

Grammar Practice

A Circle the correct answers.

(1) **Regardless of / As for** what you may think, and (2) **apart from / contrary to** popular belief, pasta is not an Italian invention, (3) **however / but** a Chinese one. (4) **To be more specific / In addition to this**, legend has it that Marco Polo, the explorer, learnt the recipe for pasta from the Chinese (5) **and / or** brought it to Italy. Pasta is the most important food in Italy. (6) **In fact / In short**, it is served (7) **as / like** a starter to any meal. It is (8) **not only / both** popular in Italy (9) **but / and** also in other countries, where it is served with different sauces. (10) **In fact / As for** the sauces, there are so many that even the most fussy eaters are sure to find something they like.

B Complete the sentences using the appropriate linking words from the box.

otherwise	not only...but also	neither...nor	to conclude	but for	personally
either...or	in comparison to	besides	in this case	however	next

1. I agree with you. _____, I believe that anything you learn is useful.
2. _____ my talk, I'd just like to emphasise how important it is to recycle anything we can.
3. I'd like to visit Spain with you. _____, I can't get the time off work.
4. You had better pack tonight, _____ you'll have too much to do in the morning.
5. And _____ in our meeting, we'll discuss this year's sales.
6. I would have been in deep trouble _____ my friend who is a lawyer.
7. This house is very small _____ ours.
8. He has many good qualities _____ being very intelligent.
9. _____ Michael _____ Stanley is going on the excursion because they want to study for their exam.
10. They _____ made the desserts _____ the appetisers.
11. You weren't responsible for the accident. _____, the other person must pay for the damage to your car.
12. You can take _____ the blue bag _____ the green one. Not both!

C Choose the correct answers.

(1) _____ my grandmother, my great-great-grandfather was a very important person in his town. (2) _____, he was one of the most famous craftsmen in the area. (3) _____, my great-great-grandfather was a very rich man and helped the poor as much as he could.

(4) _____, the moment he found out that a family was in need, he would secretly leave some food outside their door.

(5) _____, many people, (6) _____ my grandmother, believed that he was the kindest person they had ever met.

(7) _____ these facts, one would think that

1. a. Specifically b. Concerning c. According to
2. a. As a matter of fact b. In the same way c. On the other hand
3. a. As well as b. Too c. Furthermore
4. a. Secondly b. Actually c. Last but not least
5. a. Nevertheless b. Consequently c. However
6. a. likewise b. like c. similarly
7. a. With regard b. Altogether c. Considering

everybody loved him but that wasn't so.

(8) _____, my great-great grandfather had a lot of enemies because of their jealousy.

(9) _____, there were some people who even tried to harm him. (10) _____, he thought of ways to protect himself and his family.

(11) _____, he constructed a special structure for the door and the windows of his house so that nobody could break in. (12) _____, he would always wake up in the middle of the night to check that everything was all right in the house and around it.

(13) _____, my great-great grandfather didn't hate his enemies at all because he believed that deep down they were (14) _____ good people (15) _____ some day they would realise that what they did was wrong. (16) _____ my great-great grandmother, she was also a very kind woman who would always support her husband.

(17) _____, I'm really proud of my ancestors and I really hope I will be able to live in the same way they did, full of kindness.

8. a. Certainly b. Indeed c. Especially

9. a. As a result b. Otherwise c. In addition
10. a. For this reason b. In this case c. In other words

11. a. Similarly b. Such as c. For instance

12. a. What is more b. In addition to c. On the whole

13. a. Therefore b. In conclusion c. Strangely enough

14. a. both b. actually c. besides
15. a. and b. as c. otherwise

16. a. Besides b. As for c. Except

17. a. Yet b. Personally c. With regard to

D Using the words given and other words, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. (Use 2-5 words in total.)

1. I must admit that I haven't read the report yet.

tell To _____, I haven't read the report yet.

2. We are supposed to meet again in a week's time, which is next Thursday.

say We are supposed to meet again in a week's time, _____ next Thursday.

3. You know, he's a good swimmer but he also plays tennis very skillfully.

well You know, _____ a good swimmer, he plays tennis very skillfully.

4. We could visit them or we could call them instead.

either We _____ them.

5. You should not only join a gym but also follow a healthier diet.

addition You should follow a healthier diet _____ a gym.

6. The article was not only interesting but also informative, you know.

both The article _____, you know.

7. The truth is that he doesn't enjoy travelling very much.

fact As _____, he doesn't enjoy travelling very much.

8. I had to repeat the exam because I failed it.

consequence I failed the exam _____ I had to repeat it.

Vocabulary Practice

A Complete using the correct form of the phrasal verbs given.

take after: look like sb, resemble

take off: (1) leave the ground
(aeroplane) (2) remove (clothes)

take on: accept a job or responsibility

take over: win control or management of sth

take up: begin or become interested in a new hobby or activity

1. The baby _____ his father. He's got the same blue eyes.
2. You shouldn't _____ any more responsibilities if you feel you won't be able to handle them.
3. The two brothers _____ the company when their father died.
4. The plane had to make an emergency landing only a few minutes after it had _____.

B Complete using prepositions.



1. The football team put the blame _____ the referee for not winning the game.
2. He was angry _____ me for forgetting to buy the ingredients for the cake from the supermarket.
3. He shouted _____ me for no reason at all.
4. Will you forgive me _____ being so selfish?
5. You can't always blame everyone else _____ your mistakes.
6. They accused him _____ stealing the money from the counter.
7. He was charged _____ murder and had to appear in court the next day.
8. Kate apologised to us _____ being late.
9. I disagree _____ the government's policy concerning traffic regulations.
10. I'm having trouble _____ my car. Could you help me start it?
11. Three young men have been arrested _____ breaking into the building.
12. It's no use arguing _____ them; their decision is final.

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C Complete using the correct form of the words in bold type.

MAKING IT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE

At times, it seems that people have no sense of (1) _____ towards their environment. They have the (2) _____ to drop their rubbish wherever they happen to be, even when there is no (3) _____ of rubbish bins. However, (4) _____ polluting has to change. Littering doesn't only make a place look ugly, it also puts public health at risk and can (5) _____ wildlife. The local and national authorities need to become more (6) _____ about how pollution affects our everyday lives, providing the community with a better (7) _____ concerning the preservation of the environment.

There is no quick or simple solution. One thing is certain, though. (8) _____ to act will, in the long term, mean a great (9) _____. The time to act is now. The (10) _____ is ours!

RESPONSE

TEND

SHORT

CARE

DANGER

INFORM

EDUCATE

FAIL

LOSE

CHOOSE

D Complete using the correct form of the words given.

bite (v):	use your teeth to cut into sth
sip (v):	drink sth slowly by taking a small quantity at a time
chew (v):	break up food in your mouth (using your teeth) in order to swallow it
gulp (v):	eat or drink sth quickly by swallowing large quantities
swallow (v):	cause sth to go from your mouth down into your stomach
food (n):	what people or animals eat
meal (n):	the food you eat for breakfast, lunch or dinner
course (n):	one part of a meal (starter-main course-dessert)
dish (n):	food prepared in a particular style or combination
book (v):	(a hotel room, ticket, lesson, etc.) reserve sth, arrange to have or use it at a particular time
reserve (v):	(a table, ticket, magazine, seat, etc.) arrange for it to be kept especially for you

- Doctors say that we should always _____ our food well before swallowing it.
- She _____ down her milk as she was late for school.
- Ouch! I _____ my tongue by mistake.
- The little boy _____ a coin accidentally and was taken to hospital.
- We sat there for over an hour while he just _____ his coffee without saying a word.
- I never have three _____ a day; I usually skip lunch.
- The national _____ of Greece is moussaka.
- I don't think we should cook any _____ for dinner. We can order pizzas.
- We were offered a three-_____ dinner.
- Diana _____ her flight three weeks beforehand.
- Could I _____ a table for two for Saturday evening, please?