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Add these prepositions to the following paragraphs from the beginning of a novel.

She stands up in the garden where she has been working and looks into the distance. She has sensed a shift in the weather. There is another gust of wind, a buckle of noise in the air, and the tall cypresses sway. She turns and moves uphill (1) a low wall, feeling the first drops of rain (3) her bare arms. She crosses the loggia and quickly enters the house.

In the kitchen she does not pause but goes (4) it and climbs the stairs which are in darkness and then continues (5) the long hall, at the end of which is a wedge of light (6) an open door.

She turns (7) the room which is another garden - this one made up of trees and bowers painted over its walls and ceiling. The man lies on the bed, his body exposed to the breeze, and he turns his head slowly (8) her as she enters.

Are you confused with the confusable words?

Choose the most appropriate word from each pair for each space:

[acute / acutely] [just/only] early/earlier] [young/youngest]

colour / coloured] [pleased / pleasing] [Japan/ Japanese]

[far / further] [certain/ certainly] [now/yet]

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One evening in the spring of 1936, when I was a boy of fourteen, my father took me to a dance performance in Kyoto. I remember only two things about it. The first is that he and I were the (1) ------ Westerners in the audience; we had come from our home in the Netherlands only a few weeks (2) -----, so I

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overheard. As for the (6) ----- (7) ----- women dancing on the stage before me, I remember nothing of them except a vague impression of brightly (8) ----- kimono. I (9) ----- had no way of knowing that in a time and place as (10) ----- away as New York City nearly fifty years in the future, one among them would become my good friend and would dictate her extraordinary memoirs to me.

HOW GOOD IS YOUR ENGLISH? 5

Underline the incorrect sentences and rewrite them correctly. One example is done for you.

A habit nearly ruined my school career was studying at the last minute. My mother put me on a study schedule from the first day of each year, who was a strict disciplinarian. The schedule, which was quite realistic, would have brought me painlessly through examinations. However, the promises, which I made to my mother, were undermined by my passion for fantasy novels. My favourite stories whose authors wove wonderful dreams enticed me away from my textbooks.

My mother, who was trusting though strict, did not suspect the true nature of the 'studying in my room. The crazy cramming which I did just before examinations was somehow sufficient to get me through lower secondary school. The disaster cured me of 11th -hour marathons came at upper secondary level.

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ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE **ACTIVITIES (DATED JANUARY 21, 2019)**

Exercise 9. 1) was 2) were 3) was, was not, was not, was 4) was 5) were 6) was not, was 7) was, was 8) was 9) was 10) was, were Exercise 10. 1) was 2) were 3) Is 4) was 5) were, was 6) was 7) am, are 8) was 9) am, was, am 10) was, was Exercise 11. 1) was, were 2) is, are 3) were, are 4) are, are 5) was, was, is not, is 6) was, is 7) were, was 8) was, was, is 9) was, is, am 10) were, are **Exercise 12.** 1) am 2) is 3) is not 4) was 5) were 6) were 7) Is 8) is 9) is 10) was 11) are

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IT'S ALL ABOUT GRAMMATICAL MISTAKES ...

EXERCISE

Identify the types of nouns underlined in the sentences below:

Write either C for Count or N for Non - Count nouns

- 1. Ethan can operate his camera with only one hand.
- 2. Whipped butter contains fewer calories per serving than ordinary butter.
- 3. Randy installed a dashboard fan that runs on the power from his car's cigarette lighter.
- 4. His childhood was ordinary, if a little lonely.
- 5. The jacket is long enough to wear as a dress.
- 6. Fish and chicken are good for people with high cholesterol.
- 7. I didn't have much luggage just two small bags.
- 8. Some people who have every pillow fluffed and in its proper place in their rooms never make an effort to organize their
- 9. For her class Juanita created a gigantic collage that included old shoes, silverware, and clippings from newspapers.
- Interesting baskets can be made of straw, bark or roots.
- Osteoporosis is the abnormal loss of bone. Vera's salsa was delicious and contained very few calories.
- Customers are not in the mood to accept major changes in styles of clothing.
- 14. Shorter campaigns make voters more interested in politics. After a long, lonely winter, the ugly duckling emerged as a
- beautiful swan.
- Clutter can make a room seem smaller.

Select the correct form in the parentheses in the following sentences.

- Sue was very helpful. She gave me some good (advice / advices). 2. We had (a very good weather / very good weather) when we were on holiday.
- 3. Sorry, I'm late. I had (trouble / troubles) with the car this morning.
- 4. I want something to read. I'm going to buy (a / some) paper.
- 5. I want to write some letters. I need (a / some) writing paper.
- 6. It's very difficult to find (work /a job) at the moment. Bad news (don't / doesn't) make people happy.
- 8. The flat is empty. We haven't got any (furniture / furnitures) yet.
- 9. When the fire alarm rang, there was (a complete chaos /
- complete chaos). 10. I had to buy (a / some) bread because I wanted to make some
- sandwiches.
- 11. We were very unfortunate. We had (bad luck / a bad luck). 12. Bad news (don't / doesn't) make people happy.
- 13. Nobody was hurt in the accident but (the damage / damages) to the car (was / were) quite bad.
- 14. Mumps (is / are) a very common disease which usually affects children.

Identify the incorrect noun form.

- 1. She was extremely fond of cat, especially Siamese and Burmese
- 2. When making those cookies, you should use two cups of butters.
- Electricities is expensive these days.
- 4. The populations of that town is very diverse.
- 5. She was concerned about delivery of her furnitures.
- 6. The interviewer was not empressed with Maria's honesties on her application. 7. The American court system is known for its concept of blind
- justices. 8. The recipe calles for one part of flour to
- two part of sugar. 9. The city museum houses examples of
- works by artist of many different schools of painting.
- 10. Drinking two glasses of milks every day will satisfy your need for calcium.

Find the answers in next MONDAY issue

Underline the correct determiner.

- 1. There are (less / fewer) chairs in this room than in the other
- 2. The assistant didn't give (much / many) information.
- 3. After the negotiations, they made (little / few) changes in their proposal.
- 4. (A large amount of/A great number of) mosquitoes appeared after the rain.
- Light beer has (less / fewer) calories than regular beer.
- 6. They have (a /-) good food in that restaurant.
- 7. (The amount of/ The number of) students taking TOEFL is increasing.
- 8. The case had to be reconsidered with (these / this) new evidence.
- I like (fewer / less) mashed potatoes.
- She ate (fewer / less) French-fries than usual.
- 11. He wants to make as (much / many) money as possible. 12. Anne invited a huge (amount / number) of people to the
- 13. Annette will drink an endless (amount / number) of milk if you let her.

Underline the word or words that correctly complete each sentence below:

- (Many / Much) industrial products can be made from soybeans 2. Desert plants compete fiercely for the (few / little) available
- The American designer Louis Comfort Tiffany took (many /
- much) of his inspiration from nature.
- 4. A (few / little) simple precautions can prevent accidents at home and on the job.
- 5. In a formal debate, the same (number / amount) of persons speak for each team, and both teams are granted an equal (number / amount) of time in which to make their arguments.
- Bats do (few / little) damage to people, livestock, or crops.
- 7. Even small (numbers / amounts) of zinc can have a significant effect on the growth of plants. 8. The adrenal glands, one on top of each kidney, secretes (many/
- much) important hormones. 9. Walter Hunt invented an enormous (number / amount) of
- devices, including the safety pin and a machine for making
- 10. Folk artists have (few / little) or no formal art training.
- 11. (Many / Much) of the population in the rural areas is composed of manual labourers.

Most of these sentences have a mistake in them. Write TRUE (T) or FALSE (F).

- 1. I believe it's very difficult to find a cheap accommodation in London.
- 2. We're looking for a place to rent.
- 3. We're late because they're re-surfacing the motorway and the traffics are terrible. 4. He was asked to leave the college because of a bad behavior at
- the end of the term party. 5. I'm going to call my brother to wish him good luck for his
- driving test. 6. I think it's a pity Rebecca had her hairs cut short because she
- looked much more attractive before. 7. It's not a bad room, but the furnitures take up too much space.
- 8. As an old friend, may I give you an advice? 9. If we don't have up-to-date information, how can we make
- sensible decisions? 10. Fortunately, the check-up was less unpleasant experience than
- I had expected. 11. The happiness means different things to different people.
- 12. Bread are expensive in the grocery store on the corner.
- Dr. Brydley will receive special honor at the gradua-14. My neighbor dislikes a noise.
 - 15. George had good luck when he first came to State Univer-







