sad movies.

5. Help the exchange student fix their introductory blog post by selecting the correct words for each gap.

Hey everyone! _____, I am living in Berlin for my studies. I am taking intensive classes every single morning because my biggest goal is to _____ by the end of the year.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** Actually
- **B)** Currently
- **C)** Eventually

Blank 2

- **A)** speak fluently the language
- **B)** speak the language fluently
- **C)** speak the language fluent

6. Complete the gossip columnist's draft by selecting ALL the sentences that use the correct prepositions.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The famous actor is married to a brilliant scientist.
- **B)** The famous actor is married with a brilliant scientist.
- **C)** Their honeymoon destination depends on the weather.
- **D)** Their honeymoon destination depends from the weather.
- **E)** They are discussing the wedding guest list.
- **F)** They are discussing about the wedding guest list.

7. Complete the gossip columnist's spicy article about a dramatic celebrity by choosing the correct options.

Whether the grand wedding happens depends entirely _____ the groom's mood today. He is currently married _____ his career, and frankly, he is far too _____ to handle any constructive criticism from his fiancée!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

- **A)** sensible
- **B)** sensitive
- **C)** sympathetic

8. Help Klaus polish his dating app profile. He keeps using prepositions that make sense in his native language but sound strange in English, and it is scaring off his matches! Choose the correct preposition for each blank.

I am a fun guy who is highly interested _____ modern art and hiking. Whether we go to the beach or the cinema depends entirely _____ the weather. I will be eagerly waiting _____ your message!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

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

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

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

9. Help the tour guide give clear instructions to the group by selecting ALL the grammatically correct sentences.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I will explain the schedule to everyone.
- **B)** I will explain everyone the schedule.
- **C)** Please listen to the driver carefully.
- **D)** Please listen the driver carefully.
- **E)** I have some important information for you.
- **F)** I have some important informations for you.

10. Help the detective write an accurate surveillance report by selecting ALL the grammatically correct sentences.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Yesterday, the suspect went to the bank.
- **B)** Yesterday went the suspect to the bank.
- **C)** The suspect always drinks coffee at 8:00 AM.
- **D)** The suspect drinks always coffee at 8:00 AM.
- **E)** Usually, he leaves the house at noon.

11. Help the detective correct the grammar in the foreign witness's official statement.

Yesterday, _____ the suspect at the café. I had to wait _____ him for an hour in the freezing rain. He seemed quite friendly and _____, but I know he stole the diamonds!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** I saw
- **B)** saw I
- **C)** did I see

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

- **A)** sympathetic
- **B)** likable
- **C)** sensible

12. A disgruntled tourist is writing a fiery restaurant review. Choose the correct words and phrases for each blank to help him complain with perfect English grammar!

I wanted to complain about the terrible service, so I asked to speak to the _____. I was furious because I had to wait an hour _____ my main course. However, to be completely fair, I liked _____.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** manager
- **B)** chef
- **C)** chief

Blank 2

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

Blank 3

- **A)** the dessert very much
- **B)** very much the dessert
- **C)** the very much dessert